

Nisei Farmers League criticizes Simpson-Mazzoli immigrant bill

FRESNO, Ca.—"If this bill is passed, and if it is enforced, we are looking at a complete shakeup in the traditional labor force for all of agriculture," said Tom Hale, president of the California Grape and Tree Fruit League.

Hale put the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill into perspective from a grower's point of view in the Sept. 15 issue of the Voice of Agribusiness. The measure, which passed the Senate, passed the House Judiciary Committee Sept. 22 and was expected to go before the House this week.

If growers are to maintain a certain standard of quality then they must be supplied an adequate labor supply, Hale said.

Harry Kubo of the Nisei Farmers League (NFL) commented, "We are not an eastern state. We grow more than 200 different varieties of commodities here, most of which are perishable. Under the one program of the bill (which only alludes to our labor supply here)—the H-2 program—by the time our workers are certify and qualify, our season would be over and crops lost."

Worker Certification a Problem

Kubo believes the H-2 program would so bog down the employer by requiring him to process each employee to be sure he or she is legally documented that farmers would in effect become policemen.

One of the most important provisions in the immigration bill is the imposition of civil and criminal penalties on employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens.

The idea behind this bill, note Kubo and Hale, is to shift onto businesses and farmers the burden of enforcing our immigration laws. The Immigration and Nationalization Service has had considerable criticism lately, so it is argued that the only way to stop illegal immigrants is to make employers responsible for denying them jobs.

California, Texas Burdened

It is no accident that the greatest number of illegal aliens have been found in the boom economies of Texas and California. The greatest burdens will thus be upon employers and farmers in those areas.

The NFL finds the provision in the act which states that a particular employer shall exhaust all labor supplies in the U.S. before trying to document an alien ridiculous.

"There will always be sufficient 'qualified' workers available somewhere in the United States to perform agricultural work. However, said workers are neither 'available' nor 'willing' nor 'located' in our farming areas to work agricultural fields because they would rather remain on welfare and other subsidiary programs," Kubo said.

Kubo also guesses that the demand on farmers by the immigration bill to provide housing and transportation to and from the job site and guarantee days of employment would raise the cost of production. "That cost would have to be passed on to the consumer," he said. "Eventually we would see the demise of all specialty crops."

Kubo touched upon the failing welfare system in the U.S. where the bill

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Hitachi says IBM charges groundless

ARMONK, N.Y.—International Business Machines Corp. said Sept. 16 that it has filed a lawsuit seeking damages from Hitachi, Ltd. and National Semiconductor Corp. in connection with allegations of theft of IBM's trade secrets. But IBM noted that it will not bring a complaint against Mitsubishi Electric Corp. in the matter.

Hitachi, in response to the lawsuit, said Sept. 17 that IBM's complaint is "totally groundless" and "seems to show its intention to unfairly get rid of its competitors." In a statement released from Tokyo, Hitachi said it "will insist on what it believes and has resolve to question IBM's unfairness."

Last June, Hitachi and 14 of its employees were indicted by a federal grand jury in California on charges of conspiring to illegally obtain confidential documents and materials for an advanced IBM computer. Mitsubishi and four of its employees were also indicted in July on charges of transporting stolen computer secrets.

One of the parties named in IBM's lawsuit alleges that the whole case was an IBM ploy to wipe out competitors. Floyd Kvamme, president of National Advanced Systems, a subsidiary of NSC, noted, "I don't think (this case) has to do with secret documents at all. I think it's a marketing ploy."

NAS is being sued by IBM for using allegedly stolen IBM trade secrets to produce products. Two NAS employees were indicted by a federal grand jury last June for taking part in the plot to sell IBM secrets to Hitachi and Mitsubishi. But Kvamme denied his firm used any stolen secrets. He said IBM was trying to prejudice related criminal cases involving charges of industrial espionage against the NAS employees.

Kvamme noted that IBM has a reputation for spreading "fear, uncertainty and doubt" in the marketplace, and for wearing down its competitors with aggressive legal maneuvers.

Mitsubishi pleads not guilty

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Mitsubishi Electric Corp., one of the two Japanese firms accused with industrial espionage in the IBM computerscam case, pleaded not guilty Sept. 13 to charges of buying trade secrets. A federal judge set January 18 for trial, which will be in the U.S. District Court here.

The plea was entered by chief defense counsel Thomas P. Sullivan who, in a statement to the court, claimed the charges against Mitsubishi and four employees lacked legal effect because they were served in Japan.

Mitsubishi, along with Hitachi, Ltd., and 21 Japanese employees were charged by a federal grand jury of conspiring to buy stolen IBM computer secrets and ship them to Japan.

Three Mitsubishi employees have refused to return from Japan to face charges. A fourth employee, Takaya Ishida, pleaded not guilty and will stand trial.



PLAYWRIGHT AWARDED—Miki Himeno, JACL Vice President of Planning and Development (right), presents playwright Phillip Kan Gotanda with the second half of his \$5,000 Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship, which he won in 1981. Gotanda presented Himeno with the first draft of his new play, "The Wash" during the occasion at JACL HQ.

Matsunaga's key vote overrode Reagan's veto of appropriations

WASHINGTON—Flying all night from Honolulu to Chicago and then to Washington, D.C. and rushing to the Senate floor, U.S. Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D—Hi.) cast the deciding vote by which the Senate Sept. 10 overrode President Reagan's veto of the Supplemental Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 1982.

After Matsunaga announced his vote and it became evident that the necessary two-thirds majority vote had been cast to override the President's veto, spontaneous applause from both Senators and visitors in the Senate gallery followed. The final count was 60 voting to override, and 30 voting to sustain the veto; 10 Senators were recorded absent.

The outcome of the override attempt was in question up to the final moment of the scheduled 15 minute vote, when two Republican Senators, Ted Stevens and Frank Murkowski, both of Alaska, decided to switch their votes from support of the override to opposition to it. However, Matsunaga's vote in the final moments was the 60th and deciding vote cast and sealed the victory for the opponents of the President's veto. Vice President George Bush, who presided over the proceedings announced that "two-thirds of the Senators present having voted to override, the bill is passed over the President's objections."

"After the House surprised everyone by overwhelmingly overriding the President's veto, I had a feeling that the vote in the Republican-controlled Senate would be extremely close. I am glad I decided to return from Hawaii, for as it turned out, mine was the deciding vote cast," Matsunaga said shortly after the override victory.

Japan cars are still the unsafest

WASHINGTON—Small Japanese automobiles, built from 1979 through the 1981 model year, still have the worst crash injury and damage repair cost records of any automobiles sold in the U.S., according to figures released from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety here.

The top ten worst injury and damage performers in the new survey were all made by Japanese companies: Dodge Challenger, Plymouth Sapporo, Datsun 200 SX, Toyota Corolla, Datsun 210, Toyota Corolla Tercel, Dodge Omni, Plymouth Champ, Honda Civic and Plymouth Horizon (the Plymouth and Dodge models are all made by Mitsubishi).

Large American cars had records with the least number of injury claims: Oldsmobile Toronado, Mercury Marquis, Olds Custom Cruiser station wagons and the Pontiac Catalina and Olds 98 four-door sedans.

The IIHS, a non-profit research group funded by the nation's auto insurance companies, based its ratings on a relative injury claim frequency average of 100. The ten small Japanese cars averaged around 138 claims (the worst, Dodge Challenger, had 160), while the ten American cars averaged about 65 claims (the car with the fewest claims was Olds Toronado, with 59).

Mitsui employees enter plea bargain

SAN FRANCISCO—U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel accepted Sept. 20 a plea bargaining agreement and imposed fines on three employees of Mitsui & Co. (USA), the subsidiary of the giant Japanese trading company that had pleaded guilty to "dumping" steel on the U.S. market.

The action concluded litigation brought upon by the U.S. government to punish Mitsui for selling steel below market prices. Three Mitsui employees were placed on probation and fined for their part in filing false statements, violating an antidumping act of 1921: Tsueno Namiki, former vice president of Mitsui, was fined \$12,500; Katsumi Arai, an employee, \$2,500; and Takeo Teraoka, \$5,000.

Mitsui was indicted by a federal grand jury last July after an 18-month study of numerous documents seized in simultaneous raids on Mitsui offices in San Francisco and New York. The company pleaded guilty to 21 criminal counts which occurred from 1978 to 1981, and Mitsui was fined \$210,000 and agreed to pay \$11 million in civil penalties.

Parents' lobbying brings new law requiring truck alarms

LOS ALTOS, Ca.—It won't bring back their son, but Theodore and Margaret Abe are proud they helped win legislation to help prevent future accidental deaths, the San Jose Mercury reported.

Almost one year ago, their 14-year-old son, Kent, was crushed to death near their Los Altos home when a garbage truck rolled backward over him.

The Abes fought for a bill that requires a warning bell or light to go off whenever a garbage truck is in reverse gear.

On Sept. 13, Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr., signed the bill into law. It was the culmination of months of skillful lobbying by the Abes and sponsorship by Assemblyman Ernest Konnyu, (R-Saratoga).

"It's a step forward," said Theodore Abe, a dentist, who has four other sons. "This is something good that came out of something bad. The law hopefully will prevent it from happening again. Of course, it won't bring Kent back."

Konnyu, who praised Margaret Abe for her efforts, said the bill received surprisingly little resistance from garbage companies. He said it was "magic" that it sailed through the Assembly and Senate so quickly after its introduction Aug. 5.

"I'm thrilled," Konnyu said. "I'm most happy we were able to create a memorial for the Abes' son that will bring some meaning to his unnecessary death. I think it's a memorial that will save injuries and lives."

The law becomes effective in September 1983. It will require that new garbage trucks be equipped with warning devices when they go backward, whether they're in gear or in neutral.

It also requires that new trucks have a rear bumper that automatically stops the vehicle whenever two pounds or more of pressure is pushed against it. The law doesn't apply retroactively to existing trucks, but it does encourage operators to install warning devices when a truck is overhauled.

Existing regulations largely apply to garbage trucks when they're operated at the company's yards or at dump sites. California Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines do require that a flagman or spotter be used whenever a garbage truck goes backward in a residential area.

Konnyu said he wants to see the effect of his bill before deciding whether to broaden it to more vehicles, such as public transit buses and commercial trucks.

Calif. Asian bar criticizes attacks on judicial nominees

SACRAMENTO—Representing the views of over 800 member lawyers and judges, the Asian/Pacific Bar of California took a position Sept. 12 severely criticizing the recent attacks of state Sen. H.L. Richardson (R-Los Angeles), to oppose confirmation of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.'s most recent Supreme Court appointees—Justices Frank Broussard, Otto Kaus and Cruz Reynoso.

The bar believes that the attacks extend beyond just the fate of these three justices, and include also the possible confirmation of Justice Frank Richardson, whom many consider conservative.

"The attempt to oppose confirmation of four California State Supreme Court Justices in the November election would severely undermine the independence and integrity of the judiciary," AP Bar Assn. president Dale Minami, an attorney from Oakland, warned. "If a judge is competent, you shouldn't try to get rid of him just because you don't agree with his political views. It shouldn't matter if the judge is liberal or conservative."

Minami contends that both Richardson and Pete Wilson, Republican candidate for U.S. Senator, are in effect saying, "If the Justices don't vote politically the same way as we do, then we should get them off the Court."

The campaign to stop confirmation has caused considerable concern among the state's minority legal community.

"The California State Supreme Court has one of the most innovative and racially integrated judiciary in the country. The effort to defeat the only black (Broussard) and Hispanic (Reynoso) justices really implies a racial motive," declared Minami.

Several other minority bar associations have also joined in support of the position, including the Black Women Lawyers of California, California Association of Black Lawyers, La Raza Lawyers of California, Minority Bar Association of Southern California and Minority Bar Coalition of Northern California.

Student complains of U.S. textbook views of Japanese

WASHINGTON—The Foreign Ministry has responded quickly to a complaint filed recently by an 11-year old Japanese student in the U.S. that some of the books used in his school improperly portray modern Japan, the Japan Times reported.

Toshio Motoike, a sixth grader at a Maryland elementary school, wrote directly to Shinichi Asao, then director general of the ministry's North American Affairs Bureau, on June 27, complaining that a book in his school's library contained many incorrect descriptions of Japan.

The book, entitled, "The Japanese" for example, said that Japanese eat rotten soybeans (believed to be a reference to the traditional

Japanese food natto); that there were no refrigerators in Japan; and that Japanese eat fish caught in rivers raw, the letter said.

Motoike said in the letter, printed last month in the Tokyo Shimbun, that his sister, studying at a Maryland junior high school, had a similar experience, seeing an obsolete film about Japan during a geography class.

"It was not only shameful but also insulting to the nation," Motoike said.

He asked the ministry to send materials which could help correct erroneous images about Japan in the U.S.

In response to the unprecedented complaint from a Japanese

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People in the News

Scientist heads cancer cell research center

LAKE PLACID, N.Y.—The W. Alton Jones Cell Science Center launched plans Aug. 23 to concentrate its efforts on a long-term research program, it was reported by the Plattsburg Press Republican.

Dr. Gordon H. Sato, director-elect of the center, unveiled plans for the program shift at a morning news conference. "The cell science center is going to be organized different from any other research center," he commented.

A fellowship program for biologists, who are in the early stages of their careers, will be offered. The five-year fellowships will allow the "exceptionally qualified scientists" to pursue their own research interests "without funding and administrative headaches."

Sato explained the importance of such a change of research direction. "In today's economic climate it is very difficult for the research scientist to be original. To keep their jobs, scientists, in early careers particularly, must get results quickly in order to obtain and to keep federal and industrial grants."

"Researchers are discouraged by today's tight funding from doing things that are completely unknown, and hence too risky. And it is risk taking that is essential to originality."

"By offering stability of long-term support to a group of gifted scientists, we hope to give them the courage to undertake new and original research which would not

be done if the center did not exist," he said.

Just eight months ago, the fate of the center's existence hung in balance as the Alton Jones Foundation withdrew its funding support. Such support was withdrawn due to the failure of the Tissue Culture Association (then owner of the facility) to transfer deed and ownership rights to W. Alton Jones Cell Science Center Inc.

In February, following months of negotiations, the Tissue Culture Association completed that deed transfer. And with the selection of Sato as director of the facility, the center has now fulfilled the requests of the foundation.

Funding to initiate the new fellowship program has been offered by the foundation. Sustained funding will be sought from individuals, government, corporate, and foundation sources.

Plans are for the center to offer 10 to 12 fellowships. The program will also include the addition of visiting scientists to work with the principal investigators who will be recruited from all over the world.

A panel of distinguished scientists is being formed to assist in the identification and screening of the applicants.

In addition, Sato explained, the center's senior staff will "more likely triple" in size from its current six. The program, he said, will be phased in beginning immediately.

Initially, the Center had considered expanding the size of the fa-

cility. But Sato stated that plans now are to expand within the existing structure. "We will use the most cost effective way of refurbishing the space," he added.

Sato believes the new program approach make the Lake Placid research center as a leader in the scientific world.

The fellowships will relieve, he noted, the short term pressures placed on research scientists. "Racing to compete is a waste of brain power," he added.

Sato expects that through the revolutionized program approach, scientific breakthroughs will occur. "I'm sure of that. I expect that in three years we will know ourselves. And in five years, the rest of the world will know of our success. Recognition from the outside will come later," he stated.

Sato, a Sansei, was appointed director-elect of the center on June 22. A professor of biology at the University of California, San Diego, Sato is president-elect of the TCA. He also holds memberships in the Breast Cancer Task Force and the Cancer Special Program Advisory Committee of the National Institutes of Health, the American Society of Biological Chemists and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Sato holds a BA from USC and a Ph.D. from California Institute of Technology. Born in Los Angeles, he currently resides in San Diego with his wife Miyo, and they have six children.

A/P Bar of Calif. elects new officers

SACRAMENTO—At its third quarterly meeting here, the Asian/Pacific Bar of California elected its new leaders for 1983. Assuming the position of President will be David Bow Woo of Los Angeles, an attorney in private practice. Teresa Tan of Alameda, who is currently working with the State Attorney General, will be President-elect; and Lillian Lim Quon, also with the State Attorney General from San Diego, will be the new Secretary. Edna Espanol of Oakland, a private practitioner, will remain as the Treasurer.

The new officers will assume their duties on January 1, 1983, replacing Dale Minami of Oakland, President, and Toso Himel of Sacramento as Secretary.

A new local Asian/Pacific bar association has joined the Asian/Pacific Bar of California. The newly-formed Asian/Pacific Bar Association of the Southern Bay Area sent its first delegate, Kathy Akao, to the quarterly meeting. The Asian/Pacific Bar of California now consists of eleven local Asian/Pacific bar organizations as well as an affiliate membership of the California Asian Judges Association.

● Education

Recent Stanford graduate Nancy Takahashi begins training in the Coro Foundation fellowship in public affairs program this fall in San Francisco. Takahashi holds a degree in urban studies and taught a workshop class on urban Asian Americans while at Stanford. The former co-president of the university's student body was one of 12 applicants selected from a nation-wide pool of over 400 who sought the prestigious fellowship.

● Organization

James Komura was elected president of Nikkei Concerns at the annual meeting of the Seattle Keiro board of directors Sept. 9, succeeding Harry Kadoshima, who has been president for the past two years. Komura formerly held the post of vice president for facilities. He is president of the Seattle Buddhist Church and vice president of the Buddhist Churches of America. He is employed by the City of Seattle Water Department as supervisor of credit and collection.

Hawaii's Gov. Ariyoshi scores victory

HONOLULU—Gov. George Ariyoshi fought off the challenge of Lt. Gov. Jean Sadako King to win the Democratic party nomination for a third term.

The outcome was apparent early Sept. 18 when Ariyoshi quickly pulled away to a solid lead shortly after the first returns were counted.

The Nisei incumbent finally outpolled his opponent by a margin of 187,634 to 106,926.

Two hours after the polls closed, Mrs. King, 57, who had counted on strong support from liberals, disenfranchised Democrats and "cross-over voting, called Ariyoshi with her congratulations.

A smiling Ariyoshi later told his supporters the Democratic party has "a tradition of picking up the pieces after a primary battle...

and coming together for a united effort in the general election."

He said there were no losers in the 1982 primary because everyone who participated in it helped strengthen the political process.

He said he will call for party unity for what he considers a tough general election campaign.

In the November general election, Ariyoshi will square off against state Sen. D.G. "Andy" Anderson and former Honolulu mayor and long-time adversary, Frank Fasi, who ran in the primary as an independent Democrat.

In other races, Hawaii's incumbent Sen. Spark Matsunaga and Reps. Cecil Heftel and Daniel Akaka—all Democrats—had only token opposition and are expected to easily defeat their November foes.

Matsunaga, who was unopposed, garnered 128,923 votes.

On the island of Kauai, longtime state lawmaker Tony Kunimura defeated activist attorney JoAnn Yukimura for the Democratic mayoral nomination.

Japan consul faces charge

ATLANTA, Ga.—The case of Japanese Consul General Ryo Kawade, charged with driving while intoxicated and aggravated assault, was turned over Sept. 20 to Superior Court for a jury trial.

Kawade was scheduled to appear in Atlanta's traffic court that day, but instead his lawyer appeared before Judge Joe Brown, who directed the case to Fulton County Superior Court.

Kawade was arrested Aug. 17 and charged with driving under the influence, aggravated assault, disobeying a police officer and making an improper lane change.

Brown said the misdemeanor charge would be lumped in with the felony aggravated assault charge, the only one under the jurisdiction of the Superior Court.

Kawade's lawyer, Corneille Stephens, filed a motion asking that the charges be dropped because the lodging of the charges against him clearly violate the letter of the Vienna Convention, which sets guidelines for treatment of diplomats.

"The city of Atlanta was without jurisdiction, powers or authority to arrest Kawade," the motion said.

Noguchi hearings end; cost \$200,000

LOS ANGELES—Testimony ended Sept. 20 in the appeals hearing for ousted coroner Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi, with both sides predicting victory.

"I feel wonderful," Noguchi told reporters after the final session before Civil Service Commission hearing officer Sara Adler. "Now, finally, the testimony is in. Yes, indeed, I feel we have won the case."

County attorney William Masterson, who was hired by the Board of Supervisors at a cost of nearly \$200,000 to defend its April decision to demote Noguchi to physician specialist, was equally confident.

"I'm completely satisfied the case has been proven," Masterson said. "Nothing in the defense was impressive."

Masterson has until Oct. 19 to prepare a written summary of the testimony he presented against the former chief medical examiner-coroner to Noguchi's attorney, Godfrey Isaac. Isaac must then prepare a written rebuttal by Nov. 3 and the two lawyers will go before Adler Nov. 5 for final oral arguments.

Adler said her decision, which will be reviewed by the five-member commission, will be made by mid-December.

Books from Pacific Citizen

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Some books listed previously are out of stock at the PC.

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Film, 'The Challenge' features Sansei actress in major role

LOS ANGELES—The current film, "The Challenge" features a Sansei actress in a major role who won the part after the film's director, John Frankenheimer, had auditioned 114 other hopefuls.

The action/adventure movie, set in Kyoto and starring actors Scott Glenn and Toshiro Mifune, required an actress to play the daughter of a twentieth century samurai warrior (Mifune). The role called for a person adept in martial arts.

Donna Kei Benz, a Sansei born in Oahu, had impressed Frankenheimer from the moment she walked in for the audition, after he had screen-tested scores of other actresses.

"He said, 'She's it,'" recalled Benz. "Then he set me up for a screen test, but I think he had already made up his mind."

Benz, whose last name comes from her Jewish stepfather, is a full-blooded Japanese who can trace her family back to a small village near Kyoto.

One of Benz's qualities which impressed Frankenheimer was her expertise in the martial arts, which she had taught in an exercise studio she once owned. Already accomplished in the graceful art of Tai Kwon Do when she signed for the part, Benz studied akido, kendo and kenjitsu for her role as Mifune's daughter.

"The Challenge" is the first feature film for Benz, who resides in Tarzana. She noted that fellow per-



Donna Kei Benz

former Mifune, a veteran international actor, was an inspiration to work with.

"What a legend!" she exclaimed. "He was fascinating to watch. He never discusses a scene, but he has total concentration. And his presence is so strong! My very first scene with him was just sitting on a mat facing him. There was no dialogue at all, but boy did I feel his presence!"

As for her own acting ability, Frankenheimer was more than pleased with her sensitive performance—which is no small feat considering the director has worked with such talented actresses as Eva Marie-Saint, Ava Gardner, Janet Leigh, Deborah Kerr and Marthe Keller.

Sansei plans La Habra's progress

LA HABRA, Ca.—Steering the progress of this north Orange County city is Kathy Kawamura, Director of Planning who heads the small department that processes variance applications, conditional use permits and other department procedures.

A UCLA graduate in political science, she gained experience in her planning field working with the Institute of Transportation and Traffic Engineering on campus. Following graduation, she applied for and gained the position of assistant planner with the City of La Habra.

Stepping up in grade, Kawamura moved to the City of Irvine as planner I and II, then was called back by La Habra as associate planner, then city planner and currently as director. All this was accomplished in less than five years.

She is married to James H. Kawamura, who serves as director of transportation and traffic engineering for the consulting firm of Berryman & Stephenson.

In spite of the daily 40 mile drive to La Habra from her home in Mission Viejo, Ms. Kawamura finds her position challenging and rewarding.

Community News

Reagan lauds Radio Li'l Tokyo's 30th yr.

LOS ANGELES—President Reagan sent a congratulatory message to Radio Li'l Tokyo Sept. 10 as the station prepares to celebrate 30 years of broadcasting.

"I have many happy memories of my years in radio and I know what an exciting and rewarding experience it can be. Local radio stations function in many ways in our daily lives. You are an entertainer, an educator, a source of news and, in some instances, a lifeline to the community. You can be justly proud of the important role you play in our everyday lives," noted the President's message.

Radio Li'l Tokyo will celebrate its 30th year with a gala anniversary banquet at the Biltmore Bowl on Nov. 27. Matao Uwate, the voice of the show, announced plans to publish a 150-page souvenir booklet to fete the occasion.

Asian American jazz festival slated Oct. 8,9 on USF campus

SAN FRANCISCO—The Asian American Jazz Festival, sponsored by the Kearny Street Workshop and City Celebration, will be held on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 8 and 9 in the Lone Mountain auditorium on the University of San Francisco campus, with each program beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Performers include:

San Francisco Taiko Dojo—one of San Francisco's great cultural treasures. They have performed internationally, receiving popular and critical acclaim.

Gerald Oshita—currently recording with Roscoe Mitchell of the Art Ensemble of Chicago. Oshita is a saxophonist, extinct woodwind instrumentalist and composer. His works have been performed in Tokyo, New York and throughout Europe.

United Front—a jazz quartet which has received accolades from music critics for their albums, "Path With a Heart" and "Ohm, a Unit of Resistance." The Group is currently touring Europe. Jeanne Aiko Mercer/Russell Ba-

ba Duo—the exciting taiko of Ms. Mercer will unite with the equally demanding woodwinds of Russell Baba in their first duo performance debuting at the festival.

San Francisco Kulintang—the brass and bronze gongs of the ensemble will introduce to the Bay Area the indigenous sounds of the pre-Hispanic Philippines. The bell-like qualities and forceful percussive sounds of the kulintang rarely have been heard in the United States.

Tickets are \$7.50 in advance and \$8.50 at the door. #

'Strange Tales' to be presented by EWP

LOS ANGELES—To celebrate Hallowe'en, the East West Players will present "Strange Tales East and West" featuring readings from the works of Edgar Allan Poe and Lafcadio Hearn, on Oct. 29-31, with performances at 11:30 p.m. For ticket info call (213) 660-0366.

Journalists hold careers day at USC

LOS ANGELES—The Asian American Journalists Association and the USC School of Journalism will hold its second annual Open House for students interested in pursuing a career in journalism on Oct. 9, 9:30 a.m. at the university's Andrus Gerontology Center (Davis Auditorium), Vermont Ave and 36th St.

A panel of journalists will offer advice on seeking employment in the field, internships and resume writing. Participants include Tritia Toyota, Frank Kwan and Linda Chang, KNBC-TV; Russell Kishi and Alan Fong, KNXT-TV; Sharon Maeda, Pacifica Radio; Bill Sing and Nancy Yoshihara, Los Angeles Times; Annie Nakao, Teresa Watanabe and Elaine Woo, L.A. Herald Examiner; and Gerald Jann, Jade Magazine. For more info call Patrick Lee (213) 743-2684.

Topaz H.S. classes to host reunion

SAN FRANCISCO—The Topaz High School Classes of 1943 and 1944 will sponsor a class reunion in September 1983 and is seeking the help of anyone who would like to attend.

Former classmates of all classes interested in attending or helping on this program contact Machiko Nakamura Ota, 16 Citadel Ct. Pleasant Hill, CA 94523; Bill T. Sakai 316 Creekside Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94306; or Frances Kimura Morioka 778 26th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121. It would be helpful but not necessary to include a recent photograph and a short bibliography to include schooling, occupation, marital status etc. #

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Angel Island immigration site opens up for tours to public

SAN FRANCISCO—The historic immigration detention barracks on Angel Island in San Francisco Bay will now be open to the public Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m., it was reported by Seizo Oka, a member of the Angel Island Immigration Station Advisory Committee.

Park Ranger Mark Windham says, "We started this experiment of taking visitors through the barracks on weekends in July and the response has been phenomenal. We plan to keep the barracks open at this schedule throughout the year."

From 1910-1940 the barracks in the North Garrison of Angel Island detained thousands of Asian immigrants.

Before the Exclusion Law of 1924, Japanese picture brides arrived on the island to have their papers processed. Immigration hearings on the island led to the exclusion of picture brides and other Asians.

Large numbers of Chinese were held on Angel Island for long periods of time.

Called "Ellis Island of the West," the immigration station was a symbol of hardship and discrimination for Asians. Recent efforts of the Asian community under the leadership of the AIISAC have made the barracks a historic site.

Paul Chow, chairman of AIISAC, has been personally lead-

ing tours for several years.

He comments, "I am pleased that the barracks will now be open to visitors on a regular basis. The state department of parks and recreation has been making steady progress in restoring the barracks, but much more work is needed. We encourage public interest and support."

Visitors walking through the barracks will see Chinese poems carved on the walls by the immigrants decades ago. There is also a display of historic artifacts and photographs. The area surrounding the building is scenic and available for picnics.

Those interested in tours may call the Angel Island office at (415) 935-1915. Large group tours can be arranged through Paul Chow, (415) 668-5220.

Oka said any group from the Japanese American community, such as Hinode Tower residents, Kimochi Kai, Hamilton Senior Center, who wish to make the tour may contact him at California First Bank's History room, 445-0352, for arrangements. #

UC alumni luncheon

BERKELEY, Ca.—The University of California Japanese American Alumnae Club is sponsoring a luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 2, 11 a.m. at the UC Berkeley Alumni House. The 1982-83 recipients of the club's Scholarship Fund will honored. #

USC to open Asian student service

LOS ANGELES—USC will formally open its office of Asian Pacific American Student Services with a reception on Thursday, Oct. 14, 4 p.m. at the University Religious Center.

The new office, headed by director J.D. Hokoyama, will offer APA students on campus counseling services, information on USC's various programs and activities and a greater awareness of the APA heritage. In addition, the office will also serve as a liaison with APA communities in developing closer working relationships with students and the university in general. For more info call (213) 743-4999. #

Democrats set fundraiser for Mineta

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese American Democratic Club will host a fund-raising reception for Rep. Norman Y. Mineta of San Jose on Oct. 28, 5:30 to 8 p.m., at the Miriwa Restaurant, 750 North Hill St. For ticket info call Mitsu Sonoda (213) 472-4361, George Kodama 937-1678 or Paul Suzuki 383-9122.

Mineta, who is seeking re-election in November to fifth term, is being challenged by Republican Thomas F. Kelley, a Silicon Valley controller.

Golf tourney set for Kimochi Home

SAN FRANCISCO—The first annual Kimochi Golf Tournament, a fund-raising event to benefit the Kimochi Home Project, is slated for Friday, Nov. 12 at the Peacock Gap Golf Course and Country Club in San Rafael. The tournament is open to both men and women, with prizes and a dinner included. For info on rules and entry fees call Steve Nakajo (415) 931-2294.

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FROM THE NEW WAVE: by Peter Imamura

Transition

The old order changeth, leaving place for new.

—Tennyson, *The Passing of Arthur*

Los Angeles

If you don't know it by now, this newspaper has a new editor who has a somewhat monumental task before him. But he's not going to use the old cliché about "carrying on the tradition, etc." Rather, the greater task ahead involves changing some of those traditions, hopefully for the better.

The word "change" has a tendency to scare some people, so before anyone decides to cancel their subscription, perhaps one should understand where this new "kid" is coming from—in terms of editorial philosophy.

To begin with, the Pacific Citizen has always been somewhat of a hybrid—on the one hand, it is a newspaper for the Japanese American community, and on the other, a "newsletter" of sorts for the JACL.

Some critics may have had the tendency to view the PC as a "flak piece" for the JACL, and the extent of truth in that view may vary according to the subject matter involved in the paper. And this view is understandable, because one may wonder how much influence, whether intentional or not, the JACL may have had on the editorial policy of the publication in the past.

But according to the guidelines established by the Pacific Citizen Board, the paper is allowed the editorial freedom that any newspaper is granted—and the news should be presented as fairly, objectively and completely as possible. The new editor, to the best of his ability, intends to maintain that policy to the fullest.

Unfortunately, this has not always been the case—for example, the case of fired Livingston teacher Mitsue Takahashi

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER: by Floyd Shimomura



President's Update

Woodland, Ca.

In this column, I would like to report on a number of matters.

(1) **Redress pledges:** In an earlier column, I emphasized the need for chapters and districts to transmit their redress pledges to National Headquarters as soon as possible, pursuant to the Aug. 12 National Council resolution. To this end, National HQ has mailed copies of the resolution and pledge forms to all chapters. Many chapters have responded and I thank them for their prompt action.

However, many chapters have not. Again, I urge all chapters to take prompt action to ensure that funds for our redress program will not dry up.

(2) **Elected officers meeting:** On Sept. 11, the elected officers met in San Francisco. Those present were myself, the Vice-Presidents (Ben Takeshita, Chuck Kubokawa, Miki Himeno, Vernon Yoshioka) and the Secretary/Treasurer (Frank Sato). It was a productive meeting: each national committee was discussed, chairpersons were suggested for nomination, general and specific goals were set down in writing and each committee was assigned to an elected officer for monitoring.

Since the meeting, most persons who we wanted for committee chairs have been contacted and have accepted nominations. The national board will be sent a written report prior to the Oct. 9-10 meeting so that the board will be in a position to discuss and hopefully adopt our recommendations.

(3) **Monterey's 50th:** On Sept. 18, Ruth and I had the pleasure of attending the 50th Anniversary of the Monterey Peninsula Chapter. John Gota, himself a charter member, did a fine job as master of ceremonies before an overflow crowd of JACLers and local, state and federal dignitaries.

Dr. David Yamada, a political science professor and Sansei JACLer, gave an eloquent and thoughtful speech concerning the future of JACL and the need for change within our organization.

I would like to thank Otis Kadani, Chapter President and the entire Monterey Peninsula JACL for their warm hospitality. #

Letterbox

• '84 Convention

Editor:

As plans are being formulated for the 1984 JACL Convention in Hawaii, may I add further thoughts to Bill Marutani's column of a few issues ago (PC Aug. 13).

Hawaii—it denotes a fantasy land for many of the average dues-paying, always volunteering JACL member. But can he afford to go? It could be the last hurrah for some. Can we make it possible to induce our future leaders, the Sanseis and the Yonseis, to gather for what may prove to be a pivotal period for the JACL? Can we shed the image of only the "affluent" being in at the end of the dance at national organization's conventions?

What we need at these gatherings are not only the official delegates with votes, but the presence and input of additional booster representatives from each chapter. It would add greatly to the credence that we are an organization for the majority.

Because of the distance and inflation, the next convention may be prohibitive to many. But I hope that the Planning Committee can exert their efforts to take all these factors into consideration and will be able to present a package deal that will be within the bounds of our average members, who make up the bulk of our organization.

I personally feel that the future of the JACL, including redress, may be decided at this next convention. Our strength is in numbers, and I hope all this comes to pass.

SAM NAKANO
President,
St. Louis JACL

• Nisei Wk. Queens

Editor:

To assist those who are totally ignorant about the racial background of the Japanese, and in order to straighten out among those biased against Nisei Week Queen candidates (of Eurasian or other backgrounds), I would like to reply that Japanese as a race is not a pure race but rather of heterogeneous origin.

According to "Origins of the Japanese People" published by the International Society for Educational Information, Inc. (Tokyo), the Japanese from both the northern and southern parts of Japan are a mixture of different Asian racial types, and this includes Caucasoid origins.

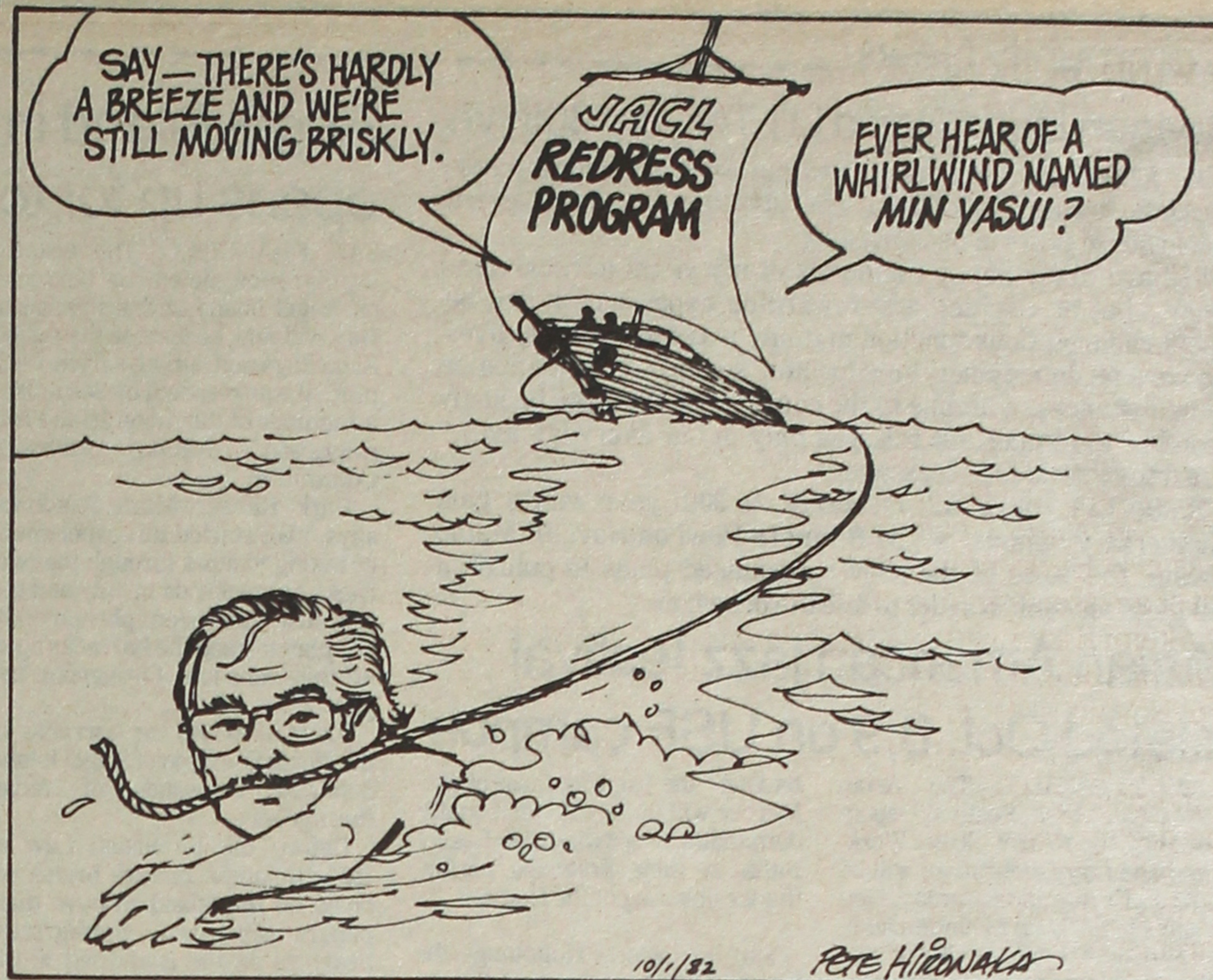
Other Asian countries, such as China and Korea, also consist of people of mixed origins as well, stemming from different racial types which migrated into those areas.

Hence, the first generation of Japanese (in Japan) occurred after intermarriage among different racial types, with traces of certain dominant racial features still present.

I do hope this will stop the bickering over who is qualified to be a Nisei Week candidate.

JOSEPH D. SASAKI
Ann Arbor, Mi.

**Bill Hosokawa's
column will be
back next week**



35 Years Ago

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

OCTOBER 4, 1947

Sept. 21—Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa elected pastor of 114-year-old First Baptist Church, Chicago; first of Japanese ancestry called to take charge of a white congregation in U.S. ... Rev. Perry Saito appointed pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church, Chicago, effective Oct. 5.

Sept. 26—Warner Bros.-Pathe News spends two days shooting newsfilms in Sacramento-Loomis area to tell story of evacuee return home.

Sept. 27—Chicago-born Nisei medic (Dr. Kazuo Tashiro) denied office space in Akron, Ohio, building because of his ancestry, reports Beacon-Journal; landlord feared some tenants might become "resentful". Paper, shocked by rebuff, backs Nisei American.

Sept. 29—JACL-No. Calif. CR-DU brief on Fred Oyama case filed with U.S. Supreme Court; brief stresses Nisei entitled to equal protection of the laws in test of Calif. alien land law, that "minor children in California, other than those of Japanese ancestry, may receive gifts of real estate from parents with no presumption that transaction is illegal"; case scheduled to be heard Oct. 21.

Sept. 30—Mike Masaoka on nationwide tour of 20 cities in U.S.-Canada in Denver, meets Colorado Gov. Knous, former Gov. Ralph Carr and Mile-Hi leaders; Knous admires Denver Post's move to hire Bill Hosokawa in view of Post's wartime campaign against the Nisei.

Oct. 1—JACL meets with American Filipino leaders at San Francisco to eliminate race friction between Japanese and Filipino Americans; joint meetings in Stockton area desirable in wake of street fight in Lodi where five Nisei were attacked by Filipino farm workers.

Oct. 1—San Benito County JACLers mourn death of Mrs. Winfield Freitas, wife of orchardist; couple articulated demands for fair treatment of Japanese Americans during Evacuation period.

Bookshelf

"Mahjong Made Easy" (Exposition Press, Smithtown, N.Y. 11787, 37pp, \$5) by Willie Lim, who has played the game for over 30 years, describes the original Asian rules that has since been adapted and readapted over generations. According to the author, who was born in Singapore and graduated from Holy Innocents (later known as Montfort College) in 1950, anyone who knows poker or gin rummy is "already half way to learning the game of mahjong". Lim has since immigrated to the U.S. and now lives in Southern California. It's helpful to those with a set at home, wanting to advance. —CTS.

FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

A Happy 'Swan Song' from Happy Valley

Salt Lake City

This is one of the happiest columns I have written because it is my last. Recently, a letter from Harry read: "I know you've often offered to give up the space for some time now and this may be the occasion." He was referring to his departure as editor of the PC on October 1 and his replacement by Pete Imamura. I called Harry immediately to tell him that was the best letter he ever wrote me. For several years, I have offered to vacate this space, very precious space, considering the paper's size limitation. More important, realizing there are many other voices wanting to be heard, deserving to be heard. Once, I called Harry to complain that every other week was too often for me. He told me Bill Hosokawa had been writing for over 35 years and once a week at that. So I should hang in. Harry must have thought I was terribly naive. Everyone knows Bill Hosokawa is not only a professional writer, but a genius.

Some may wonder why I just didn't quit. There are two things I have truly regretted in my life. One was feigning sleep to avoid saying good-bye to my grandfather when we parted at Gila. He had requested repatriation to Japan. Years later, I would write, "Your country was a vision and I was a person." My other regret was having abandoned Larry Tajiri. I had more or less walked away from the PC. That has been on my conscience all these years. So when Harry invited me back, I vowed I would not leave of my own accord. Sometimes, it has been a difficult commitment to keep. Writing is not a talent. It is a craft, as demanding as any other honest labor.

I feel honored to have worked for two of the great editors of this paper. It has been the best of associations. I was not voting age when my name first appeared on these pages as Larry's protege. I wish Larry had lived long enough to witness my proper departure. Well, as proper as a provincial woman can make it. Since this is my last opportunity, I want to mention some things that have bothered me during my stay. Years ago, when I asked Harry to replace me, I suggested he find a Sansei female. The PC has always been male dominated. This appears discriminatory, considering there are probably more Japanese American women writers than men. And most likely, some are a lot better, too.

The other gripe is of a personal nature. I have appreciated those who have disagreed openly with some of my pieces, realizing I often write controversially. I confess a wicked delight in that. Disagreement has never bothered me. We can either relate or not relate to someone else's experience. However, when I am told I should not have written a particular piece, I become furious. I am known to scream, "That fascist!" My vehemence makes the dog jump. As a survivor of an American Concentration Camp, I will defend to the end my freedom of expression. And that of every other free person. I have tried to write the truth as I perceive it, within my own experience. Sometimes, it has been unpleasant, but the truth is not always nice.

Writing the column has also been a learning experience for me. I used to have the idea that Nisei were grudging in spirit, quick to criticize and belittle, gloating in another's failure. Only a small minority are so impoverished and for them I feel a tremendous pity. The generosity of my readers has been overwhelming. I have received wonderful letters and telephone calls from strangers. My modest house has been honored by the presence of many, whose only connection to me has been the column. To all of you, I remain most beholden.

I wish to thank the JACL for the opportunity it has provided me. I am proof this is not an elitist group. How else would an ordinary woman have occupied this space? Over the years, I

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Don't Judge a Book by Its Cover

Philadelphia

ALTHOUGH I DID not believe the book would be of much interest, one evening I picked it back up and began leafing through its pages. Longtime friends from San Francisco, the Sato-da's, had sent the book to me since my *kuni* was also Hiroshima and the book was a firsthand account of an Issei woman from that same *ken*. The book was by Akemi Kikumura titled "Through Harsh Winters - The Life of a Japanese Immigrant Woman" (Chandler & Sharp, Novato, California.)

VERY QUICKLY, SOME familiar phrases, experiences and passages began to catch my eye and soon I became deeply engrossed in reading, in the course of which many things from my boyhood flooded back. In many ways, I was reading about my own mother, my own parents, our own family: the parallels were striking. Ms. Kikumura (Mrs. Gary Yano) translated her mother's firsthand account boldly, starkly,—holding very little, if anything, back. If the narrative did not

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was not actually presented "fairly" because a recent story (PC Sept. 3) was very one-sided. But in an effort to present the "other side" of the case—namely, the position of the Livingston-Merced JACL Chapter, the PC presented a statement by chapter president Paul Okuye (that had been distributed at the recent National Convention), which, at least, attempted to argue their reasons for not supporting Takahashi's appeal (PC Sept. 24.).

This new editor hopes he can continue a sense of fairness, in spite of the limitation of being only one person who can only be in one place at one time.

Although the JACL Constitution states that the PC staff is technically part of the "National JACL staff" and must answer to the National Director (and in the editor's case, the PC Board Chair), this new editor believes that in terms of editorial matters, the position of "PC editor" really isn't responsible to the National Director nor any of the JACL leadership—he is responsible to the JACL membership and the Nikkei community.

And this gives the PC the potential to become a better publication—with all due respect to the other Nikkei vernaculars in the country. The PC certainly cannot compete with those dailies, but the one advantage it has lies in the fact that it is nationally distributed.

As for news about JACL, which has been a complaint heard by this new editor from many JACL members (many members are never sure what is going on in JACL), this paper will, hopefully, give more coverage to JACL events—and those items will be put in their own separate and distinct section, so as to distinguish "JACL news and opinions" from general news and opinions. Therefore, the PC will remain a hybrid—but now it will be a more sharply defined one (hopefully, this new format will enlighten the news portion of the paper, establishing a higher degree of credibility and improving its integrity).

So foremost, the Pacific Citizen should be a straightforward newspaper for the Nikkei as well as the Asian American community, because that is the one service this publication can provide for JACL members. If it's just going to be a "flak piece" for the League, then JACL Headquarters might as well do away with the PC completely, and assign one of its staff to put out a monthly newsletter.

As for its editorial/opinion section, the new editor intends to use it as a forum for different viewpoints—and welcomes letters and guest columns (please try to limit pieces to 200-250 words, typed, double-spaced, and stick to one subject). The new editor is also seeking out new writers (particularly Sansei or younger) who might want to contribute their views to the opinion section—particularly on the subject of JACL or the Nikkei community.

And on that note, the new editor requests that JACL officers, staff, board members, districts and chapters keep him abreast of what's going on—because he can't report what he doesn't know.

The proposed changes, of course, will be somewhat gradual, since the logistics must be carefully worked out. But this new editor hopes he has at least given PC readers some insight of things to come.

In a recent PC column, Bill Marutani expressed his concern that the PC might become merely an "organizational mouth-piece" for the JACL, and that in the past there had been internal, organizational problems which were many times brushed over in the PC, leaving the membership in the dark.

He needn't worry. The new editor, who considers himself a journalist rather than a public relations specialist, won't allow it, simply because his profession, as well as the community, wouldn't allow it.

parallel our family in every respect, there were families within the Issei-Nisei community that I recognized from my own boyhood days.

THE BOOK IS the story, a starkly realistic account, of the Issei-Nisei survival in America, the relationships between and among the dominant (but oftentimes weak) father in the household, the subservient (but quietly determined) mother, the children (thirteen) from that union. All told in the words of the mother beginning from the time of a somewhat starry-eye *musume-san* from a comparatively well-to-do family from Hiroshima, who was taken to marry a restless young man yearning to go to America to gather a fortune so that he might be able to return to his *mura* with his head up high. From there, most Nisei know the all-too-common ending: it was not to be so.

AMONG THE THINGS that struck this reader anew were the high sense of morality and duty so strongly held by the Issei, notwithstanding the many human frailties that they possessed: at times succumbing to gambling, other times to drinking, and oftentimes to both,—at least, insofar as the male head was concerned. And yet through it all, the Issei mother steadfastly adhered to her

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have received encouragement from many in JACL leadership positions, by letter or in person. Some are gone, but I include them for kindness is never forgotten. Memory survives. They are Masao W. Satow, Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, Saburo Kido, Hito Okada, George Inagaki, Kumeo Yoshinari, Henry Tanaka and Dr. Clifford Uyeda. To these must be added the First Lady of JACL, Ruby Yoshino Schaar, whose benediction I received in 1978, when she embraced me and said, "Good-bye little girl. Behave yourself."

Among my friends, I wish to acknowledge Walter and Michi Weglyn for their unwavering support and interest. When the going got tough, they were always there. Also Tak and Helen Kawagoe. If they don't stop sending presents we'll have to move to another house. Maybe we should threaten to move in with them. I must mention my local friends, George and Harriet Kimura, who were partially responsible for getting me back into the writing game. I hope it won't be held against them. Thanks also to my ministerial friends, Paul Nagano and Bill Nishimura and Father Clement. Knowing they read my material has scared me into some sense of responsibility. A belated tribute to my family doctor, Toshiko Toyota, M.D. During the course of the columns, there have been many crises within the family. Sometimes, I felt surrounded by death. My doctor has never failed me with her moral support or professional advice. A friend to three generations of my family. If any award exists for a truly humanitarian doctor, I would be honored to write her nomination. I also wish to honor the memory of my friend through words, Edison Uno, the consummate fighter. We had a much anticipated appointment that was cancelled by his untimely death on Christmas eve, 1976 at age 47. Edison and I alternated in this space for awhile. I mourn his death. Writing

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moral moorings, instilling moral values in her brood even as she suffered from the ignominy of *haji*, the "sekin-no-haji."

I'VE OFTEN BEEN profoundly impressed by the wisdom and refined culture manifested by these Issei who dwelled in material poverty so incessantly long, who endured racial discrimination of the type and volume that we shall never know, who were so handicapped in so many ways in seeking to survive in the socio-economic milieu of their times. I marvel at the quiet, strong grace with which they endured all this without being destroyed by bitterness, and thereby overcome (to the extent then possible) these seemingly overwhelming odds. And while I by no means suggest that those of us who follow should employ the same stoicism,—for times are different and one would be a stubborn fool not to recognize change and not to adjust thereto accordingly,—I am nonetheless impressed anew by their restrained determination, free of hysterical reaction.

IN MS. KIKUMURA'S account of her mother's life, these familiar qualities come through in phraseology not unknown to us Nisei. Throughout the book are Japanese words by which our Issei parents conveyed certain basic values by which we were to live. I was moved anew that a seemingly insignificant Issei woman, whose role in life was one condemned to performing menial tasks of the lowest order, exhibited the beauty of profound wisdom.

for the PC has not been the same for me since he died.

There is also one piece of unfinished business. Pete Hironaka, under whose acute cartoons my column has generally appeared, asked a question in his book, "Report from Round-Eye Country." He wondered about the mood in this house when the column was due. He said he got, "Pretty damned irritable." The shortest answer I can give is, "I get bitchy." Pete, that was a terrific book! You'll hear from me, now that I'll have time for letters.

I have saved thanking my family for last. The most common comment in letters has been "I feel I know you, your family and dog." Another less frequent query has been, "Why is she always writing about herself, her family and dog?" E. B. White, the most distinguished of American essayists has the answer, "Whoever sets pen to paper, writes of himself, whether knowingly or not." I have done it knowingly, with the full knowledge and consent of my family. My husband and son are probably two of the most secure individuals I know. Fortunately, both also have a sense of humor. Without it, they would have perished long ago. I would have killed them. The column has involved all of us. My husband has corrected the spelling. He says I'm the only writer who can't spell, making it sound more a disgrace than a distinction. My son, who is a superb, professional writer has edited the copy. He wonders when I am going to write properly. Their assistance will be required when I begin a new project after retrieving my health. It's going to be a potboiler. That should make some people squirm.

This is the end of an era for the PC, for Harry, for me. I wish Larry could have joined us for a celebration. Thanks, Harry, for a great time. It was fun. Again and always, thanks for being a friend. I look forward to reading the new PC and wish its young editor, Pete Imamura, the very best. Take care of our paper, son. I always wanted to write that sentence.

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JACL in the News

Matsunaga keynotes tribute hosted by Seattle JACL

SEATTLE—A "Tribute to Asian and Pacific Americans Dinner," sponsored by the Seattle JACL, will honor individuals and organizations for their service to the Asian American community. The tribute is a broad-based effort to bring together different Asian American groups together for a common purpose.

The banquet will be held Oct. 4, 6 p.m. at the Atrium, Design Center Northwest, 5701 Sixth Ave S. U.S. Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga (D-Hi.) will keynote the event, and Mayor Charles Royer is expected to attend while City Councilmember Delores Sibonaga will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Lori Matsukawa, KOMO-TV reporter, will chair the Multi-Media Award Presentation which honors 11 recipients: Charles Z. Smith, receiving the Friend of the Community award; Frank S. Miyamoto, Pioneer Award; Ruth Chinn, Inspirational Leadership; Bob Yamashita, Outstanding Achievement; Art Lum, Unsung Hero; Julianne Kumasaka, Unsung Heroine; Willard Jue, Cultural Preservation; Amy Yee, Dedication to Youth Award; Silme Domingo, Dedication to Human Rights (posthumous); the International District Emergency Center, Distinguished Service Award; and the Asian Counseling and Referral Service, Min Masuda Award.

JACL Reports

BY THE BOARD: Alysa Watanabe



National Youth Council

Detroit, Mich.

Although only 20 youths registered for the 27th Biennial JACL National Convention, factors are pointing to a stronger National Youth Council. Being the first convention that the youth held concurrent with the JACL, the schedule was very hectic for the youth delegates who were responsible for attending National Business Sessions, District Caucuses, and National Youth Council meetings, but they were able to learn a great deal from the new experience.

With the exception of one, all of the districts were represented by a District Youth Representative so that the Youth Council was able to get quite a clear picture of the entire outlook of JACL. The most needed and feasible programs were pinpointed.

The most important goal of the Council is to increase communication between the youth nationally and the JACL. Youth articles will be submitted to the Pacific Citizen, featuring a particular district each month. These articles will show the great diversity throughout the JACL Youth Program and give more people a chance to learn about what is going on.

To network the various JACL youth groups throughout the United States, the need for a national youth directory was also expressed. This program will also serve as a fund raiser (through advertisement) in the directory.

Other goals of the National Youth Council are: to recognize existing youth chapters nationally, and to increase membership by first working with the feasible goal of establishing one new chapter in each district.

By attending National Business Sessions, participating in elections and various other JACL functions at the convention, the youth were able to learn more about the JACL and meet people who were formerly out of reach to the youth. The interests of the youth are now able to expand from what were youth interests exclusively before the change from the National Youth Council structure of two years ago. Through attending the JACL National Convention, the youth became more well rounded JACLers. The youth are being cautiously optimistic in this biennium. Optimistic because they now have a National Youth Director and the future is looking up, but cautious not to think that the JACL National Youth Council can make a perfect overnight metamorphosis.

Kato seeks Oxnard council seat

OXNARD, Ca.—Former Mayor Tsujio Kato will seek a seat on the Oxnard City Council in the upcoming November elections, it was announced recently. The Committee to Elect Mayor Kato for Oxnard City Council has opened its headquarters at 2051 Saviers Rd.

Kato, a Ventura County JACler, made an unsuccessful attempt last June to win the Republican nomination for the 36th state Assembly.

"The purpose of the dinner is to get the Asians together," said Shiz Sata, co-chair of the dinner committee. "We can be a powerful political group and this just one step towards that goal."

Representatives of various Asian communities worked together without funding for two years to plan this dinner "to give recognition to those among the Asian and Pacific American communities who have given so much of themselves in serving their communities."

For more info on the dinner call Shiz Sata (206) 324-8128 or Kazzie Katayama 722-2266.

Marin JACL slates volleyball tourney

SAN RAFAEL, Ca.—The Marin JACL will host the sixth annual NCWNPDC Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 16, 9 a.m. at Terra Linda High School. For more info call Paula or Bruce Shimizu (415) 459-5366.

Washington JACL to hold 'Aki-no-ichi'

BETHESDA, Md.—The Washington JACL will celebrate autumn with an "Aki-no-ichi" festival on Saturday, Oct. 23, 11:30 a.m. at the Walter Johnson High School, 6400 Rock Spring Dr. Food, games and arts and crafts will be featured.

Milwaukee JACL awarded for design in floral contest



AWARD WINNER—The Milwaukee JACL won a "Best Design" award for this Japanese garden, an entry in the county's "Petal Your Parks" competition which was held last August in an effort to help keep the community's parks beautiful.

MILWAUKEE—The Milwaukee JACL Chapter, in an effort to keep their community beautiful, recently won an award for best design in a floral contest held by the county.

Budget cuts last fall had prompted Milwaukee County officials to eliminate the planting of flowers in many of the community's outlying parks in the spring, but it was suggested that flower beds be planted through a flower-decorating contest.

So a few Milwaukee JACLers thought participating in the "Petal Your Parks" competition would be an excellent community service, and they picked two adjacent sites at Brown Deer Park where the chapter's annual picnic is usually held.

As a result of their efforts, the Milwaukee Supervisors awarded the chapter with a certificate of commendation and a trophy.

The chapter project was coordinated by Reiko McKendry of the Milwaukee JACLs and designed by Sanae Kiefer, who came up with a beautiful Japanese-style garden.

A total of eleven volunteers took part in producing the JACL entry, including: Ed Jonokuchi, Helen Jonokuchi, Tak Kataoka, Helen Inai, Ron and Sanae Kiefer, Toshi Nakahira, Tak Obayashi, Chic Tanoue, McKendry and her husband David. Three youngsters also pitched in: Paula Kiefer, Jesse and Jason McKendry.

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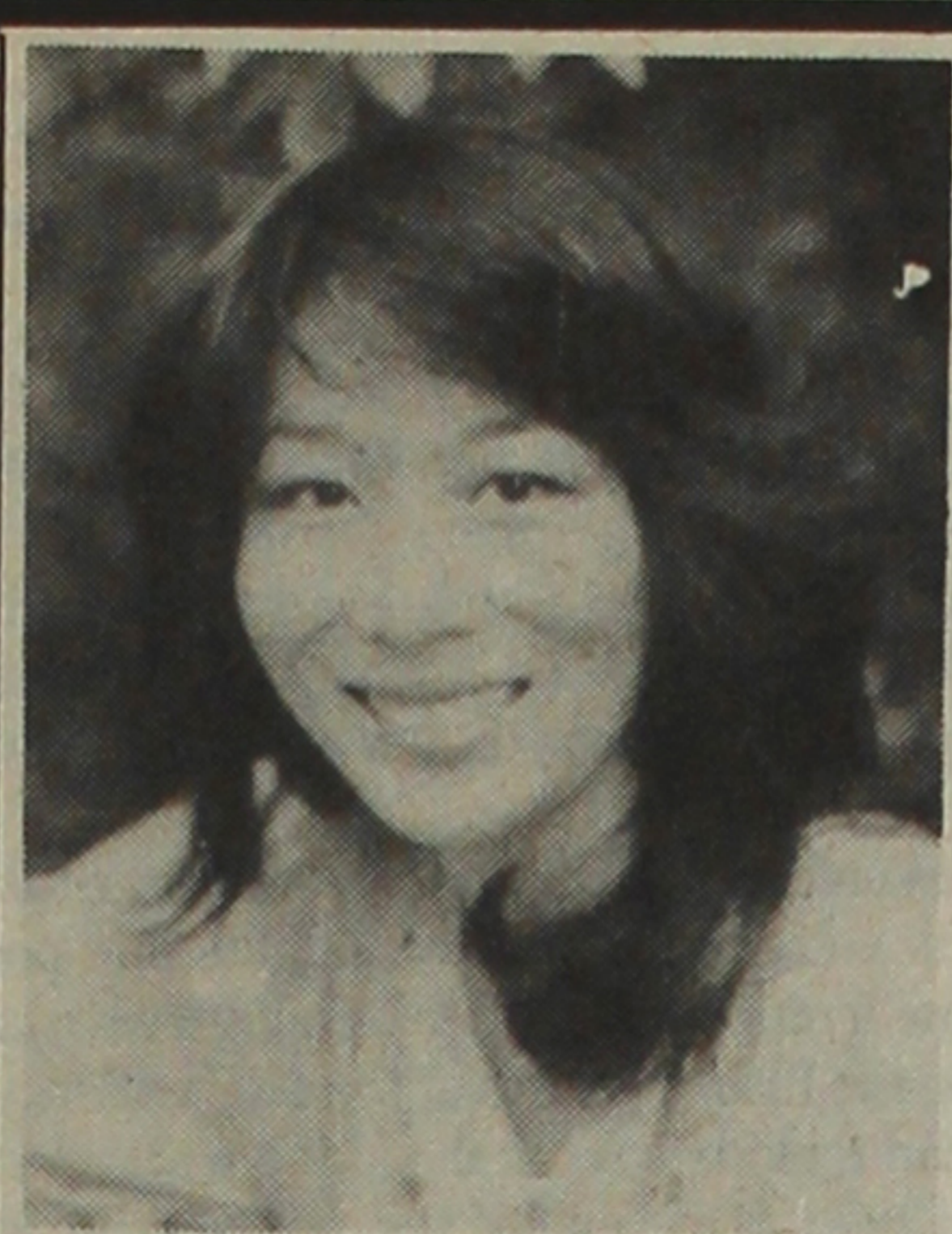
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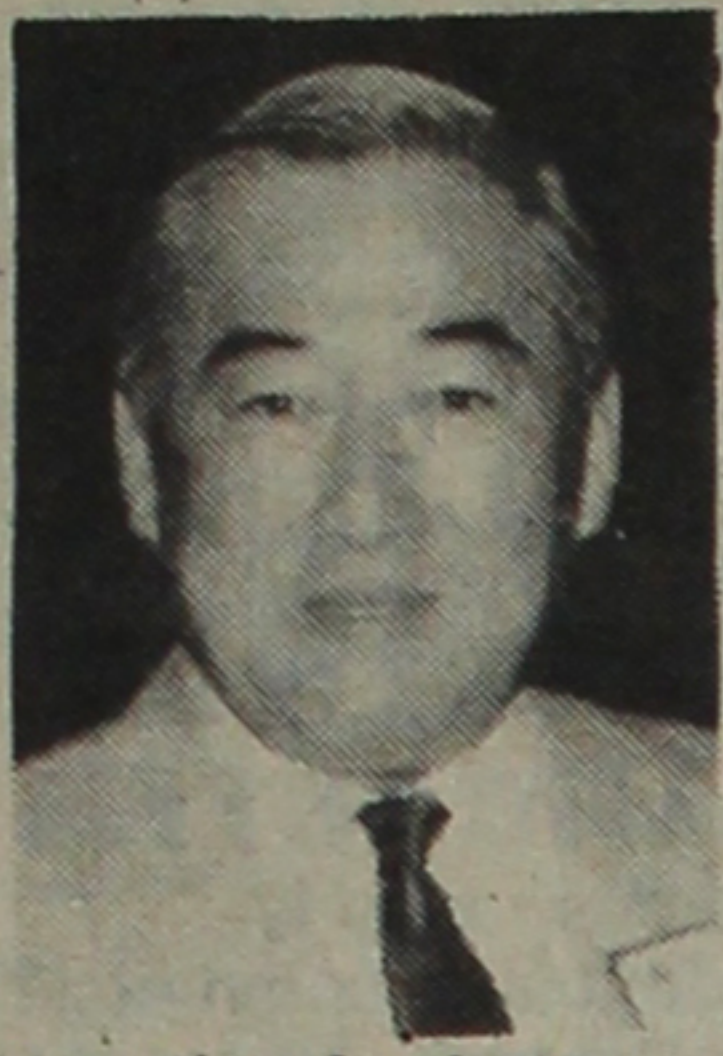
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BY THE BOARD: Chuck Kubokawa



IRC Biennium

Palo Alto, Ca.

As chairman of the International Relations Committee, I would like to provide a review of the past biennium IRC activities, in which many JACL members have directly or indirectly taken part. It was through the support and approval of active members and the JACL National Council two years ago, recognizing the importance of international relations, which spurred the interest of many inactive and new JACL members.

The U.S.-Japan economic problems have been of recent concern, although these issues have been ever-present for the Nikkei community, and the JACL was started 52 years ago to quell and educate the negative forces of racism existing in our country.

Sadly enough, we are still trying to educate the majority of the U.S. and those of our ancestors' country that we Nikkei are in a tidal pool inheriting the wave action from the tidal changes of the East-West relations whether we like it or not.

Recently, biased media reporting spotlighted the Japanese investments in the U.S., which increased 28 times the capital invested during the period from 1973 to 1980 from \$152 million to \$4.2 billion. The figures were not placed in the proper perspective along with the 65.5 billion foreign dollars invested in the U.S. for the same period. The Japanese investment in the U.S., incidentally, amounts to only 6.4% of all foreign investments in the U.S.

Pan American Relations

The JACL provided the environment for seeking methods for increasing the interests and activities of members by letting our committee expand into an international and Pan American activity, helping us establish the Japan and Latin American chapters.

The endorsement of the Federation of International Nikkei Enthusiasts (FINE) helped the JACL establish the first international Nikkei organization of its kind, the Pan American Nikkei Association (PANA). We played an integral part in the planning and took part in the first successful Pan American Nikkei Convention in Mexico City last July.

In keeping with the worldwide efforts, JACL is also promoting the improvement of international understanding and friendship. But with racist, eye-catching cartoons and media coverage here in the U.S., the main tasks of JACL are well-defined. To promote improved understanding and sharing of Nikkei concerns our committee was instrumental in initiating the first trip to Japan for then President Jim Tsujimura. Thanks to the proper coordination and assistance from the Japan Chapter and all the friends of the JACL, President Jim met influential people who will play a role in future international activities with considerations for the sensitivities of the Nikkei. They were all provided with a pamphlet on JACL, in Japanese, describing our organization's past history, present

efforts, future outlook and the direction we are taking in the future.

All in all, we have accomplished much and our committee is now in the crawling stage looking for the proper volunteers and financial support from all the dedicated and interested JACL members for the benefit of future Nikkei generations and humankind. It's a jungle out there in the real world and we are trying our best not to rest on our past accomplishments, but progress the best way we can towards our organizational goals.

There are positive results and rewards in the horizon but unless we take the initiative to nurture our efforts with constructive thoughts and positive actions we will never enjoy the fruits of our efforts. Though we may zero in on the U.S.-Japan relations, the future efforts of the IRC will most certainly include our Pan American friends who share along with us the common environment...the tidal pool affected by the changes in the East-West tides (more information on this subject will be heard at the next PANA conference, set for Lima, Peru in July 1983).

The IRC has provided the JACL membership with new avenues of interaction and activities. I hope all of you will take the time to provide the new committee with ideas and constructive criticisms to help make the IRC program a valuable and effective stage for useful future output benefiting the membership.

I wish to thank the past committee members for their devoted service and time: George Kondo, Ben Takeshita, Sandora Fujiwara, Dr. Harry Hatasaka, Frank Kasama, John Tateishi, Karl Nobuyuki, June Kodani, Marge Watanabe and Sharon Iwamasa.

JACL scholars among Yale frosh

NEW HAVEN, CT.—Yale University announced that 19 Asian American students from Los Angeles began their freshman studies at the campus this month.

Among them were three 1982 JACL scholarship recipients. They are: Archibald Asawa, California H.S. (winner of JACL's Saburo Kido Memorial Scholarship of \$350); Kim Brown, Immaculate Heart H.S.; Choon-Se Ham, Crossroads H.S.; Sally Kim, Long Beach Polytechnic; Christopher Lee, Lincoln H.S.

Bradley Lui, Marshall H.S.; Colsang Mun, South Torrance H.S.; Margaret Namkoong, Buckley H.S.; Bernard Ng, Alhambra H.S.; Suzanne Noble, Ramona Convent H.S. (recipient of JACL's Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Moriuchi Scholarship of \$1,000) Kirk Okimoto, Mira Costa H.S.

Michael Otsuka, Rolling Hills H.S. (winner of JACL's California First Bank Scholarship of \$1,000); JoAnn Lisa Oyama, Gardena H.S.; Ayazuddi Shaikh, North Hollywood H.S.; Henry Shih, San Gabriel H.S.; Brian Shin, Downey H.S.; Chung Sim, Hoover H.S.; Julie Wong, Marshall H.S.; and Sheila Wong, Schurr H.S.

Monument planned for Amache site

LOS ANGELES—The Amache Historical Society, a non-profit California corporation, in conjunction with the Japanese American community of Denver, has embarked on an ambitious project to erect a permanent monument at the former Amache War Relocation Center site at Granada, Colo.

The old camp cemetery, along with the foundation of one camp barrack, will be part of the monument. The whole area will be surrounded by a chain link fence with one paved access road running south from Highway 50. A permanent marker will be placed on side of Highway 50 to direct traffic to the main monument.

The Amache Historical Society, headed by President Min Tonai of Woodland Hills, recently formed a Monument Committee headed by George Y. Hirano of Rancho Palos Verdes and Thomas Shigekuni of Palos Verdes Estates.

All former Amache residents are invited to make suggestions concerning the overall plan and to help in the fund raising effort to cover the expected cost of \$25,000. All funds will be raised from private donations only, and no governmental money will be involved. The committee is planning a dedication and reunion at the camp site during an appropriate holiday weekend in the summer or fall of 1983.

The committee is considering the request of former Amache residents who wish to be identified as such on a separate granite marker to be placed on site. For more info contact the Amache Historical Society, P.O. Box 65581, Los Angeles, CA 90065.

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student abroad, the ministry took quick action. It dispatched a cable to the Japanese embassy in Washington, instructing embassy staff to look into the case. The embassy subsequently donated to Motoike's school a film on contemporary Japan, and checked whether books containing incorrect descriptions of Japan are being used in other Maryland schools.

The International Society for Education Information, the ministry's advisory body, usually checks some 200 American textbooks and other supplementary materials for school use each year and if there are any "inappropriate" or "misleading" descriptions about Japan, the society requests the publishers to make corrections.

Due to a limit in its budget and the enormous amount of school materials on Japan published each year abroad, however, the society often fails to detect misleading descriptions of Japan until they surface as problems, noted Takeshi Kagami, deputy director of the ministry's Overseas Public Relations Division.

In wake of the Maryland textbook issue raised by Motoike, the

ministry plans to enhance its overseas public information function through cable television programs, symposiums, workshops and press conferences throughout the U.S., Kagami said.

Japanese language courses offered

LOS ANGELES—The U.S.-Japan Cross Culture Center will offer Japanese language lessons in October on Monday and Friday evenings, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, or Saturday mornings, for twelve weeks. The course is suited to the needs of businessmen, students or tourists who will be working, studying or visiting Japan. The center also offers private and semi-private lessons, as well as company training for businessmen. For more information and tuition rates, contact the center in the JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Room 506, Los Angeles, CA 90012; (213) 617-2039.

A specialized program of instruction, taught in Japan, is offered by the Intercultural Japanese Institute and involves living and working in Japan while studying its language and culture. Information on the institute may also be obtained from the USJCCC as well.

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would require employers to look first for labor supplies. "Many families are totally dependent upon unemployment benefits. Families make more by not working than they would if they worked and got out of the system," he said. "They simply are not willing to take these menial jobs."

"But on the other side of the border," he said, "they are willing to take anything!" Kubo added that Mexican officials encourage heavy traffic to California because they feel it is better for the nationals to "chance it the border patrol" than to starve in Mexico.

Guest Worker Program

Both the NFL and the CG&TFL have come up with guest worker programs to be added to or amended to the bill. Both groups state that workers should be allowed to come to California and register for a specified amount of time. They would then become registered and free agents in agriculture. When the season was over or the allotted time spent, the worker would have to return to Mexico.

The need for new immigration policy is not denied by those in agriculture. The bill, authored by Sen. Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.) and Rep. Romano Mazzoli (D-Ky.) is, according to Kubo, a vast improvement over our current immigration policy. "Everybody wants a policy which has the ability to limit the numbers of those who can come into the U.S., but it must be fair and equitable," noted Kubo.

"It is hard for farmers to live with something that is illegal," Hale said, who added that farmers want a solution which will not incline the industry to deal dishonestly with its labor force.

Kubo sees one bright spot in the passage of the bill. "If it can make us realize that we should not depend on foreign labor supply and make us develop our own local supply then it can't be all bad."

PC Calendar of Events

- OCTOBER 1 (Friday)
San Francisco—BSA Tr 29 Golden Anniversary (3da), Buddhist Church, (Sat bang Japan Ctr Theater).
Tule Lake—NCJCCFG Pilgrimage (o/night), buses lv No Berk BART Sta & Sacto Parkview Presby Ch.
- OCTOBER 2 (Saturday)
Salt Lake City—Bazaar, Buddhist Church.
- OCTOBER 3 (Sunday)
El Cerrito—Asn Am art auction, EC Comm Ctr, 1-10pm.
- OCTOBER 4 (Monday)
Marin County—Bd mtg, Bank of Marin, Larkspur, 7:30pm (1st Mon).
- OCTOBER 6 (Wednesday)
Carson—Mtg, Mercury S&L, 7:30pm (1st Wed).
- OCTOBER 7 (Thursday)
West Valley—Bd mtg, 7:30pm (1st Thu).
- Puyallup Valley—Bd mtg, Tacoma Budd Ch Lounge, 7:30pm (1st Thu).
- Marina—Mtg, Chace Pk clubhouse, 7:30pm (1st Thu).
- OCTOBER 12 (Tuesday)
Stockton—Mtg, Cal First Bank, 7:30pm (2d Tue)

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