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February 24, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: MR. FITZPATRICK
FROM: MYRON B. KUROPAS
SUBJECT: JAPANESE PROCLAMATION PHOTOS

The photos are magnificent!

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February 16, 1976

Dear Mr. Sagami:

Pursuant to your letter and our telephone conversation this afternoon, I shall make every endeavor to respond to your request for an administration spokesman at your Nisei Veterans Bicentennial Reunion banquet in Chicago on July 25.

It's a bit early for us to be in a position to make a firm commitment but if you call us towards the end of March (202-456-6262), I should have something for you.

Sincerely,

Myron B. Kuropas (Dr.)
Special Assistant to the President
for Ethnic Affairs

Mr. Joe Sagami
General Chairman
1976 Nisei Veterans Reunion
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“jap”

is a derogatory term...



**Japanese American
CITIZENS LEAGUE**

22 Peace Plaza Suite 203 - San Francisco, California 94115

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"JAP" IS A DEROGATORY TERM...

We are Americans of Japanese ancestry. We are Japanese Americans, Asian Americans, or if you want to be more specific, Issei, Nisei, Sansei and Yonsei, which means first, second, third and fourth generation Japanese in America.



To us, as to many other Americans, "Jap" is a derogatory term. It is derogatory in the same sense that "Kike," "Wop," "Chink" and "Nigger" are derogatory. It's derogatory whether applied to us as Japanese Americans or to a person from Japan.



IT RECALLS A BITTER PAST...

The term has a long bitter history of negative connotations. When the first immigrants from Japan began arriving in any numbers, "Jap" became a convenient term of contempt and hate. It was used by bigots and racists exploiting the fictitious "Yellow Peril." In the years that followed, all negative movements, political and economic, against Japanese Americans have utilized this defaming term.

Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese in 1941 and the outbreak of World War II, "Jap" was popularly used to label the enemy as well as the Japanese in America. As the orders came to evacuate all Japanese Americans from the West Coast into inland camps, the brand of "Jap" followed.



CONVENIENCE DOESN'T MAKE IT RIGHT

Although those days are gone, hopefully forever, some still feel it is a logical contraction of Japanese. But knowing the facts, is it any wonder why "Jap" is a derogatory term?

Its use, whether through ignorance or intent, is undesirable. Help us put it permanently to rest.

JACL



Japanese American Citizens League

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The Japanese American Citizens League invites you to join with the nearly 30,000 members of our organization in creating positive changes in our society through participating in public service with the largest and oldest human and civil rights organization representing Americans of Japanese ancestry.

For a half century JACL has combined human talents, creative programming, and a dedication to civil rights and equal opportunity to mold a nationwide network of 96 local chapters. Volunteerism is the heart of JACL and each JACL community centers around the vitality and leadership of its volunteers.

The National JACL serves the entire membership through strong national advocacy at Federal and state levels through research, planning, and program development. It provides the cohesive strength to mobilize the local chapters into a progressive force for positive social change.

JACL attempts to respond to the myriad number of challenges that exist today by participating in the following areas of concern:

- To work cooperatively toward the achievement of equal employment opportunities for Japanese Americans.
- To help build a bridge of understanding regarding the impact of U.S. — Japan relations on Japanese Americans.
- To sustain our deep concern to better the lives of elderly Issei including the right to obtain social and health benefits and to insure that their remaining years will be spent in dignity and physical comfort.
- To advocate for an increased awareness and greater appreciation for the contributions of Japanese Americans in the United States in an effort to erase discrimination.
- To encourage broader participation in the exercise of leadership abilities in various programs within JACL and in relationship with the larger society.
- To seek to affirm our identity as Japanese Americans and thereby enhance the meaning and experience of our cultural heritage.
- To encourage the participation of Sansei and to assist them in their development of projects which are vital to them including workshops on ethnicity, identity and contemporary educational opportunities, planning for discussion groups, conferences, and social activities.
- To strengthen the bond between generations of Japanese Americans.
- To insure the recognition and inclusion of our cultural heritage in the instruction of all children.
- To preserve our cultural heritage by sharing this heritage with all groups in order to increase understanding and communication.

The JAL-JACL CULTURAL HERITAGE FELLOWSHIP offers eight weeks of study and travel in Japan in 1975. The all-expense paid fellowships for 4 recipients are afforded an opportunity to become better acquainted with their ancestral country through classes at Sophia University and a special two-week itinerary tailored for each participant.

ADVOCATING FOR JAPANESE AMERICANS is an on-going concern of JACL presenting the general public with a realistic view of Japanese Americans. At the same time that these positive efforts are carried out, we are ready to respond to statements, actions, and issues which may adversely affect Japanese Americans. With relations between the United States and Japan changing, our role in this area is crucial.

The U.S. Office of Education (H.E.W.) granted JACL \$60,000 for the ETHNIC HERITAGE PROJECT to increase the multi-ethnic experience at the elementary school level by including the history and contributions of Japanese Americans in public schools.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The DEVELOPMENT OFFICE was recently initiated on a mandate of the National Council to seek resources beyond membership dues to support national and local programs and activities. The mandate was a recognition that there are many worthwhile endeavors which deserve JACL support, but which current JACL resources prevent a meaningful contribution. Likewise, there was a commitment that JACL should seek to stabilize membership dues by finding new sources of income while becoming involved in more programs and activities.

During 1974, 16 Sansei high school students went to Washington D.C. to participate in PRESIDENTIAL CLASSROOM FOR YOUNG AMERICANS. They saw and learned how our government works and interacted with Congressional leaders and representatives of the news media and other interest groups. Through their week's experience, these outstanding young people gained leadership experience and are better prepared to make major contributions for Japanese Americans and the society. Due to the high caliber of 1974 participants, the Program is reserving the JACL 75 positions for the 1975 program.

We invite you to join many of your fellow JACLers to participate in these membership benefits: National Travel Program including low-cost charter flights to Japan, Group Health Insurance Plan, National and Local Credit Unions, National Bowling Tournaments, and Study Fellowship Programs.

HOW NATIONAL JACL DUES ARE SPENT based on 1975-76 budget



JACL PROGRAMS

There are many activities and programs which your JACL is doing. We think you'll agree that they are important.

YOUTH INVESTING IN THE FUTURE through Youth Leadership Development + Expanded Scholarship Program + Student Aid Program + Youth Project of the Biennium + Japanese American Youth Program (JAYs).

ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF JAPANESE AMERICANS through Historical Landmark Acquisition + Expanded Communications and Public Relations + Improved Media Relations + Advanced and Forceful Anti-Defamation Programs + Federal Grant Procurement in areas of Issei Film Project and JACL Gerontology Project.

CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD TOTAL EDUCATION through Legal and Factual Analysis Task Force on Instructional Material + Counseling to State and Local Boards of Education + Member Representation and Participation in National, State, and Local Conferences on Education and Curriculum Development + Teacher Training and Orientation.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AMERICANS through Legal Assistance in Major Civil Rights Litigation + New Associations and Coordinated Efforts with other Civil and Human Rights Organizations + Overall Expansion of Resources and Activities in Civil Rights Advocacy.

13.5% ADMINISTRATION
23.4% JACL PROGRAMS
29.2% PACIFIC CITIZEN
33.9% CHAPTER AND DISTRICT ASSISTANCE

CHAPTER AND DISTRICT ASSISTANCE

Slide Workshop Programs on Japanese American History + Expanded Library and Audio-Visual Materials Resource + Multi-purpose Workshops for Chapters + Revitalization of Existing District Councils + Chapters and District Visitations by National Staff and Officers + Wider Participation in National Convention + National Convention Pre-Planning Workshops for Chapter Delegates + Enhanced Membership Recruitment at Chapter and National Levels.

PACIFIC CITIZEN

The Pacific Citizen continues to come to you weekly bringing current information on what is happening in Japanese American communities across the nation and keeps you informed of what JACL is doing.

ADMINISTRATION

National Meetings + Membership Processing + Communications + Accounting.

As the diagram above shows, 86.5% of the National JACL budget goes toward supporting activities which return to the JACL membership. Only a small portion, or 13.5%, goes toward administrative costs of the organization.

How 'Rose' myth began

By Jerry Carroll
and Keith Power

JAPAN HAD surrendered, and on that smoke-filled day at the end of August, 1945, waves of American aircraft landed at Atsugi air base near Tokyo. On board were two of the most flamboyant war correspondents of the time.



Photo by Art Shay; People Weekly ©Time Inc.

Iva Toguri D'Aquino at work in her family's Clark Street shop last year.

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Reporters Jerry Carroll and Keith Power pieced together "the Tokyo Rose myth" for a series in their newspaper, the San Francisco Chronicle.

Pardon for Tokyo Rose?

'Some people still think that I started the war'

By Linda Witt

Last of three parts.

THE LEGENDARY seductress of Radio Tokyo was little more than a myth, concocted by day-dreaming GIs. So said United States Atty. James M. Carter in announcing the release of Iva Toguri D'Aquino in 1946 after her imprisonment in Japan by the U. S. government on charges of being Tokyo Rose.

On Sept. 25, 1948, she arrived in San Francisco for her trial. She had amoebic dysentery en route and had "lost so much weight the skirt which fit my waist in Yokohama fit only my hips in San Francisco."

A matron refused to allow her to pin up the skirt, fearing she'd commit suicide with the safety pin. Marines carried her from the ship.

THE LATE WAYNE Collins Sr. and the late Theo-

her baby was stillborn.

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The men—and woman—behind

A 'reward in heaven'

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taunted American seamen after the Battle of Leyte Gulf, the greatest naval battle of the war, a fight which devastated the Japanese fleet.



Iva's father, Jun Toguri, was there when she went off to prison in 1949. And he would be waiting when she was freed in 1956, to return to his home and family store in Chicago. Jun Toguri died in 1972.

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—behind the myth of 'Tokyo Rose'

A sensation on earth

Jun Toguri, when she was in prison in Chicago. Jun in 1972.

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know that. What we want to know is, who broadcast by that name," Lee said.

Replied Nakajima: "That's what I'm telling you: Nobody at Radio Tokyo said, 'I'm Tokyo Rose.' Nobody used that name."

"WHO IS THE gal on 'Zero Hour?'" Lee asked, referring to Iva Toguri D'Aquino, who, for a 21-month period begin-



Iva spent a year in jail in Japan, allowed only one 20-minute visit a month with her husband, Felipe. She was released but arrested again in 1948, days after this last photo of them together was taken.



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March 2, 1976

Mr. Myron B. Kuropas
Special Assistant to the President
for Ethnic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.



Dear Myron:

It was certainly nice to see you Saturday evening. I personally am very pleased to see someone who deserves it, rise so high.

First, let me thank you for your kind letter and the Proclamation on Executive Order 9066. You may be interested to see the write-up in the enclosed Pacific Citizen. Although this will certainly help the administration in getting votes, I feel that the Tokyo Rose case can have a greater impact as far as getting votes is concerned.

As I briefly told you Saturday, I feel that the Tokyo Rose can be a great opportunity for us to swing and influence a great many Japanese American voters to vote for the administration, and I wanted to hear your thoughts on it.

The case is now an emotional issue involving a Japanese, an injustice, a human interest story. I believe the administration could get credit for "caring", but it would have to be handled delicately, involve the right people, and of course the right timing. I feel that it is now only a matter of time before she is "vindicated" so I feel it would be good politics to make it happen at the right time. In my opinion, you are in an ideal position: you are not under the Hatch act, are politically very astute, and in a position to see that the administration gets credit at the proper time.

So that you will have a little insight on the Japanese American philosophy - they tend to be very conservative, and take considerable pride in supporting Japanese only for that reason (I don't necessarily agree). Please note:

1. Nation-wide support for our Congressmen Mink, Congressman Matsunaga, Senator Inouye from Hawaii.
2. Nation-wide support for Coroner Noguchi of Los Angeles, who was fired and then reinstated after a protest 4 or 5 years ago.
3. Nation-wide support for Congressman Norman Minnesota of San Jose, Calif. (incidentally a brother-in-law of Mike Masaoka).
4. Support now being shown for Wendy Yoshimura of the Hearst case.

Ironically, S. I. Hayakawa had support as a Democrat, but lost a great deal of it as a Republican candidate. The article on him in the enclosed Pacific Citizen is typical of the abuse he is taking. Therefore, if we do get involved in the Tokyo Rose case, it will have to appear as non-partisan, but involve prestige Democrats.

Mr. Myron B. Kuropas
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March 2, 1976

In the past, the Japanese community did not want to get involved with Tokyo Rose because they felt it could be interpreted as disloyalty. Whether she was guilty or innocent did not really matter. However, conditions are different now, and the American public I feel would be generally sympathetic to her probably because of the good relations now enjoyed between the U.S. and Japan.

If you would like to explore the possibilities of exploiting this for political reasons, I would be happy to discuss this further with you. By coincidence, I know Tokyo Rose but indirectly. Her brother who passed away in 1958 was a member of the same stock club that I belong to. Her father before he passed away several years ago, was an active member of the Japanese community, so we did work together on some minor projects. At that time they were a little bitter because they felt that they were not getting the support of the Japanese community, but they accepted it rather philosophically. In real life, I understand she is a modest and unassuming individual, and regardless of what happens, I'm sure she will pose no danger to the security of our country.

Sincerely,

Harry Mizuno
Harry Mizuno





American family: Author David Ushio with wife Judy and daughter Misti. As head of Japanese American Citizens League, he seeks greater racial harmony.

Japanese-Americans Say

'We're Americans, Too'

by David Ushio

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. I have been following with intense interest the news accounts of the Vietnamese war refugees who have come to the United States and are struggling to establish themselves in American society.

1940's. The Congressman's final words were: "Young man, if you can guarantee to me that your country will not bomb Pearl Harbor again, then I'll vote for your bill."

John J. Wilson, the Watergate lawyer for Robert Haldeman and John Ehrlich-



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they often look at a person in a stereotypical manner.

Certain environmental groups are campaigning to save the whales, a campaign that Japanese-Americans support.

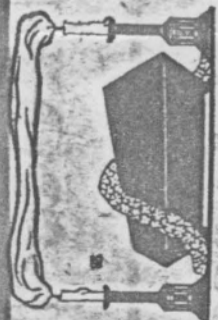


Although Japanese-Americans were held in internment camps like this during World War II, no responsible charge of sabotage was ever made against them.

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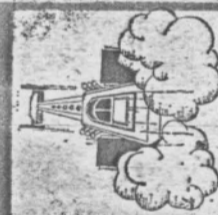
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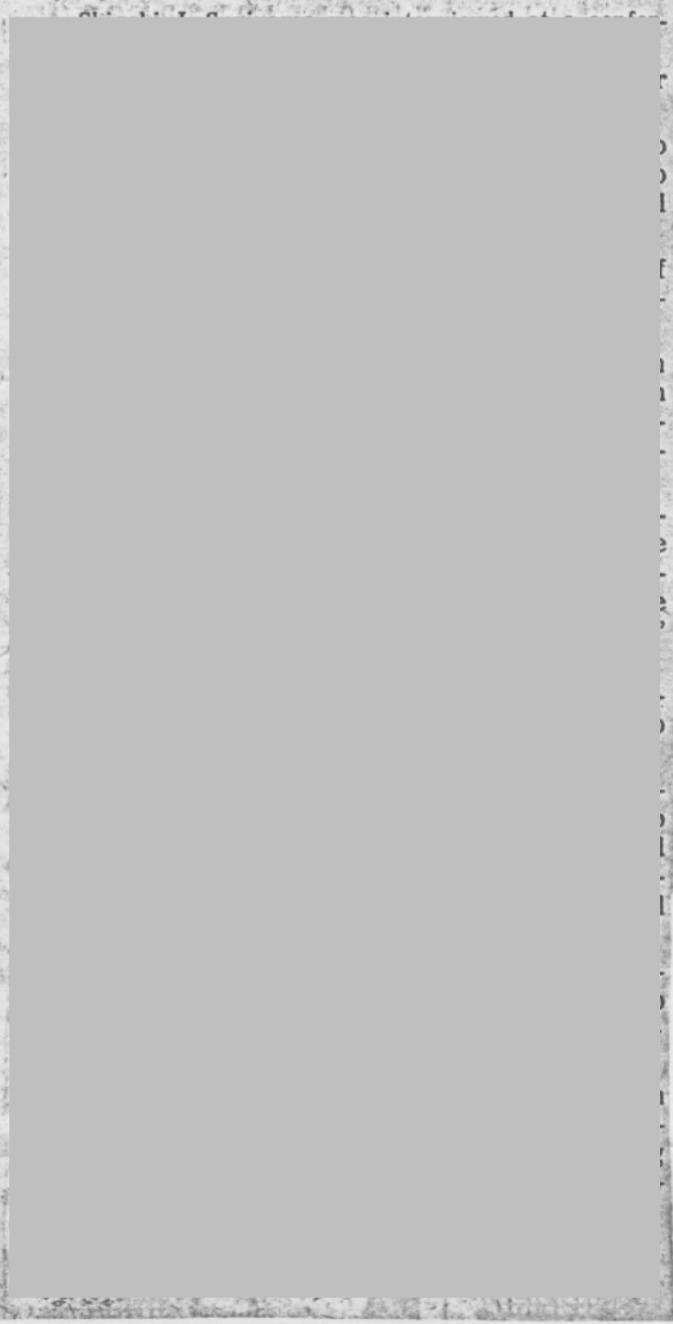
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20-B THE PLAIN DEALER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1975

U.S. Japanese see job bias here due to events overseas

By W. C. Miller

Japanese-Americans today are victims of an identity crisis and of job discrimination, the president of the Japanese-American Citizens League said here yesterday.



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Whale 'Backlash' Feared by Japanese-Americans

BY DARYL LEMBKE
Times Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO—The focal point of an exhibit in the new national headquarters building of the Japanese-American Citizens League here is a rusting snarl of barbed wire. Even in Tokyo, the institute has urged a boycott against the purchase of any Japanese and Russian products "until Japan and the Soviet Union agree to stop whaling."

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WHALE 'BACKLASH' REACTION

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Spokesmen for other conservation groups participating in the boycott "people are frightened and looking for someone to blame."

"The Animal Welfare Institute protest bothers me, because it is based on the philosophy, the end justifies the means. One leader of an environmental group told me to my

Spokesmen for other conservation groups participating in the boycott "people are frightened and looking for someone to blame."

conceded that there is some concern in their circles about hitting the wrong target.

Said Paul Swatek, associate conser-

The International Whaling Commission adopted rules last month which would supposedly reduce the



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Convention registration package detailed

By TOM FUJIMOTO

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — All Chapters will soon receive details and forms comprising the Advance Registration Package for the National JACL Convention being hosted by Sacramento JACL here June 20-26.

Covering five major events and registration fee, price of the advanced package comes to \$53 if ordered prior to May 21 through Winston Ashizawa, registration chairman, of 4001 Wycombe Dr., Sacramento 95825. (This package after May 21 will be \$63.) Items in the package are:

ALL ABOARD

Tue.—Monte Carlo Mixer, \$8; Wed.—Awards Luncheon, \$8; Thu.—Bicentennial Banquet, \$15; Fri.—Western Bar-BQ, \$9; Sat.—Sayonara Banquet-Ball, \$19, and registration, \$4.

Other attractions on the registration form are:

Mon.—Lake Tahoe Trip, \$6; Golf Tournament and Dinner, \$25; Mon-Tue-Wed.—Tennis Tournament, \$5; Tue.—Local Tour, \$8; Thu.—Gold Country Tour, \$10; Fri.—Wine Tour, \$10; Sat.—Farm Tour, \$10; Fashion Show-Luncheon, \$6.

Checks for Convention events are payable to "1976 JACL National Convention".

Hotel reservations should be made directly with Sacramento Inn. Rates and cards are being supplied chapters. Block reservations should be made by letter and mention the JACL Convention for special room rates which begin at \$17 single, \$22 twin occupancy.

Early hotel reservations are also urged.

"We're hoping delegates bring their families as every effort has been made to assure an enjoyable full week of activities for all," Convention Board chairman Alan Oshima said.

Weather will be mild during Convention week — average

high of 74 degrees, he added.

Thanks to the support for Project Kifu, rates for special events are either at cost or less than cost, Oshima continued. And many programs for the youngsters are free. A free continental breakfast is also being provided conventioners at Sacramento Inn.

Baby sitting service will be available.

Those coming by air or bus are expected to indicate on the convention registration form if limousine service to Sacramento Inn is desirable. Western Air Lines has been named the official carrier for the 24th Biennial.

A freeway map for those driving by car to Sacramento Inn is also included in the convention information package to the chapters.

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JACL—ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Appraising JACL: a Need for Change

The following was developed by immediate past national JACL president Henry Tanaka as a working paper for the JACL Ad Hoc Committee on

sis was placed on post-Evacuation resettlement and remedial or corrective legislation. Why? Because the National Board tends to serve only as supervisors and overseers.

the National Board members, the JAYS are the least effective. They represent seven votes but have yet to use this power to influence the voting

'Go for Broke!' vs. 'Farewell to Manzanar'

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Harry Mizuno
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Must retire JACL's deficit

Because of the historic event at the White House last week, space for coverage of the National JACL Board of Feb. 13-15 has been curtailed this week. Details will be carried in the next issue.—Editor.

SAN FRANCISCO — A \$470,000 national JACL budget was honed by the National JACL Board, which met at Headquarters Feb. 13-15, and at the same time \$20,000 from the anticipated \$490,000 during fiscal years 1977 and 1978 will be deferred to retire an anticipated deficit of \$130,000 by the end of FY 1976. The proposed budget calls for further cuts if funds are

not raised, involving the office of assistant national director at Headquarters and the Washington Office. Funds received in excess of \$490,000 will be used toward an allocation of \$10,000 for National Committees.

National President Shig Sugiyama had proposed a \$612,000 budget (see Feb. 20 PC) but it was barely noticed by the board which called for a balanced budget and immediate retirement of the deficit, now at \$108,600 at the end of FY 1975, which was Sept. 30.

Fixed costs, which continue to rise, to maintain National Headquarters and the regional offices were categorized as

"Must", though for regional offices, the districts are to raise a third of the budget. What is indicated in the proposed national JACL budget only shows what national membership dues would cover.

Official presentation of the budget to the chapters will be made by April 23—60 days prior to the National Convention.

Meanwhile, district governors in attendance at the National Board meeting will confer with the chapters to explain the budget and discuss ways and means to raise additional funds to sustain their respective district programs.

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Exec. Order 9066 erased

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)
WASHINGTON — President Gerald R. Ford formally rescinded Executive Order 9066 of 1942 in a proclamation signed this past week (Feb. 19, 1976). In accepting the proclamation on behalf of the 30,000 JACL members, Sugiyama expressed gratitude to Mr. Ford for his understanding of the Japanese American Citizens League, only national organization representing Americans of Japanese ancestry. It was accepted by JACL national president Shigeki Iwano.

PROPOSED NATIONAL JACL BUDGET (FY 1977-78)

INCOME:

26,600 Regular (\$12)\$319,200
2,200 1000 Club (\$30) 66,000

Memb Proc—\$9,200
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Nisei civil service worker seeks retirement credit for stay in camp



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● Grayce Uyehara: Nat'l Vice President

By the Board

NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS

Here it is February 1 and JAC's National Council convenes in Sacramento in less than five months. The National Board meets the second weekend of February at headquarters to review the programs and the budget. The Board must also address accountability and make recommendations. This lets the other half of the Uyehara team off the hook if he follows the usual pattern and forgets Feb. 14.

management, roles, structure and function of organizations in human services. He will be able to give constructive direction with nominations of national officers and to suggest necessary change in the process.

The responsibility of being a national officer in JACL is a big one. It takes a lot of time, more than some people imagine. Sundays are not a day of rest but a day to answer voluminous official correspondence and to attend to

NOMINATIONS FOR NAT'L OFFICES DUE FROM DISTRICTS BY MARCH 24

CLEVELAND, Ohio—Nominations for National JACL offices from the district councils are due 90 days prior to the National Convention (Mar. 24), it was reminded by Dr. Toaru Ishiyama, immediate past Cleveland JACL president who is serving as chairman of the National Nominations Committee.

This being the final biennium that the office of national president-elect will be in effect, the incumbent, Jim Murakami of Sonoma County JACL, will assume office at the close of the national convention being hosted by Sacramento JACL.

At the 1978 convention being hosted by the Utah JACL chapters, nominations will again be open for the office of national president.

Nominations are open for five other positions: four national vice presidents (a) general operations, (b) research and services, (c) public affairs, (d) membership services; and the treasurer.

Chapters submit nominees through the district council. A form is to be distributed to the chapters, calling for biographical sketch, platform on JACL affairs, and signature of the candidate, including name



Ushio to resign as JACL director