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READERS' FORUM

JAPANESE IN FIRST RANKS AT NORWAY

(Expressions of ideas on any subject of interest to the second generation will be welcomed by the editor. Contributions should be less than 500 words if possible. —The Editor.)

DR. HENRY TAKAHASHI DEFENDS CONFERENCES

Editor, The Japanese American: I have read with interest in your editorials your declamations against the futility of conferences, your unfair and harsh criticisms toward certain second generation "indulgences," and your personal and unnecessary insinuations against a group of people.

UNDENIABLE FACTS

I have noticed that you have based your opinions on the assumption that conferences have not accomplished constructive things. I believe that your assumption is wrong, and wish to point out your error by the following undeniable facts:

1. Conferences have centralized scattered organizations.

2. Conferences have developed leaders among the second generation people.

3. Conferences have brought better understanding between people and localities through social and spiritual contacts.

4. Conferences have presented opportunities to meet and hear noted and inspiring personalities.

5. Conferences have discussed and solved many second generation problems.

Conferences are as well established an institution as the newspaper. Even nations have resorted to conferences to bring about amicable relation between one another and to settle problems. An example of the latter instance is the last London disarmament conference.

Now, I wish to point out some of the fallacies in your editorial:

CHINESE ARE DEPRESSED

1. You have cast a slur on the Chinese-American citizens by depreciating the fact that they possess a \$100,000 headquarters, and also stating that they have contributed little to the progress and expansion of business in their community. You seem to have overlooked the political power that the Chinese-American Citizens' league has developed. It is now able to influence political candidates and also block or pass political measures. As for your statement of their slight contribution to their community, I believe that your statement is too bold and exaggerated in its pessimism. It is also a well known fact that the Chinese in America is better established economically than the Japanese mainly because their pioneers had the foresight to invest their funds in the land of their opportunity.

CONFAB MEANS TO END

2. You have stated that the second generation Japanese keep on blundering in a naive sort of way in that they regard the chief and only function of an organization is to hold conferences. Again you have exaggerated and disillusioned yourself on the attitude of the second generation people regarding the purpose of their organizations. Their function is not solely to hold conferences, but to solidify a group of people so that they may be able to cooperate in working for a cause or the welfare of a community. You are laboring under a delusion that organizations are organized to institute conferences, while in reality conferences are instituted by organizations to achieve their goal. Conferences are only a means to an end.

PREMATURE ACCUSATIONS

3. You are citing the examples of the first generation pioneers and indirectly accusing us of not emulating them. How can you also accuse us of scarcity of examples similar to the ones which the first generation have produced when conditions have changed so greatly? We have not as yet had enough time to show what we are capable of doing. Perhaps twenty years from now you may justly point your fingers at us and accuse us of our short comings.

4. You have directly accused us of evading stubborn realities by holding conferences. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Conferences are the only occasions in some cases when we come face to face with such REALITIES as broadening social contacts, developing the power of organization, and receiving fresh impetus to tackle problems confronting us.

DANCE QUESTION

5. Your first sentence in the last paragraph really questions dancing as an institution. We fear that you are questioning an established modern social function. The purpose of the dance, which you have so severely criticized is twofold: (1) To serve as a send off for the delegates, and (2) To aid in the financing of the delegates. I see no harm in achieving this twofold purpose by means of a dance. It is merely the "killing of two birds with one stone." It is the best means at

4 First Places Taken By Athletes of Nippon Team

[Special to The Japanese American]

STOCKHOLM, July 29.—Japan—Japan scored a triumph yesterday by taking four first places and a number of other honors in an international track and field meet here.

The sensation of the day, however, was the brilliant achievement of Javelin 72.38 meters or 237 feet 5 85-128 inches. The present listed world record is 232 feet 11 5-8 inches, made by Lundquist of Sweden at Stockholm in 1928. In this event a Japanese, Ito, took the third place, hurling the javelin 58.76 meters.

Japan's biggest victory occurred when the All-Japan student team won first place in the 800-meters relay. Time: 1 min. 59.8 sec.

Yoshitaka won first place in the 100 meters run. Time: 11.1 second. Marima captured the second place. Time: 11.2 second.

In the 400 meter dash Nishi of Japan took second place. Time 52.4 sec.

Three American soldiers were among the few foreigners who remained within the walls of 500,000 Chinese. The others finally broke the foreign warships in the Slang river.

The Nationalist Government's garrison, weakened by transfer of troops to the Honan and Shantung provinces, was overpowered by the Reds, who swept over the city walls and poured through the gates.

Pete Bowen, short distance running star of the American track and field team competing here, won the 200 meter dash today in 21.8 seconds, setting a new Finnish record. Bowen won the 100 and 400 meter dashes yesterday.

Stephen Anderson of the University of Washington, another of the invading American stars, won the 110 meter high hurdles in 14.8 with 50.2 seconds. Finland, second.

Watsonville Girls Have Charming Fete to Send off Friend

[Special to The Japanese American]

WATSONVILLE, July 29.—Miss Beatrice Hayashi of this city was a charming hostess at a party given at her home last Saturday evening in honor of her friend, Mrs. Gloria Tada, formerly Miss Gloria Fujimoto of this city, who is leaving for her home in Los Angeles shortly.

Only a few of the most intimate friends were invited. The evening closed with a theater party.

present of gaining the cooperation of the citizens and making them feel that they have played a part in financing the delegates.

UNNECESSARY ATTACK

6. The second sentence of your last paragraph contains two unnecessary personal and unwarranted insinuations. What right have you to presume that the delegates are in no position to travel on their own account when you really do not know of their true financial condition? You will be greatly surprised to know how baseless is your presumption if we reveal the actual facts. Also, what right have you to predict that the delegates will not put into practical effect the policies outlined at the convention? You seem to doubt the integrity and the ability of the second generation leaders and representatives from their respective localities. Their function is not solely to hold conferences, but to solidify a group of people so that they may be able to cooperate in working for a cause or the welfare of a community. You are laboring under a delusion that organizations are organized to institute conferences, while in reality conferences are instituted by organizations to achieve their goal. Conferences are only a means to an end.

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Soldier Author of Note Retires from Service to Write

[Special to The Japanese American]

TOKYO, July 29.—Col. C. Sakurai, well known soldier and author, was promoted to the rank of major-general today. Major-general Sakurai will retire from active service and devote his life to book-writing, it is said. He is famous for his war novels among which is "Nikudan," which has been translated into English, and called the "Human Bullet."

GUNBOATS IN CHINA HELP FOREIGNERS ARE GIVEN AID IN CHANGSHA RED TURMOIL

[Special to The Japanese American]

SHANGHAI, July 29.—American, British and Japanese gunboats Monday gave refuge to foreigners who fled from Changsha as 10,000 Communists overran the Hunan province capital, looting and burning.

These are the observations of Chester Rowell, regent of the University of California, who acted as leader of a discussion group on "Diplomatic Relations with the Orient" at the last weekly meeting of the special school of adult education at Hansford hall, being held in conjunction with the summer session of the University of California.

TELLS OF INSTITUTE

After introducing the subject by outlining the machinery of diplomacy in the east, Rowell stated, "At present unofficial conferences such as those held by the Institute of Pacific Relations are so much more efficient and informed and able than the official ones that they are in grave danger of being forced to take over responsibility that does not belong to them and hence put themselves out of existence as un-official bodies. The League of Nations has only one outpost at present in the Orient, the Health bureau. It is hoped that the league will soon establish a full secretariat. In the meantime the league is passing its problems that lie in the Orient to the Institute of Pacific Relations, and putting to that body the temptation of trying to solve problems which it has agreed should be excluded from its province. Too much power and prestige are going to the institute. Its very strength may become its weakness."

The guests at her party spent the earlier part of the evening around the bridge tables. Many enjoyed dancing. Delicious refreshments were served later in the night.

The guests were:

Misses Toshi Takao, Blossom Fujita, Margaret Fujita, Grace Takahashi, Elaine Oki, Kaoru Miura, Stella Sato, Uta Ogawa, Kelko Sano, Shizu Nakagawa, Tazu Nakagawa, Myo Kinoshita, Tsuny Kinoshita, Grace Uyeda, Hisaye Tanamachi, Mutu Beppi, Klimi Beppi, Aya Zaiman, Nao Zaiman, Mary Tsujisaka, Mary Fujiwara, Shizu Goto, Naoko Oka, Toshi Kawaguchi, Carol Tokunaga, Lilly Hata, Yae Inai, Shizuka Sakae, and Kaoru Saito.

Messrs. Yasuo Abiko, Tad Fujita, Koji Murata, Harry Madokoro, Ken Ito, Kota Oki, Goro Mayeda, Kōhei Oshima, Tōbi Ogawa, Bee Ueda, Shigeru Saito, Shiro Kikuchi, Isamu Yamakawa, Ryūzō Maeyama, Tamotsu Saka, Lincoln Tokunaga, Taro Takahashi, Eddie Hamatake, Teru Takemoto, and Howard Imazeki.

DISCUSSES PEACE PACT

Discussing the peace pact, Rowell believed that ratification vindicated the operability of our government under vigorous leadership. "If what we get out of the past is not more than a better world to live in, it is worth it," he told the group.

Reformed Church to Have Welcome Reception Sunday

[Special to The Japanese American]

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AMERICA'S IDEA SHORTAGE

[By GLENN FRANK]

As I read the news from the financial and industrial centers these days, I am driven to the conclusion that we are in the contradictory position of being a very inefficient nation with very efficient industry.

We are doing the thousand and one separate jobs of the time superfluously.

But we have never quite brought our separate efficiencies together into a statesmanlike national economic program.

This is why, as I tried to emphasize the other day, we are suffering the absurdity of an economic depression in the midst of an unparalleled plenty.

We could double the existing efficiency of American industry.

But we shall do none of these things, we shall blunder on from one cycle of unemployment and depression to another, unless and until we evolve somehow and somewhere—either by political initiative or by industrial ingenuity—an Economic General Staff that will tackle these problems nationally.

I should prefer to see this national planning come through the initiative of industry itself; if not, the initiative must be looked for elsewhere.

Far away members seem to have the floor today. Here is Toshio Shibusaki of P. O. Box 62, Fort Hall, Idaho. Now let's talk with her.

"Welcome, dear Aunt Mia!

Let me see your tongue."

I want to feel your pulse."

I must take your temperature."

You can't take my pocketbook!"

U.C. REGENT DISCUSSES RELATIONS

INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS PRAISED AS EFFICIENT

[Special to The Japanese American]

BERKELEY, July 29.—Economic relations between the Orient and the Occident are of the greatest importance, but the Orient does not fully recognize that fact and is still politically minded.

Reactionary things are done in the United States not by the people nor the president nor a majority of the senate, but by a very small minority.

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Marconi's Engineer Recently Back Lauds Conditions

[Special to The Japanese American]

TOKYO, July 29.—Word has just been received that Tokano Island in Oshima county in the Kagoshima prefecture was inundated by a tidal wave at high tide, 11 a.m. on July 26. The damage caused is said to have been great.

Such was the information disclosed today by Major B. L. Bennington Marconi, who returned to San Francisco following several years in that country aiding in the establishment of the new radio system. He was a guest at the Hotel Sir Francis Drake and left by plane for southern California.

Major Bennington said:

"After developing two-way communications with America, France, England and Germany, Japan through K. Uchida, member of the House of Peers and president of the Japan Wireless Telegraph company, the Japanese firm is preparing for the establishment of communications with Australia, India and the South Sea countries generally."

The radio situation of Japan is peculiar. All of the stations are in a straight line running north and south, starting at Amori and ending at Kumamoto. Contracts are soon to be awarded for a new ten-ray station."

The new system was first used by the London naval conference, Major Bennington asserted.

Crowd of 50 Attend Nitto Club's Swim Party in San Jose

[Special to The Japanese American]

SA JOSE, July 29.—A crowd of 50 people attended the swimming party sponsored by the Nitto club of this city held Monday night at the Alm Rock plunge. Jim Uyejo and Capt. Joe "Wabi" Wabash acted as chairmen, and the chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Nakahara and Mr. and Mrs. Yamada.

(Thank you, Toshiko.)

"Hello there, members! I certainly hope you will forgive me for not writing sooner. (Of course, Toshiko. But please don't forget to get us again and do write to us often.) I am hearing beets now and Shigeru Saito will temporarily take the place of Mr. Hayashi. He will take up his duties beginning August 1.

"I am ashamed to send my letters because they are so dry. (Your letter is very interesting to Aunt Mia. Don't you think so, too, members?)

"My! the club is just getting too lively for words. More interesting every day too. (Thank you.) Now that the 'little birdie' told you have come true, and it's nice, I'll try to send some snapshots, perhaps in the next letter. (Please do, Toshiko.)

"I just love to read the letters and jokes others send. I'm sending a few jokes. They are from the Union Pacific Magazine.

DESCRIBING ARCHITECTURE

Caller—Let me say, I know most of your folks, but I have never met your brother George. Which side of the house does he look like?

The small boy of the family—DENTIFIED

Judge—Have you appeared as a witness in a suit before?

Witness—Yes, of course.

Judge—What suit was it?

Witness—The blue serge.

A TEARFUL TALE