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The arc of the pendulum swings from one extreme to another. During the war, JACL was unpolar among many persons of Japanese ancestry in this country. Realizing that many of its major decisions would be unpolar but of vital importance for the future status of all persons of Japanese ancestry in America, until 1946 that the real drive to leadership to Japanese Americans when conditions were ripe for a cognition that the JACL receives from all quarters belongs to the total demoralization and disintegration of the high standards of good citizenship and loyalty maintained up to the outbreak of war.

When the first JACL office was opened on the West Coast in San Francisco in January of 1944, the national treasury was low in funds. However, realizing that the return of the evacuees required public re-orientation of work and coordinated support of the many persons interested in the Nisei, Miss Toko Ihiida, then acting national secretary, set to work in an office on the third floor of the International Institute.

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Short Story: My Countryman

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eyes and grinned his toothless grin. "I'll be all right soon."

Late in the evening Slim became weaker. He could no longer stand up, and his eyes seemed sunken in the skull. The color in his face looked dull.

Slim looked at his wife and shook his head. Then he called aside several Mexicans. "Ladies, he's getting weaker. We can't stand here and let him die without trying to save him," Cal said.

They tried again to persuade. This time the color of Slim's face was gone and he could no longer grin. "I go," Slim finally said.

Slim closed his eyes. Several men went to call the ambulance. When the car arrived Slim still had his eyes shut. "Goodbye," he said to the group and went off to the hospital. In the early morning he was dead.

At the hospital the doctors first noticed Slim's big black feet. Most likely they wondered how they ever got that way. The coroner held the corpse for autopsy. The police came to see Cal House and investigated the dead man's big swollen feet and private life.

"I know they were swollen," Cal told the police. "I don't know how it happened, but it must've been an accident."

"Do you know if he had one mill?" the police said.

"I don't know," Cal said. "I don't worry for Slim. We still got ours."

They finished the bottle three times around.

In the late afternoon the friends took to the task of distributing Slim's possessions. Slim had no relatives. The friends divided the firewood, and the cars took turns hauling the logs from the driveway. The chairs, a table, several pans, cheap knives, forks and spoons, and a bed were distributed. One of Slim's best friends received the price, the radio. They gathered up useless paper boxes and debris and started a bonfire. When the yard was clean the men got in their cars and drove away.

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Saburo Kido:
The JACL
Marches On
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and dollars, attempt to the confidence that the JACL has won for itself in this city.

The various activities of the JACL have been having a cumulative effect in establishing the importance and usefulness of leadership provided by the JACL. But the campaign on Proposition 15, the Alien Land Law amendment to the State Constitution of California, was the crowning achievement in the area of all persons of Japanese ancestry. When defeat was rampant, JACL leaders under the banner of the Anti-A. D. Committee boldly tackled the task of defeating this race legislation.

The odds on Proposition 15 were 10 to 1 in favor of passage two months before the election. The margin gradually narrowed down as the weeks went by. When election day approached, the prospects of defeating the proposition seemed as a distinct possibility. The results at the polls established an unprecedented setback for the anti-Oriental groups of California. In 1920, the Alien Land Law had been passed by a vote of 660,430 to 32,096. And in 1940, about 14 months after V-J Day, the people of the State of California overwhelmingly defeated an anti-Japanese proposal.

Coordinated activity and program based on the JACL slogan up and down California. Nisei leaders were convinced of the necessity of a united front. JACL is on the march. It has come through the wartime years bulwark battered and scarred but with an unshaken record for loyalty, a leadership which overwhelmingly guided the group to fulfill its duties and responsibilities as citizens and the champion of policies which proved to be sound and beneficial in the course of events.

Chapters have come into existence
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They Root for Bruins

These Niseis, pictured at the University of California at Los Angeles, are some of the members of the Nisei Brain club. Front row: Michiko Tatsuehi, Sandy Sato, Helen Akahoshi, Yani Watanabe; second row: Ter­ ry Akiyama, Florence Higa, Yumi Nakano, Henry Iida; and top: George Yam­ amura, Paul Kurose and Henry Takeuma.

THE JACL MARCHES ON

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Once in Spokane and Seattle, Wash­ ington, Portland and Mid-Columbia (I­ Odd River), Oregon. These four chap­ ters, comprising the Northwest District Council, in Northern California, the East Bay (Oakland, Berkeley) San Francisco, Monterey, by, San Mateo and Salinas chap­ ters are officially back in the fold. The Marysville, Stockton, Sac­ rament, Fresno, Lodi, Livingston, Rosebud, Tulare County and Mend­ eden chapters will be among those to become reactivated to build up the Northern California district council or a separate regional group in 1947.

In Southern California, the Los An­ geles, Venice, San Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Camarillo, Venice chapter, West Los Angeles and Orange County chapters have been or will be re-activated soon to compass the Pacific Southwest Dis­ trict Council with Arizona as an out of state member.

Thus on the West Coast where the JACL had its greatest strength prior to evacuation, there is a re­ vival of interest in the organiza­ tion. The leaders who had been scattered all over the nation are returning to resume their places in the community.

The goal of five chapters by the 1948 national convention to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah is not a dream. There is a strong possibil­ ity of the National JACL having 60 chapters, its strength at the time of the evacuation in 1942.

A sound leadership with a de­ termined policy to advocate a pro­ gram which will justify itself in its ultimate result in now meeting its re­ ward. Appreciation of the con­ tributions of the JACL toward the future of all Japanese in America is leading to a clearer, unified Nisei group with the full support of the parent generation.
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Language of Discrimination:

CARRIERS OF PREJUDICE

By Aubrey E. Haan

There are meanings and meanings for the words you use. The confusion of their meanings and usage often prevents straight thinking, builds misconceptions.

There are words that keep you from thinking.

Some words help to inflate our ego by their implications of others' inequality.

All words of broad sense are packed with connotations from which many do their thinking about important issues and problems. Such are "free enterprise," "property ownership," "kill industry," "they didn't have the money they didn't."

Other words reveal the stresses and strains of the individual's personality by the frequency or the strangeness of their usage.

In the matter of discrimination against races and religions, words are wielded carriers of prejudice. As much as they are separate from region to region, country to country, the South, through the spoken and printed word, the put phrase, the called name, has made its prejudice and told the story of its discrimination to the entire nation. He also does California export anti-Semitic speech and New York its anti-Semitic phrases and life.

There are words and phrases that keep us from thinking intelligently about other people, new problems, new situations. A dozen times, a hundred times, you heard it, and it wasn't any vital issue around at whatever that is. Searching in his prejudice listening or seeming to accept this phrase as a justification of inferiority in other religions or other races, or nationalities, or other economic levels: wagon, dog, chunk, nigger, Polack, hunky, Jap, kike, dorky, shemmy, kraut, frog, yellow belly.

These words are weapons to strike people who are different, to falsify the newsreels. For example, a woman in a Nazi concentration camp.

It is hard to get people to examine words carefully before they take them.

The stereotypes of the Negro, the Mexican, the Communist, the Japanese, the Italian, are built around the commonly accepted phrase. These stereotypes, these bundles of misinformation, emotion, and prejudice, are the mortar and bricks which the propagandists use when they want to build a wall of prejudice and misunderstanding between groups within the nation.

This is stuff for the man who wants to preserve world peace and understanding.

The emotional tone of a word is the meaning. These words are weapons to amine words carefully before they take us.

Some words help to inflate our ego by their implications of others' inferiority. The words with which to think, our subject comes upon "kike," "nig- ter," "dago." The emotional tone is hateful, bitter, derogatory. They carry with them a tremendous burden of lies, misconceptions, distortions. But what is that we must think with? These are the tools!

There is nothing else. If you don't have a nail you have to use a jack. So this is the origin of decision: words, often the carriers of prejudice.

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Carriers of Prejudice

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listen to another against whom he bears the prejudice. You can see this when the very successful listen to a closed, among mine to the opinions of the least successful. You may see it between servant and employer, workers and employers, black and white, Negro and Jew, Jew and Negro. I saw this a few months ago when a colored friend spoke to a club. He was well prepared, he spoke with force, decision. Yet throughout the meeting I observed a minister fiddling with his fork, watching the clock, and going into long files of abstraction. I happened to know that the subject was one on which he was badly informed: in fact, all another meeting he had made num­

ersely in talking about the subject.

When the meeting closed I walked home with the minister. I was not surprised to find that he knew almost nothing of what had been said. I had finally to change the conversation as my questions be­

said. I had finally to change the subject. It IS

very good, John. I

He replies, like it. But what is it?

Finally she reveals, "you have never seen one," "I know Mother," he replies, pli­

tude at her density, "that's why I didn't say. I thought you could see what he looks like." That's the way information may arrive at their ideas of others.

If a democracy is to work, there must be easy and free communi­

cation between every group, race, religion and nationality. The barriers built by words carry­

ing prejudice, and barriers erect­

ed out of the stereotypes promoted by the mass media, may result in a breakdown of world understanding, lead to world prejudice, retaliation and war.

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It was one of those late Saturday mornings. We crawled out of bed and sat there and examined our room through half-closed eyes. Our room was a bedlam. A week’s accumulation of unneeded dishes sealed in the sink, unfinished stories scattered our desk, and a half-finished canvas painting dripped on the floor. The apples and bananas which were used for study had rotted long ago.

At work we caught ourselves occasionally shouting out of the window, our minds drifting in a make-believe world. The boss came between a couple of shabbily-dressed gentlemen. They didn’t mind our presence. We were in our room trying to write. He gave us a break to check it. We spent a very noisy cellophane bag from which we ate chocolate-covered peanuts. We were in our room trying to decide on leaving the theatre. The show was no good anyhow.

Life for us in Chicago had settled down to a routine. The Nisei population, which experienced a hard time during World War II, has become more stable. Many a guy named Jack Bauer as related to the social behavior of the common house fly. Our individual Nisei entered his Nisei program in itself. The show was no good anyhow.

We remember those days when we were aimlessly. We got tired of it. Until today we seem more and more unrealistic and illogical. We have learned a great deal about the world and life. Besides the all-important sense of reality, we have gained perspective. Today there is no such thing as The Great Nisei Dilemma that haunted us before the war.

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