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Dear unsuspecting readers, you are witness to the premiere edition of the local JAACL Blurb. For this issue at least, it will be titled the TAINITWING, spelled T-A-I-N-I-T-W-I-N-C, pronounced TAINITWING.

As it would be unfair to publish a clear and understandable letter of any sort without a signature, the editor of this sheet is...the mailboy. The reputation of a mailboy is, particularly an ambitious mailboy is, he will do anything—nothing will be in order, but one thing for sure, he knows EVERYTHING! Not only that, but he will tell EVERYTHING. And we mean EVERYTHING!

So mates, if you want to know all about you-know-who, just read on. We have secret agents lurking everywhere. Your own husband or daughter may be our most trusted _____ we dare not even say the word....

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FROM OUR FAITHFUL BUDDHIST:

We are very thankful that there are so many kind people in Minneapolis. When the Center closed its doors at the end of July, the Buddhist Church had nowhere to go. The group was too small to maintain a building, too large for private homes but through the efforts of Frank Yanari, publicity was given the group by Mr. Huffman, the religious editor of the Minneapolis Tribune. An article in the Tribune related our problems and many calls started to come in. Among them were Mr. George Shea, co-owner of the Red Carpet Beauty School, and in behalf of Rev. John Cummins, Mrs. Espada, secretary to the First Universalist Church. Through Mr. Shea's generosity, our Sunday School has been meeting at the Red Carpet Beauty School every Sunday. We have been having our monthly services in private homes and have held one service at the First Universalist Church at 5000 Girard Ave. S. During the coming year, Sunday School will continue to be held at the new Red Carpet Beauty School and the monthly Issei-Nisei services at the First Universalist Church. It is because of the above people, we are able to keep alive the Buddhist spirit in this small but active group.

On Aug. 7th, Bon Odori Festival was

held at Minnehaha Park. Mrs. Sus Hirota again did a magnificent job and all the dances were enjoyed by both participants and on-lookers.

Visitors from Hawaii were Mrs. Ray Jyo and son, Lance. They were here for a month taking care of her mother, Mrs. Agnes Waki who was ill. Agnes has recovered nicely and is presently making her home with Ray and Setsu in Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii. We wish her good luck in her new environment.

Rev. T. Tsuji made his annual visit to the University and held a meeting at the George Ono residence. Monthly services were held at private homes with Rev. G. Kono of Chicago officiating.

The Buddhist Association was asked by the Donaldson's Department Store in Minneapolis to join them in portraying a typical Japanese holiday. "Holidays in Many Lands" is held annually on the fifth floor furniture department in their store. Twelve nations participated depicting a holiday of their country. George Ono and Chester Fujino chaired the Buddhist presentation and put up a beautiful Japanese room complete with tokonoma, zashiki and an outside garden denoting the New Year Holiday in Japan but with a touch of western flavor. The exhibit was acclaimed by thousands who saw it to be one of the best ever presented. Regular tours from different schools were held daily. Radio and TV coverage and even the Family Circle Magazine sent a representative from New York. One part of our set was chosen to be in the 1966 special Christmas issue of the Family Circle magazine. The exhibit was open from November 24th through January 3rd. Hats off to George and Chester and their many helpers who made this exhibit one of the most beautiful masterpieces ever displayed!

The Roy Kyono family has joined the Buddhist Church.

New board members were elected for 1966. They are as follows: Shig Tsurusaki, Chairman; Frank Tsuchiya, Vice Chairman; Hisa Shiozaki, recording secretary; Frank Yanari, public relations; Michi Hirota, corresponding secretary; Steve Iwago, treasurer; Frank Tanaka and Tak Osada, program co-chairmen; Mr. Y. Kosobayashi, Issei advisor. H.T.

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FOLLOWING LETTER was received by Paul Tsuchiya, JAACL President.

Dear Friends: It has been almost 10 months since the tornado and in most cases all but forgotten. We are now very happy to say that our home has been rebuilt and we are once again back at 981 Pandora Drive.

We would like to thank all of you for your part in the many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness extended us during the past year.

Please accept this check for \$100.00 as a small token of our appreciation. It would be impossible for us to personally thank everyone in the community. We are sending similar letters of appreciation

and contribution to the Twin City Independent Church, the Japanese Union Church and the Twin City Buddhist Assn. In this way we hope to convey to the Japanese Community in the Twin Cities our deep gratitude for their concern for us during the past year.

We wish all of you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. David Yahanda

(Mailroom note) Dr. & Mrs. Pete Sakamoto have also made a donation of \$200.00 to the JACL. Both amounts will be added to the Scholarship Fund,

...makes one feel all warm inside doesn't it.

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SINCERE APOLOGIES to Mr. & Mrs. Toichi Ichimura and to Mr. & Mrs. Yoshio Matsumoto. Through an oversight your names were omitted from the JIKKO Old Log Salesforce of paid-up or pledged-to-pay JACL 1966 membership. Not forgotten however was the accepted privilege of sending each of you 4 tickets to dispose of.

And we welcome 2 new members to the JACL, Ben & Jerri Ezakim Jr. (Oh dear, pass me my rocking chair.)

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RAINBOW CLUBBING

"allemande left with your left hand..." was a familiar sound on the 5th floor of the YWCA on Saturday, Jan. 22nd, as approximately 30 brave and loyal Rainbow Clubbers and friends "all joined hands," for a hilarious evening of square dancing!

In spite of the sub-zero weather outside, windows had to be opened to cool off the over-active dancers inside. Caller, Don Hauble, who by profession is a teacher at Falcon Heights and lives in White Bear, deserves a great big "Thank You" for being so patient with some of us amateurs who seemed to have lost communication with our feet!!

Needless to say, those who didn't join in the dancing had ring-side seats for an evening of side-splitting comedy! An invitation is open to anyone interested in joining us next year for another fun-packed night.

Feb. 20th will bring Rainbow families together at the Roller Gardens in St. Louis Park for an afternoon of skating. (Mailroom note: hope this gets out by then). The group will finish the evening at Gethsemane Episcopal Church Parish Hall for Sloppy Joes and a social time. For those not interested in skating, or have children too small to skate; are urged to go early to the Church Hall and relax with friends. Plans are in the possible making for some activity for the small fry but, are indefinite at this point.

March 19th (hope this gets out by then) will be an evening for the adults to get together. The meeting will be held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Mac McClellan,

5900 Golden Valley Road. Apr. 17th (hope...) will again be a family program with entertainment for the children followed by the traditional pot-luck supper.

Rainbow Club has always been open to anyone interested in an interracial, intercultural group which exists solely as a social group. Anyone interested in any of the above meetings or interested in finding out more about the group are urged to contact the President, Bob Mitchell, CA 6-5358. M.Y. (Sounds like fun...particularly the dancing.)

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LOCAL JAs MAKE THE PAGES of the Twin Cities papers.

REV. OTANI at least twice. Once as translator and member of the St. Paul-Nagasaki sister city committee. He translated messages for former President Eisenhower and for Mayor Vavoulis in a telephone exchange between the two cities commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Sister City Program.

Previously Rev. Otani and Dr. Roy Yamahiro, Director and Board Chairman respectively of the JACC gave a brief analysis of the apathy which marked the closing of the Center building. They expressed concern with the losing of our sense of cultural heritage, especially among our children who now will have even less chance to gain any knowledge of what that heritage is.

Miss Tai Shigaki upon her appointment as the new Director of Training for the Minnesota State Corrections Commission. In her new position she will be responsible for the training of all employees at the state's correctional institutions, from the maintenance men to the top administrative officials.

STEVE KUMAGAI who resigned as executive secretary of the Metropolitan St. Paul Hospital Council, an office he held since the organization was established in 1963. He resigned to become director of the Palo Alto-Stanford hospital center, a 600 bed teaching hospital jointly owned and operated by the Stanford University and the community of Palo Alto.

MAS MATSUMOTO, formerly of Thorson and Thorshov Architects, returned to S. C. Smiley and Associates as executive vice-president. His primary duties will be directing projects as the Washburn High School expansion; Unity Hospital for the North Suburban Hospital District; St. Cloud State College Library; Student Dorm at Mankato State and the Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar.

ANNE and BETH, daughters of Dutch and Rae Takekawa, both of Folwell Jr. High are members of a string quartet which was featured in the third free program of the Junior Friends of Chamber Music at Coffman Union. Anne and Beth are members of the Student Symphonies of Greater Minneapolis.

And did you hockey fans note that the

Captain and leading player of the Michigan Hockey team was a Mel Wakabayashi.

From our corner in the mailroom Swoosh, wham, super Batman handshake and congratulations to all.

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MAILROOMS

DICK AND EVELYN OTANI of 3815 Regent View Ave. N.E., Canton, Ohio, announce they now have a basketball team with the arrival of their fifth boy Bryan, born Jan. 7, 1966.

GEORGE and JUDY MURAKAMI flagged the stork a second time. Lisa Kei, born Jan. 3rd weighed 7 pounds...

LEAH NISHIMURA, 5# 4 oz., born to Nancy and Harry, who recently moved into their new home at 8008 Brunswick Ave. N.

GRACE and ROY KYONO welcomed a bouncing boy of 6 lbs., Neal Tadao, on Jan. 24.

Our sympathy is expressed to the families who lost loved ones recently: Min Yoshida whose father passed away in Torrance, California, George Suzuki at the loss of his father, Dec. 2, in Chicago.

ALLEN KUSHINO, youngest son of Kay left Feb. 1st, to report for duty in the Navy. DICK KUSHINO was home over the holidays and returned to L.A. 7 lbs. heavier than when he arrived! DICK SASAKI attended the National Hairdressers Convention in Honolulu in Jan. HANK MAKINO is recuperating nicely at home and says he might go skiing come next year. THELMA HAMPLE is also recovering from a rib injury suffered in an auto collision. The cook at Foo Chu's was the driver of the other car. Who said east and west never meet...H-m-m-m.

AKAMATSU'S Gift store has moved into the American National Bank building Arcade, 7th Street between Robert and Minnesota, St. Paul. SACHI & BOB WATSON now of Chicago visited her parents, Ray and Mary Tanaka for a week during the holidays. BARBARA LUKE, recently of the Sansei Club, was married to Curtis Olson.

AL ONO, son of George and Masaye, is continuing on at the University of Minnesota as he did in high school. He was coronation chairman at the U of M 1965 Homecoming. Other Sansei who are away to college and who returned home for Christmas were: Tom Hara, Bob Katayama, Pat Ishibashi, Wes Iijima and Ted Abe.

On Dec. 26, 1965, the Twin Cities Sansei Club had its third Annual Mochi-making project. As in previous years, it was held at Wong's Golden Star Corporation who generously permitted us to use their noodle making facilities.

Starting from early morning, 5:30 to be exact, the Club worked continuously throughout the day. A total of 810 pounds of omochi were made. This was twice as much as in any previous year. Needless to say, the project was a lot of work and a huge success.

The Club is greatly indebted to a number of parents who assisted and acted in the capacity of "quality control experts". And in spite of what they say,

we still maintain that our product must surely be superior to those made with poles and mallets which our mothers and fathers delight in telling us about.

We are already looking forward to next year and thinking of ways and means to improve the efficiency of the operation.

D.D.

(Their last meeting was held here in the mailroom. We snuck a listen now and then...would you believe it they have over \$800.00 in their treasury. That figures to three times the JAFL check book balance.)

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MONEY--MONEY--MONEY--MONEY
ANYBODY WANT TO BORROW MONEY?
JUST CALL ANY MEMBER OF THE
CREDIT COMMITTEE

The Twin Cities United Citizens League Credit Union held their annual meeting Saturday, Jan. 22nd at the Jolly Troll Restaurant on Wayzata Blvd. A very appetizing smorgasbord dinner was served at 6:30 p.m. followed by a brief meeting, chaired by Pres. Kay Kushino. A summary of the organization's activities during the past 13 years was presented disclosing that a small charter group of a handful of members with assets of about \$4,000 had expanded to its present membership of 150 and assets totaling well over \$80,000.

Again this year, it was announced that the annual dividend would be established at 4½% with a 10% rebate to qualified borrowers. This is the fifth consecutive year that this high dividend rate has been declared and it proves without a doubt that such an organization for the benefit of the community is not only needed but is an investment for the future.

A nominating committee under the chairmanship of George Yoshino, immediate past president of the Credit Union, presented a slate comprised of the outgoing members of the Board which was unanimously accepted for approval by the membership. These persons included Roy Kyono from the Board of Directors, Mickey Kirihara from the Supervisory Committee and Fred Ohno of the Credit Committee. There were no other nominations from the floor so the above officers will continue for another year.

Reports covering the responsibilities of the various committees were given by Jim Kurata, chairman of the Supervisory Committee and Howard Nomura, chairman of the Credit Committee.

The evening's activities were concluded with the awarding of door prizes under the direction of Helen Yoshino. Winners included Roy Kyono, Lucille Iwago, Mrs. Hirota, the George Onos (with two prizes), Al Tsuchiya, the Sam Shimadas and Helen Yoshino. Mary and Jim Kurata were responsible for purchasing the prizes.

Approximately 73 persons attended the dinner.

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JACL TWIN CITIES CHAPTER-MINUTES

Present: Paul Tsuchiya, Jim Kusunoki, May Tanaka, Kay Kushino, Fumi Kyono, Sumi Teramoto and Bill Doi.

Old Log production report: The date is now set for Sunday afternoon, March 20, with the food being prepared and cooked at the Marvel Kitchen.

The afternoon program will consist of the play at 3:00 (not known then but since identified as "Nobody loves an Albatross") with dinner from 5:00. Bill Doi volunteered to help distribute the tickets. Kay Kushino volunteered to get the program printed.

Pacific Citizens holiday ads:

70 one line greetings	140.00
9 business ads	85.00
	<u>225.00</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT as of Dec. 6, 1965:

Bal. on hand 6/24/65	358.24	
Cash Receipts	<u>991.00</u>	1349.24
Disbursements		<u>1111.68</u>
Bal. on hand 12/6/65		237.56
Chapter share of raffle tickets sold	105.60	
Postage & express charges	7.05	
Scholarship Fund balance		1301.25

It was moved, seconded and carried that present board members may not retire from the board unless they can find someone else to serve on the board.

Since an installation banquet would not be necessary it was suggested that an Issei appreciation dinner be held in its place. The suggestion was made that some of the Issei do not like to go out at night, especially during the winter months, that this affair be postponed until after the Old Log Fund-raising production, and then try a Sunday afternoon potluck affair. We would try to have one of the Hawaii congressmen or woman to be our guest speaker.

At the present time we should put forth all our efforts on the Old Log production.

It was decided to try to put out a JA JOURNAL.

Refreshments were served by Fumi Kyono to whom we all say "Thank you".

AT A MORE RECENT MEETING held at Kay's on Jan. 27, the following schedule of events were booked for the first half of 1966.

March 20	Jikko Old Log Theater Kimi Hara - Chairman
May 7	Issei Appreciation Dinner May Tanaka & Kay Kushino - Chairmen
June 26	Community Picnic at Lake Phelan. Sam Hara and some- one from JACC - Chairmen

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JIKKO OLD LOG #2

By now all JACLers have received and

perhaps sold a great number of Jikko Old Log #2 tickets. They were mailed Feb. 11 and by Feb. 15 a check for \$25.00 was received from Marie Kallio with a request for another ticket. Also came requests for 30 additional tickets from Harry Nishimura and 8 more from Tak Tsuchiya. Great Work JACLers! The spirit of co-operation and enthusiastic response appears to have caught on both in the selling of tickets and in volunteers to aid in the preparation and serving of the food. Let's all continue at full throttle and when the success of this ambitious fund-raising benefit is realized we can all share in the knowledge that every JACL member was instrumental in its success.

To the many non-members who receive this here little gossip column, we would like to give a bit of the background leading up to the Old Log promotion. Yes, you might call this the pause for a commercial.

The Japanese American Citizens League was organized 1930 in Seattle, Wash. Since then it has grown to become a national organization consisting of 86 Chapters located throughout these United States. The Twin Cities Chapter is one. It is the only national organization representing Americans of Japanese ancestry and its motto is "For Better Americans in a Greater America".

On the national level the major effort now is directed toward the completion of The Japanese History Project, a scholarly objective, documented study of the Japanese in the United States. The University of California at Los Angeles agreed to sponsor the project. To finance the vast undertaking the JACL through its members raised the initial amount of \$100,000.00 to which the Carnegie Corporation first granted \$100,000.00 and in January of this year added another \$41,000.00

Many interesting and historical facts have come to light already as a result of the History Project. To cite one.

Official documents of both Japan and Mexico relate the arrival of the first Japanese vessel to reach the new world in August of 1610. It landed in Acapulco, Mexico. The passengers included 23 Japanese merchants under the direction of two Japanese noblemen and the Philippines' Spanish Governor, Don Rodrigo de Vevero, whose ship had floundered in Japanese waters.

From Acapulco the men made their way to Mexico City. One of the noblemen was baptized a Roman Catholic taking the name, Francesco Velasco. Velasco was the family name of the Spanish Viceroy in what was then New Spain.

The Japanese returned to Japan and 3 years later another ship brought a larger party which also landed at Acapulco. After traveling overland to Mexico City, eventually all but 12 sailed back to Japan. Those who cast their lot in Mexico were the first Issei immigrants to America who initial arrival dated to 1613.

(Mailboys note: That makes the Japanese