

MERRY CHRISTMAS...MELE KALIKIMAKA

HO HO HO or BAH HUMBUG!!!

Whichever mood you may be in...it is THAT time of the year once again. I am at loss at the days, weeks, months just flying by...I do hope that you-all (of course, the Texas accent that we learned) had good, wonderful summer vacation...I truly do not know what happened to mine.

To bring you up-to-date, back July 27th, I went up to San Jose and met with George Kodama and we discussed a reunion, possibly in '93 at San Francisco, San Jose, or Monterey...we discussed the cost factor, knowing that it is very expensive in San Francisco, Monterey, and more reasonable in San Jose. He brought a brochure for group reservation for conference/convention from Monterey, and agreed that we would meet at another time with other C.C. friends...meanwhile, I would send out survey, also ask around some of the C.C. friends where they would like the next reunion to take place at...

I made a list of Northern Californians from C.C., sent survey letters out...requesting their input as to location, activities and if they will be able to help on the various committees...I received 8 response...one for San Francisco, one for San Jose, one for Sacramento, and the rest for Monterey.

Labor Day weekend, some of the golfers from the local area here in Southern California met in Arizona golf club, and met George Kodama...they discussed the possibility of having the reunion in Monterey...Tomo Mizukami related that though she did not actually talk to George, the feeling was that he was willing to help head the event.

October 10th, a meeting with C.C. friends of Southern California met at a coffee shop in Yohan building in Lil Tokyo. Tom & Reiko Ikemiya; Sam Hatanaka, Sho Kurakane, Ted & Tomo Mizukami Ty Nakamura, Sei Dyo, H.O. & Kaz Okamura, Sid & Yukie Okazaki, Sachi Maehara and I were there.

This meeting was held to dis-

Bishop Kenko Yamashita Of Zenshuji To Speak Of Peace Before The United Nations

The Bishop is the first world religious leader of the Japanese American Community to speak before such an audience.

At a time when the journey toward world peace seems constantly hampered by detours and hedgerows, the United Nations will, for the first time, entertain the point-of-view of a world religious leader that is from the Japanese American Community.

Speaking on "Zen and World Peace", the Bishop Kenko Yamashita of Zenshuji will be before 250 ambassadors and diplomats at the United Nations in New York, November 21, 1991 in the Dag Hammerskold Memorial Auditorium.

On November 22, he will be presenting a second talk to the general public at the Nippon Club before returning to Los Angeles. This event is sponsored by the United Nations and the Japanese and United States governments in a joint effort to create an atmosphere of better understanding between the U.S. and Japan.

The Bishop's message will consist of three parts covering Zen Buddhism in ones daily life, the meaning and importance of peace in the world today and the memories of the Issei in America over the past half century.

Bishop Yamashita, 81, was born in Gifu Prefecture, Japan, and came to America to teach Buddhism in 1938 where he has lived for over fifty years.

Having arrived in America just before the outbreak of World War II, he was sent to an internment camp where he remained for four years teaching school for the camp children.

cuss the coming 1991 C.C. picnic...there were two location discussed for this event that many would like to have annually (except on the years that a reunion is held)...Tomo Mizukami was looking into the park (private...for security and for privacy)...and the date.

We also discussed the Northern California Reunion and those who started with the first reunion stated how each one put in \$100.00 for "seed money"...for many expenses that had to be met.



Bishop Kenko Yamashita of Zenshuji Soto Mission.

In 1961, he was named Bishop of Zenshuji Soto Mission. He has been leading a quietly active life as a priest, teacher, philanthropist and leader of the Nikkei community.

The Bishop is currently celebrating his thirtieth year at the Zenshuki Soto Mission in Little

Tokyo where he is also the Director of the North American Headquarters of Soto Zen Buddhism and the President of the Los Angeles Buddhist Church Federation.

At the age of 81, he still leads an extremely active life and puts in a full day's work at the temple each day.

He will be accompanied by his student, Reverend Kensho Furuya, who arranged this event. He will act as his translator and introduce him before the United Nations.

If you would like more information please contact the Zenshuji Soto Mission at (213) 624-8658.

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so the group voted to send up a check for \$2,000.00 to help them with "seed money"...assisting them in getting started.

Meeting attendees nominated myself as the 1992 chairperson with Sachi Maehara assisting and Sid Okazaki handling the finance.

On November 2nd, Sachi Maehara and I met with Northern California C.C. friends who made it a point to make this initial meeting to get the 2nd reunion started.

Mas Okabe arranged the meeting place at San Jose Buddhist Church and thoughtfully provided delicious donuts and hot coffee.

The meeting was to formulate a reunion committee...discuss the location, the availability of hotel/motel in tourist busy city of Monterey, etc.

Mr. Taro Ohashi and his son Mamoru (who was a child in C.C.), from San Francisco attended, George and Fudge Kodama from Monterey, Tai Uyeshima from Oakland, Sadako and Susumu Ikeda (Kai) from Santa Clara, Ruby and Min Akiyoshi (Yamamoto) from Davis, (I do appreciate your missing the Cal game Min to bring your wife to the meeting...getting a bit lost), Ray Yamagishi from Gilroy, Mas Koketsu, Toy Higashi, and Mas Okabe from San Jose, and Sachi Maehara and myself.

Mr. Ohashi wanted his son to meet and to listen to us since he was so small in camp, and felt that his son would like to meet with some of us.

I know that many sanseis and yonseis are greatly interested in what took place during the war. Our camp was so unique and little has been written about this camp with so many people from so many places...you read often about Manzanar, and other relocation camps...their reunions...their visit to the camp site annually...I still would like to visit Crystal City one day...

1993 Crystal City Reunion will be chaired by George Kodama and Mas Okabe. Finance is handled by Ray Yamagishi, who was given the \$2,000.00 check from Sid Okazaki. Nothing definite was planned as yet however, George will be looking into the hotel/motel situation...you will be informed as the plan continues.

I thank each and everyone of you who attended this special meeting. I know that some of you wanted to see the Cal-Stanford game...and it was a BIG SACRIFICE...some of you drove from afar...thanks Min...and we (Sachi and I) thank you for treating us to lunch Sus..THANKS, THANKS, THANKS!!! I'm also grateful for the BIG HELP again from Sachi and for taking a day off to drive up with me...these are the "little" things that make the "big" things so successful...many unsung heroes...the backbone of any organized get-togethers.

The meeting was an important kickoff for the event to come in couple of years...it will again be successful and memorable...

I thank many of you who have written and sent in generous donations for this newsletter...many also wrote that they will be assisting in any way at this reunion...so I again thank you for your offer...it will be necessary to have your help in your own area...there are to be three groups working together...San Francisco, San Jose and the Sacramento group...we hope to organize a

telephone chain system in each area so when I call someone in Sacramento, they will have a system where they contact those around that area...etc.

While I'm in my "thankful" mood...I would like to THANK each and everyone of you who have donated articles, interesting thoughts...etc. for this newsletter. The article on the front page was sent in by Yae (Aoki) Suyenobu, and also from Sachi...reduced by Sachi to fit into this paper...the article by Sei Dyo was in a newspaper (I can't remember which one...I do believe it was in the L.A. Times)...

Oh Yes, thanks Tomi (Matoba) Tanaka for letting me know that Shiro Akiyama is alive and well...in the last issue, I had him listed on the obituary list...so she dropped by his shop in Sacramento and let me know that he was fine. So, I apologize to Shiro for prematurely putting him on that list..."Gomen, Gomen".

It was good to hear from you Sally (Fukushima) Uyemaru."Natsukashii" to read about some of the good ole days you mentioned...

Memories are priceless treasures...although at times, I must admit that there are terrible ones...such as the many, many reminder of the 50th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor...each of you have memories of what you, your family was doing...many of you were there when the F.B.I.s came for your father/mother...the fears, and anxieties...the unknown...somehow we all have managed to not only overcome them, but it is behind us now...nevertheless, it remains as vivid as the day it happened...another lifetime ago, neh...

Now we have amazing changes around the world. The Berlin Wall tumbling down...the Iron curtain opening up...the hostages all being released...the news available as it unfolds...immediate news when it happens, where it happens...it's an amazing time that we live in today.

Some time ago, Yuki Nonoguchi (Haj's wife) gave me an article that was very amusing...I think you'll enjoy it too!

" TO ALL THOSE BORN BEFORE 1940
**** WE ARE THE SURVIVORS****

We were born before television, before penicillin, before Polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, frisbees, and the Pill.

We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, and ballpoint pens, before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes, and before man walked on the moon.

We were really QUIANT people-----we got married first, then lived together.

In our time, closets were for clothes, not for "coming out of". Bunnies were small rabbits, and rabbits were not Volkswagon. Designer Jeans were scheming girls named Jean or Jeannie, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting

along well with our cousins.

We thought FAST FOOD was what you ate during Lent, and OUTER SPACE was the back of the theatre.

We were before house-husbands, gay rights computer dating, dual careers and commuter marriages. We were before day care centers, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt, and guys wearing earrings. For us, time-sharing meant togetherness, not computers or even condominiums. A chip meant a piece of wood, hardware meant hardware, and software wasn't even a word.

In 1940 "Made in Japan" meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how you did on your exam. Pizzas, MacDonalds, and instant coffee were unheard of.

We hit the scene when there were '5-and-10 cent stores', where you bought things for five and ten cents. Skaags and the corner drug store sold ice cream cones for a nickel or a dime. For one nickel you could ride a street car, make a phone call, buy a Pepsi or a Coke or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600.00 but then who could afford one? A pity too, because gasoline was 11¢ a gallon.

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable GRASS was mowed, COKE was a cold drink, and POT was something you cooked in. Rock music was a Grandma's lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the principal's office.

We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we were surely before the sex change. (We made do with what we had). And we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby!!!

It's no wonder we are so confused and that there is such a generation gap today!!!

HOWEVER.....WE SURVIVED!!!!!!
WHAT BETTER REASON TO CELEBRATE!!!!!"Anonymous

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I guess if we all agree with this article, we are certainly dating ourselves...the world has indeed changed greatly...in some ways, it seems like the world turned not only upside down but inside out...the languages change daily..."bad" means it's great...etc. etc...I'm sure I needn't list these words that no longer mean what they did when we learned English in school...I don't know what Mrs. Kathryn (Goldsmith) Moore thinks of this type of English, however, we certainly did not learn English in this manner. It's confusing enough for us parents...it must be even more bewildering to you Mrs. Moore...

Mrs. Moore called me last week from Arkansas. She sounded great and said that her health is much better, and that she is now walking 15 minutes each day, with her trusty cane.

She said that she found a wonderful retirement home that will care for her totally...but that she must wait until there is an opening.. so she is on a waiting list. Well, I hope it won't be too long of a wait...sounds great!!! A nice room with linen...all laundered and provided...three meals a day...health clinic and services available...many activities...many other care available for only \$750.00 a month. Well, you just can't find bargains these days so this is one big bargain...the peace of mind alone is well worth it. Good luck Mrs. Moore.

By the way, I hope many of you were able to go by I-5 around Gorman, Levec, Ft. Tejon and Grapevine...and see the art of 1730 bright yellow umbrellas set up by Christo...unfortunately it did have one casualty here...and one in Japan but it was beautiful...before I saw it, I had thought it was "stupid" to spend so much money on so many umbrella here and in Japan...well, he is an artist, and artists are not always practical...but the display of those yellow umbrellas, like little mushrooms up and down the hills...was spectacular. The ones in Japan was bright blue and the posters of them looked spectacular also. I was sorry that there were tragedies...and missed them when I drove by later.

Last night, I watched Connie Chung interview Magic Johnson about his health since finding out that he had HIV positive...it's been a real heart-ache for many of his fans...and I must admit that I'm one of his biggest fan and rooter...I doubt that many news could ever affect me as the news of his retiring due to this virus...yet, he manages to smile that winning smile, and is able to accept this so admirably, and now will be educating the public on this dreaded virus and its effects. He somehow manages to continue living a giving life...its amazing how he is able to show us life does go on...to live each day well. I will miss watching him play basketball...he really made basketball something fantastic and I do thank him for many, many years of once-in-a-lifetime decade...the L.A. Lakers championships

It's a frightening world for our younger generations today...we grew up in such a naive, safe time...the only thing I had to watch out for was being caught by my father for mischief...today, everything is 'open' to the youngsters...they must be very strong to stand up to the world of drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, HIV virus, gangs and many, many other things available to them. It takes good home, good foundation, parents who care and guides each one...etc. etc. to prepare them for life ahead. "GAMBARE" you sansei and yonsei parents... you're made out of good stuff!

I guess instead of calling it "difficult" time..."stressful"...etc., we can call it "challenging"..."developmental" time..."to grow in"... etc., etc. however, it still means the same thing it's not easy...and it challenges patience to its utmost, and definitely, fortitude!

Yesterday, I received a letter from Grace Shimizu..her father is Susumu Shimizu, an Issei Japanese Peruvian who was interned at Crystal City...now living in Berkeley, California. She was interested about the C.C. Association and how it was established...

She is working on 'Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project'. This project was recently formed by Japanese Peruvians and their descendants in the San Francisco Bay Area in response to interest raised at their 4th Annual Reunion in recording oral interviews of those who experienced the internment during WW II. Folks felt that much of their history is in danger of being lost, especially as many of the Issei have passed on. The purpose of this project is to:

1) Conduct & Collect Oral Histories of persons of Japanese ancestry who experienced the deportation from Peru and incarceration in concentration camps in the U.S. during the WW II.

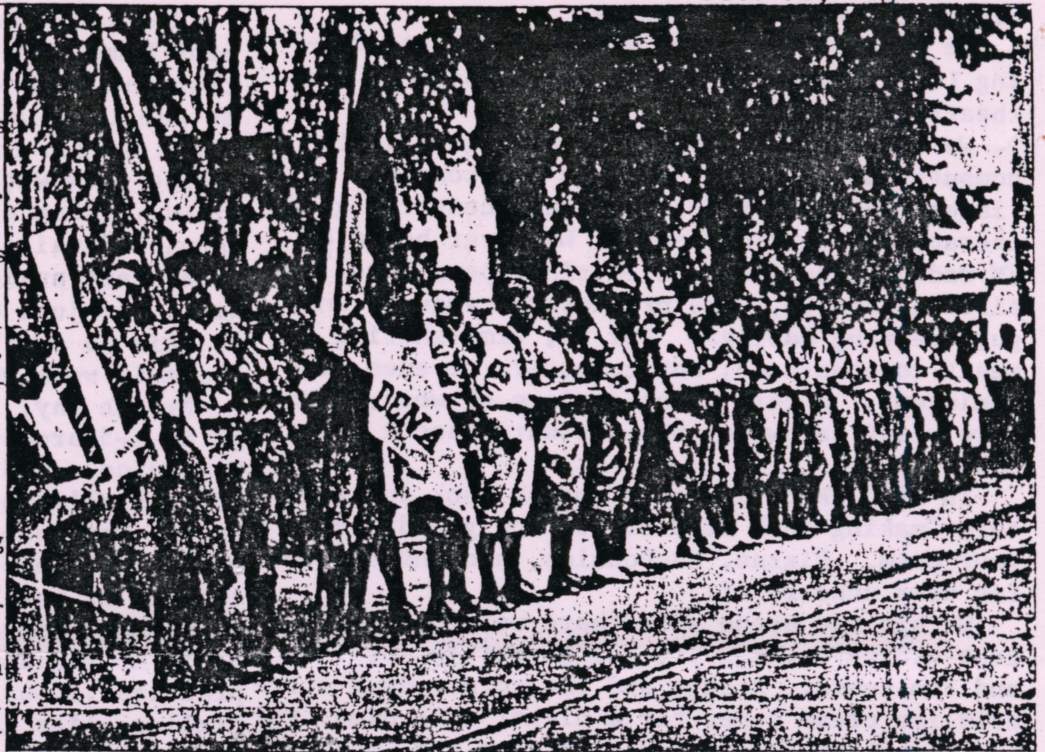
2) Promote Education of themselves and others in the Jpanese American community and broader society in the U.S., Peru and Japan about their experience during WW II, the struggle for redress and current status of reparations.

3) Promote Dialogue and Interaction among Japanese-Peruvians and the Japanese-American Community in the U.S., Peru and Japan regarding the Japanese-Peruvian experience and lessons for present day."

She is interested in updated materials of the Crystal City Association, which I will try to fulfill...

These are the moments that I feel so good...that we can answer some of these questions the many questions from those who were born or were little in our camps...they heard of our camp...so unique, yet know so little.

It's great to be able to educate and enlighten those interested in our camp...



Members of Boy Scout Troop 41 line a boulevard in downtown Pasadena in August, 1934, to greet visiting Japanese royalty.

It's Taps for Scout Troop 41

Disbanding of Japanese-American Group Ends Colorful 60-Year History

By DENISE HAMILTON
TIMES STAFF WRITER

The former Cub and Eagle Scouts are in their 70s now, their uniforms and merit badges long since packed away. They sit around a table, peering at yellowed photos and reminiscing.

It was Pasadena, 1931, and they were dutiful sons, speaking Japanese with their immigrant parents. Their names were Takao, Masao, Hiroshi, Hideo.

But in Boy Scout Troop 41, one of the few Japanese-American troops in Los Angeles County, they were all Yankee Doodle patriotism, building campfires and grilling hot dogs at fairs.

For 60 years, Troop 41 has endured, surviving the Depression and World War II internment camps. In recent years, the struggle has been for new recruits.

But yesterday, Troop 41 reached the end of its trail. The close-knit group that has spanned three generations inducted seven Eagle Scouts—the last of 40 boys who started out together as Cubs.

Because there are no younger members, Troop 41 will disband.

"It's a shame that it may disappear from history," said Jay Mechling, an American Studies professor at UC Davis who has studied the Boy Scouts. "Someone should do a dissertation on them and recapture all that stuff."

The early members, all first-generation Japanese-Americans, call Scouting the definitive experience of their youth. They say it helped bridge the gap between the settled Old World culture of their parents and the booming New World landscape in which they would attain adulthood.

Some say the values and leadership skills they learned as Scouts helped sustain them when 110,000 West Coast residents of Japanese ancestry were herded into internment camps during World War II.

"The boys needed an out, something to do, so we had [the Boy Scouts] activate a new troop in Gila Camp in Arizona," said Masao (Bud) Fujimoto, 78, pulling out an ornate Scouting certificate he has cherished all these years.

"Sure, we could go on hikes," ermp Scoutmaster Fujimoto recalled, "within the confines of the barbed wire fence and the shotguns. We did swimming in a dirty canal that ran near the camp, but I got to take them to the Phoenix YMCA to earn their lifesaving and swimming badges."

Troop 41's veterans take a dim view of today's controversies regarding whether atheists, girls and homosexuals should be allowed into the Boy Scouts.

"It's all getting so political," complained Sei Dyo, who was Scoutmaster during the 1960s and later became a developer in Carson.

"They don't want to say the 'Pledge of Allegiance' or use the word God. That's the part we don't understand."

At least on the issue of allowing in girls, the veterans of Troop 41 find common ground with the young Explorers.

"Let them join the Girl Scouts," suggested Kevin Yamauchi, 18, who graduated in June from South Pasadena High School and sports a gold stud earring and short-cropped hair.

Anglo boys occasionally have joined Troop 41, but they usually dropped out within

must dissolve because of the evacuation of our Scouts and their parents from Pasadena... each member... shall carry on as a Scout, bearing the responsibilities... and dedicating himself to his Scout Oath and Law."

The troop's charter lapsed in 1943 while members languished in the camps. It wasn't until 1951, when many of the Japanese-Americans had made their way back to Pasadena, that Troop 41 was re-activated by Scoutmaster Harry Osaki, who once held a national record for earning 106 merit badges.

Osaki said the strong filial traditions of respect and order in Japanese culture complemented Scouting principles such as preparedness, loyalty, service and good deeds and led to a strong tradition of Scouting in Japanese-American communities.

Troop 41 became one of the teams to beat in local and national Jamborees, winning many gold medals in competitions on Scout skills such as wilderness training. The troop has produced 112 Eagle Scouts, the highest number in its district of the San Gabriel Valley Council.

"There's not one kid in this troop that went bad; we didn't have any delinquents," boasted Fujimoto, who has officiated at Scouting ceremonies for 40 years and served as a liaison with the Pasadena Japanese Community Center. He and other former Scouts said strong support from families over the years has been crucial to their success.

Indeed, today's Eagle Scouts admit they have stayed in the program partly because of parental urging. The seven have been together since the Cub Scouts, when "it was the fun thing to do," said Ryan Suematsu of Los Angeles, one of the Eagle Scouts to be inducted tonight.

But after puberty set in, "there are better things to do," one Scout said. "Yeah, girls," another added with a laugh.

Dressed in full regalia, their sashes packed with colorfully stitched merit badges, Yamauchi and the others expressed pride mingled with sheepishness.

"I'm embarrassed walking out of my house like this," said Yamauchi, gesturing to his award-laden uniform.

"I'd go to a party dressed like this... If you paid me," said Todd Yamanaka, whose father, Kenneth, is the current Scoutmaster.

Despite the jibes at Scouting, all seven say the program has taught them common sense and practical skills. They would do it all over again.

"It's sad," Yamauchi said about the demise of Troop 41. "But I'd rather have it end like this than have some real lame kids join."

'It's all getting so political. They don't want to say the "Pledge of Allegiance" or use the word God. That's the part we don't understand.'

SEI DYU
Scoutmaster during the 1950s

months, perhaps, members said, because they didn't share the cultural bonds that link the troop. One Scout, Jason McFarland, is half Chinese. Founded in 1908 by British Army officer Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the Boy Scouts have no policy on segregation. National Boy Scout spokesman Blake Lewis said individual troops are sponsored by local organizations such as churches or schools so membership is often based around religious beliefs or cultural values.

Mechling said he has heard of all-black troops but not an all-Asian troop. But he said Troop 41 was founded at a time when American society generally was more segregated.

Troop 41 was originally sponsored by the Japanese Union Presbyterian Church in Pasadena. In the early years, some members recall competing with a now-defunct Japanese-American troop sponsored by a Buddhist temple in Pasadena.

Jan Ham, a transplanted South African who regaled the boys with campfire tales of wild animals and exploits in his homeland, was their most memorable Scoutmaster. Although he was killed in a motorcycle accident before World War II, Ham made a vivid impression on the youngsters that lingers more than half a century later.

In March, 1942, with evacuation of Japanese-Americans imminent, Troop 41 adopted a statement of future plans.

"Should the time come... when we...

From Los Angeles Times Newspaper

CRYSTAL CITY PICNIC...JUNE 28, 1992

Yes...we will have a picnic...Sunday...at the Dominguez College picnic ground. It is a private park that we were able to reserve...thru some private 'pull'...**MARK IT NOW ON YOUR CALENDER...**I will be sending out a form early next year so we can have a 'head count' on how many of you will be there, also the age and sex of children so we can shop for their prizes when they run races...we ran out of the prizes last year because there were so many little ones...we don't want to run short on the prizes next year...lunch and drinks will be furnished, and of course we must have our games besides the races for the little ones...let's have our ondo dances...etc. etc. etc.... We look forward to many of you joining us in this wonderful event!

We welcome HELP in anyway for this picnic...there's always room for ideas, baking those delicious cookies, etc...please, don't ENRYO...**WE ENCOURAGE ANY AND ALL HELP...FROM EVERYONE!!** Thank you...

Incidentally, the article on page 4 by Sei Dyo was in an earlier Los Angeles Times newspaper...I know that before and during the war, there were several all Nisei, Sansai Boy Scout

Troops...one by one, they disbanded as the boys joined other boy scout troops...this must be 'progress'...yet it loses its uniqueness.

The article on this page about "Errors" in our American textbook was sent to me from Yae (Aoki) Suyenobu...it's no wonder that President Bush stated that Pearl Harbor date was September 7th...not December 7th...he must have learned it from this textbook. Unfortunately, much of our history is lost because of not only the errors such as this, but because they just don't put in vital information about many minority facts...such as the evacuation of the Japanese...only one liner in some of the books...many no mention. Not much mentioned about the 442nd all Nisei Army Battalion...nor the 100th...

In fact, I was quite surprised the other day when I read in the Los Angeles Times that some of the prisoners in Dachau were released by the 442nd men...that this one woman though the Japanese soldiers joined up with the German soldiers so she thought "this is it"...she thought her life was over...then she found out that these were United States Army men...that they were being liberated...and could not believe her eyes. There was reunion few months ago when some of these former POW met with some of the liberators.

Officials Stunned Over By Errors In American Textbooks

By Mark Langford

AUSTIN, Texas (UPI) — Education officials are stunned by six American history textbooks that contain more than 200 factual errors, including wrong dates for Pearl Harbor, the first moon landing and Ronald Reagan's presidency and an assertion that the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Korea.

State Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno asked the State Board of Education to delay until January final approval of the textbooks so that they can be corrected. Board member Jane Nelson of Lewisville said the books contain 231 errors involving names, dates and places.

Nelson said at a news conference that the books, which could end up in classrooms in Texas and other states, contain "errors of fact."

"I am not a historian but I do know that Ronald Reagan was not president in 1990, that Martin Luther King and Robert

Kennedy were assassinated during (Lyndon) Johnson's presidency, not (Richard) Nixon's," she said. "Reagan fired striking air traffic controllers in 1981, not in 1987."

One textbook, "American Voices," published by Scott Publishers, said President Harry Truman's description of the Korean conflict as a police action was accurate "because the United States easily settled the conflict by using the bomb."

The atomic bomb was used against Japan to end World War II. It was never used in the Korean War.

Nelson said other errors in the books include wrong dates for the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the first moon landing, the Camp David accords and Lt. Col. Oliver North's testimony before the Iran-Contra committees.

"I would recommend to the board that we postpone adoption of these textbooks until publishers correct all factual errors," Nelson said. "Texans should be outraged that errors

such as these are permitted to remain in our textbooks and should demand that these books not be adopted until the errors are changed."

The Board of Education had scheduled a final vote on the proposed textbooks on Saturday but Meno asked that the vote be postponed until January to allow corrections to be made.

Meno proposed new rules that would require textbook publishers to hire independent editors to review books for factual errors. The editors would certify a book to be error free or, if errors were found, submit a list of corrections that need to be made.

Publishers also would be required to pay fines on a sliding scale for errors that were identified but not corrected.

The Texas Education Agency reviews all proposed textbooks through committees, but the 231 errors revealed by Nelson and others went undetected. Other errors were caught, but Nelson said there are probably more that were not discovered.

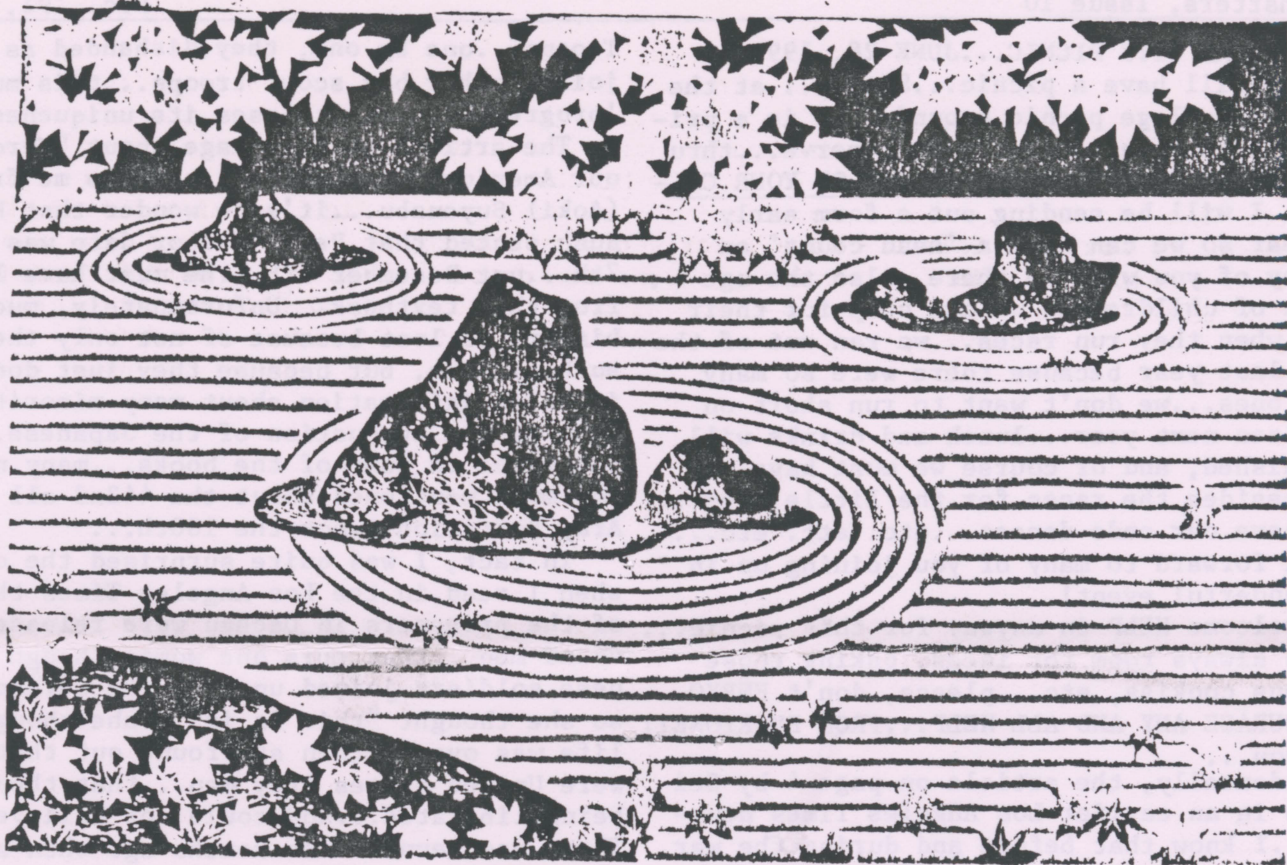
Can you imagine the wonderful feeling these people must have had... WOW...how it must satisfy the soul...war is hell!!!

Today, I heard that the North Koreans and the South Koreans are talking about reunification...its another step toward righting the wrong that came about from WW II. I do hope that this too will come through.

We don't have a Soviet Union anymore...the one GIANT STEP would be to see peace between the Arabian countries...the middle East countries with Israel...now THAT WOULD BE A REAL MIRACLE!!!

I'm no longer skeptic over anything anymore... and welcome any and all miracles...we could use all the miracles in this world...

ESPECIALLY R A I N!!! Lots and lots of that wet, wet rain...my rain coat doesn't know what it is because it's been in a dark closet too long.



Peace

Whatever religion, belief, faith you may have...in any temple...or church...cathedral...or out in the open skies...watching sunrise...sunset...a beautiful mountain...waterfall...lake...ocean...amongst those glorious redwood trees...or under bright stars...wherever...and however you worship 'god'...the creative spirit...I wish you peace...to live in peace...walk in peace...and be at peace with your soul, and those around you...May we all look forward to New Year with hope, faith and charity...good health, wealth...back to prosperity...once again... Thanks again, for your donations, response, contribution to this newsletter. Your input is what continues this newsletter...I will continue to do my utmost in keeping it interesting...informative...uplifting...cheerful... etc., etc. SHIN NEN OMEDETO GOZAIMASU...MATA RAI-NEN NI YOROSHIKU.....

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