



WOW, WOW, WOW...The 50th Anniversary Reunion at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Monterey was a GREAT SUCCESS!!! Those of you who attended know what I mean! It was fantastic! Terrific! Wonderful! I know there were over 375 people at the Reunion...19 from Japan (Peruvian group) 2 from Peru...and so many from the United States...all over from back East to the Hula-land...most of the time we heard screams and yelling in lobby, or at the registration room, at times in the memorabilia room but the happy voices...looking.. seeking..finding friends..exclamations all over the place...WOW! I really don't know where to begin because EVERYTHING was organized so well!

The registration was taken care of at the conference-convention center...Sus & Sadako Ikeda (Kai), Lucy Matsumoto (Okazaki), Jane Takagi (Kawamoto), Jay and Susie Sasagawa (Masuda), & Mas Koketsu...the team had everything all organized with alphabetical envelopes with all our goodies that we ordered in advance...it was so nice to be welcomed by Rosie and Tets Fujii... they were all over the place...The Memorabilia Room that Jim & Tomi Tanaka (Matoba) arranged so well in a small room, they just had so many pictures, art work, craft, maps, Haiku, etc... Ella Tomita (Ohta) brought so many things in a big suitcase...which was lost at LAX...Stress always arises...somehow...but fortunately, the suitcase (or was it a box?) appeared at the hotel...thank goodness...there were sketches and haiku that her father did...her autograph book (I found a watercolor picture of Federal High School that I did for her...forgot it totally) ...Joe Ando and the many pictures, documents that he was able to get...copies of pictures, he lives close to Santa Fe, New Mexico so he obtained memorabilia items he could get for us ...Tomi Tanaka (Matoba) and her family members also went to Washington D.C. to find anything that pertained to Crystal City...There are so many people who made this memorabilia room one of many nostalgic, historic part of our camp.

Many visited interesting places...touring Monterey, visiting the fabulous Aquarium, going to the Factory Discount Stores, looking through candy stores, inlaid lovely trays...etc... I can't give you first-hand experience of seeing the many places...there's always something I was involved in..."No rest for the wicked"...I must be very wicked..didn't even get to visit the Aquarium...still have my ticket to see my favorite place...the kelp forest...I usually love to stand there mesmerized with the movement of the water...wow...but I wasn't able to enjoy it...better luck next time.

Presently the Album committee are working hard getting The Album ready for the printing. They met over last weekend to select pictures taken by our photographers Nicole Higashi and Linda Okamura and have them included in the book. It is difficult because there were so many great pictures taken of the Reunion. Joy Gee (Nozaki) is assisted by Min and Ruby Akiyoshi, Kanji and Shiz Nishijima and their son Danny, Tomi Tanaka (Matoba), George and Masako Okabe, & three outside reviewers...non C.C.ers, Midori Higa, Deki Seto and Kiyo Sato Viacrucia. After the printing, the committee will be busy mailing all the orders...so their job is still not finished...Thanks everyone!

The Friday Night Mixer with Mas & Shirley Okabe Grace Ito (Kodama), Margaret Satow (Kodama) taking care of all those good food, and Plenty of them, and drinks was just great! I don't know how many days it took to prepare all the food but it was endless amount of "Gochisō" everyone had heaps piled on their plate...and the food kept coming...No one went hungry Friday night.

The Panel Discussion held Saturday afternoon, "Perspectives on the Crystal City Experience", that Grace Shimizu and I put together was success! Ella Tomita (Ohta) represented Hawaii Internees, Eloy Maoki Peru group and other Latin American Internees, Joy Gee (Nozaki) the Tairiku or the North American group and Grace Shimizu bringing us up-to-date on the Redress of the Japanese Community. I was privileged as moderator for the panel. I'm sure that we just scratched the surface on camp experience however, it was a beginning...we have finally opened up and as Miyo Eshita (Takeuchi) wrote "...the healing can begin." All of us closed ourselves in...not expressing the feelings we all felt...but it's time to open up and let it all out. It's time our parent's (s') arrests be known and the pain reduced...certainly not erased, but reduced.

The room was overfilled...over 140 people were seated inside and there were others that stood out in the hallway. Sanseis and Yonseis were there to hear our stories...they want to know! A short summary is included in this newsletter. A complete, uncondensed version of our discussion will be in the Album.

Joan Takeuchi (Takashi's daughter) videotaped the entire discussion. Tak sent a copy to all the panelist and myself...and we thank both Joni and Tak for their selflessness. The video came out so well...I really appreciate the documentation of our discussion...Thanks muchly.

The Banquet was THE BIG EVENT! The program opened up with Co-Chairman George Kodama addressing everyone. Dr. Tets Fujii was the M.C. for the evening, introducing many special guests...the Issei guests...Invocation was given by Bishop Kenko Yamashita. Shigin by Mrs. Hitomi Maoki was followed by toast given by Co-Chairman Dr. Mas Okabe.

The men and women who played golf that afternoon were presented with many awards from Toy Higashi, Tako Sera and Bill Ito who had the golf tournament planned out.

A special award was then given to me...with warm, kind words from Sei Dyo...it was very surprising...and totally unexpected and tho' I am honored and very grateful, I felt very embarrassed. My work for Crystal City has been very enjoyable...putting out this newsletter takes time, effort and creative ideas however, knowing that you'all are enjoying the news and whatever, is rewarding enough. I have fond memories of Crystal City and the friends that I have met there, then and afterwards at picnics, banquets, all the get-togethers that we have had...it was a very special camp, and very special people. I thank you for this special award...it is a very beautiful inlaid tray that was specially made for me with the "Lone Cypress" that Monterey is known for...and a brass dedication plate...I cherish it, and have it displayed on my office wall at home. Thank you.

The entertainment was pure delight! Hours of work for Libia Yamamoto (Maoki) and her family had slides of Texas...barbed wire.. guard towers...narrated, written and recorded with appropriate music by Libia and edited by Janice and Eloy Maoki. We had our own Andrew Sisters, the Masuda Sisters...Bess Ikegaki, Susie Sasagawa, and Lurie Yonago singing familiar tune of "Sentimental Journey"...Shigin by Mrs. Chiyo Masuda, a solo "The House I Live In" Dick Masuda, (What a talented family...everyone sings.) Odori was performed by Mrs. Kiyoko Aoyagi, who came from Japan...a kendo demonstration was given by Dr. Terry Maoki, another solo sung...a Japanese song by Juan Kudo. The mixed trio sang "Red River Valley"...Juan Kudo, Blanca Katsura (Maoki), and Libia Yamamoto (Maoki). The slides were all photographed by Leslie Katsura.

We had so many wonderful door prizes which were donated by many, many people. Unfortunately the list was misplaced so I cannot credit the people, and stores who had contributed generously. I do know however that Ella Tomita (Ohta) filled a basket of Hawaiian goodies, Shiz Kato (Ochiai) sent

so many boxes of Macadamean candy, cookies, Kona coffee, Hawaiian fruit preserves that I had made five lovely gift bags...there were generous cash gifts, wines, many, many other lovely gifts and I'm sorry that I cannot give proper recognition to the donors but thank you very very much. And those of you who know some of the donors like the bags of rice, etc., do give our gratitude...we do appreciate them all.

Closing remarks were given by Dr. Tets Fujii, with the benediction by Bishop Yamashita..then we all sang Auld Lang Syne. It is now in memories for all who were there.

The Sayonara Brunch taken care of by Taikyo Uyeshima and Frank and Ida Morikawa (Kuge). The many youngsters there...little ones..and older ones...it was so nice to see them there too...the children, and the children's children, ad infinitum...I overheard few Sanseis that they had no idea that there were other Sanseis who were active in the Crystal City organization.. and that they would like to get together with them again...I hope that they will join in at our annual picnic. The many selections at the brunch was wonderful...and plentiful too! Well that just topped the great '93 50th Anniversary Reunion! It was difficult to say 'goodbyes' & 'so longs' but all good thing comes to an end.

There were beautifully embroidered sweatshirts commemorating our wonderful reunion...Fudge Kodama had sweatshirts in white, black, teal and cerise (sorta pinkish red) which sold out fast and many people were disappointed that it was sold out before they could purchase theirs so thanks to Fudge, we had another four dozen embroidered and sent to those who ordered them.. the symbols of turtle (Isseis), crane (Niseis), and koi or carp (Sanseis, yonseis, etc), were embroidered beautifully.

The many notes and letters I have received since the reunion, wrote their raves and gratitude to the Northern California Crystal City friends in making this a terrific reunion. The seating list of people listed alphabetically was greatly appreciated because they were able to find their friends at the banquet.

We are also grateful to Shoji Koga, Harold Kodama and Kay Kawashima for transportation around Monterey...they rented two large vans to accommodate everyone. Bill Ito took care of publicity in newspapers...signs were made by Yosh Yasuda...I know I'm leaving out other working people...I'm very sorry if I have..."gomen gomen".

Now we await THE ALBUM...it will be filled with memories of old and of the recent reunion...you will have something that you will cherish...Joy has been working very hard, and has polished it to a professional job...you will agree when you see it.

### Panel Discussion:

## "Perspectives on the Crystal City Experience"

An overflow crowd of 140 attended the panel discussion, "Perspectives on the Crystal City Experience" held during the CC 50th Anniversary Reunion at Monterey, California on October 8-10, 1993. The program was formatted to cover as many facets of Crystal City as possible.

Sumi Utsushigawa Shimatsu, moderator of the panel, led off the presentations with a vivid description of the "chaos and madness" that gripped the LA Lil Tokyo on the day of December 7 and its aftermath. She then proceeded to the day when the families were reunited with their fathers in Crystal City, and what an everyday life in CC was like where the ingenuity, creativity, adaptability, and the human spirit of the people made CC a community.

The next speaker, Joy Nozaki Gee, provided the historical basis on which the arrests of our fathers (and sometimes mothers) were made. She quoted provisions of the 1798 Alien Enemies Act and the discriminatory language of the 1790 Naturalization Act, which denied naturalized citizenship to the Issei. Comparison was made of the treatment of nationals of the Axis Pact partners of Germany, Italy, and Japan where only the Japanese were subjected to mass arrests. Conclusion of the Munson Report, kept a wartime secret, which would have obviated the wholesale roundup of our fathers and evacuation itself, was also cited.

Ella Ohta Tomita used her own family experience and others to try to illustrate what commonly happened to many Hawaii families. She recounted the December 7, 1941 arrest of her father, family anxieties and suffering of not knowing the fate of

their fathers, the long uncertainty of their livelihood and sojourn from Hawaii to the Mainland, the forced movement from one place to another before the Hawaii internees and families reunited in CC. She pointed out some of the treatment received by Hawaii internees who had difficult times in various camps. Some who did return to Japan as exchange during the War perished unnecessarily due to a sinking of an exchange ship. Many families were divided due to sons serving in the Armed Forces in Europe and Asia while parents and siblings were incarcerated. Majority returned directly to Hawaii. Others who went to Japan experienced difficulties and prejudices that majority of this group eventually returned to Hawaii.

Joy Nozaki Gee next shared what she regarded as the best of Crystal City experience: a study group called "Kenkyu-Kai," which was initiated and conducted by Dr. Motokazu Mori to "open doors for the minds of the young people in Crystal City." Joy gave 10 stories recounted by Dr. Mori from literature, history, science, politics, military operations, current events, and from his own life.

Eloy Maoki next revealed how the US government "legally kidnapped" 2264 persons of Japanese ancestry from 12 Latin American countries; about 1800 (80%) were Japanese Peruvians. There was no military necessity nor threat to national security for this action. The US government needed hostages — regardless if they were civilians from another continent or US citizens or permanent residents — to exchange for American citizens under the control of Japan. Often, fathers were the first to be apprehended and deported; many endured

harsh and brutal treatment while interned in the Panama Canal Zone. Families were put in turmoil, not knowing the fate of family members, struggling to survive and enduring the trauma of deportation to and imprisonment in a concentration camp in an unknown land. Their trials continued after war ended. The US government declared the Japanese Latin Americans to be "illegal aliens." Since Peru would not allow reentry, over 900 Japanese Peruvians were deported to war devastated Japan. They faced starvation conditions and hostile rejection by the Japanese people. A group of 365 Japanese Peruvians remained in the US and fought deportation, and though successful in getting the deportation suspended, faced many years of severe hardship merely to survive. Peru eventually allowed about 100 Japanese Peruvians to return.

The final speaker was Grace Shimizu, who drew the connection between the Japanese American and Japanese Latin American struggle for redress from the US government. The Civil Liberties Act of 1988 was the culmination of decades of organizing and represents the US government's apology for the violation of the constitutional rights of US citizens and permanent residents of Japanese ancestry. However, full justice has not been achieved. Presently, there are over 2200 Japanese Americans who have been denied redress and are appealing. Congress continues to deny funding to establish the Civil Liberties Education Fund. And the US government has not yet acknowledged the violation of human rights of the Japanese Latin Americans. The struggle for justice and redress continues.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

A lovely card with message of appreciation for the newsletter also included..."In one of the future issues could you include a request for the whereabouts of the following C.C. persons: Mary Sawamura

(Went to Japan from C.C.  
Had an older brother).

Tom Masato Hama

(Have lost track of him  
after he moved to Ari-  
zona)

Michiko (or Michiye) Sakamoto

All three lived in T-section..."

from Marion Gosho Fukuma

"The forum on camp experiences was tremendously enlightening. Thank you!"

From Tomi Matoba Tanaka..."Although Jim and I returned to Sacto all pooped out, it was worth the effort since so many people dropped by to view the displays. Of course, if we had more room as originally planned, we would not have been so cramped..."It was nice seeing former C.C. friends again."

Etsuko Osaki writes from Portland OR. I for one had a wonderful time looking up old friends especially those who didn't come to the last big reunion. Having the seating information was a very wise thing...I enjoyed the memorabilia room and the panel presentation which had me teary-eyed..."

Kim Hayakawa Takahashi writes..."The Northern California Committee did a wonderful job I hope in your newsletter you will praise all of them. It has been nice seeing so many people I haven't seen since camp days...names sound familiar but not their faces...When I went to the C.C. memorabilia room and looked at the 1945 Annual, I recognized the name with the face but not 50 years later." "I'm looking forward to seeing the book (Album) when it's sent out. I think Joy and her committee is doing a wonderful job. This is one book that should be placed in L. A. Japanese Museum."

Miyo Takeuchi Eshita writes..."Congratulations to you and the Northern California Committee for a successful Crystal City Reunion in Monterey. My head is full of wonderful memories, and I personally feel that the panel discussion, 'Perspectives on the Crystal City Experience' was the highlight of the 3-day Reunion. Everytime I listen to the audio tape, my eyes fill up with tears. Thank you for your part in making this presentation possible and for bringing these stories out in the open to educate us. Now that these painful experiences have been

told, the healing can begin!" Last week, I called Charles Mc Collister to follow up on his attendance at the C.C. Reunion. (Story of Charles Mc Collister to follow). He was very appreciative of the warm reception he received from everyone and said he had "a wonderful time"...along with this letter, Miyo enclosed a snapshot of the panel at the "Perspective on the Crystal City Experience"...she closes with "Again, Thanks for the memories!!"

Charles Mc Collister is the son of L.T. Mc Collister who was with the High School education. His signature was on the diploma of Sumie Ohta that Ella brought when Sumie graduated from Federal High School. Charles had called the Japanese American National Museum a week before the Reunion that they received an inquiry from him and was interested in attending the Crystal City Reunion. Miyo called and talked to him... she found out that his father worked as assistant to Mr. O'Rourke, head of the C.C. Camp.... through Miyo's calling George Kodama...a seat was reserved for Charles at the banquet. Unfortunately, four days after the reunion, his father passed away from Alzheimer's Disease...I sent him a card with our sympathy and condolences...from all of the Crystal City friends..he sent a very warm letter back of appreciation... in a letter that he sent back he stated that he and his brother were writing a book..."his brother John is researching and recreating the Border Patrol days and I am doing the Crystal City Internment Camp part of the book. I recently attended the 50th Anniversary Reunion of the Crystal City Japanese Internees in Monterey, California and they are a shining example of true Americans, and we can be proud of them." His dad, Mr. L.T. Mc Collister understood the International Law and treated the internees well.

My 12 years old grand daughter Merin Akemi Yoshida writes..."Dear Grandma, Well I guess I should get right to the point...I really enjoyed being up at Monterey and listening to the panel because I learned a lot about the Peruvian Japanese and feeling as if I was actually in the camp. The most astonishing fact that I never ever knew about was that Crystal City's people were thought of as "troublemakers" simply because they were the leaders of the community. The citizens imprisoned there were the cream of the crop. The ministers, teachers, scholars, many innocent strong people. Also, the exhibition room was just fascinating! I loved seeing the drawings, paintings, diaries, games, and especially the yearbook. It was fun to find you in there with long hair and I was astonished to see you as one of the 3 cheerleaders for your high school. I found many familiar faces. It was great!..."

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Another letter from my Grand daughter Mika, who was critically ill last year this time. She has been improving in her health, altho there are good days and bad, she was able to go to the Reunion...her letter states... "Looking back upon the Crystal City banquet, and all of the included activities (and boy, if I think I was kept busy, I can only imagine how busy the planning committee, as well as all of the other various committees who helped to make the banquet and activities such a tremendous success were feeling by the end of the day!) brings bittersweet memories back. To watch the Issei and Nisei greet each other, show pictures of their grandchildren, and hug was heartwarming... yet to catch the momentary flashes of pain that sometimes surfaced, one could feel the pain and grief each relived, at times. The Panel discussion was the highlight of all of the activities. My congratulations and deepest thanks to all who shared their time and pain, yet ever so precious memories of their experiences of Crystal City. I was filled with pride watching you and the four other panelists open your heart and souls to all present, to give us the collective gift of your sometimes funny, sometimes heartbreaking, yet always fascinating accounts of that period in life when you lost so very much, and yet managed to make the most of it, using your experiences you learned while in camp, to grow and continue on the path of life.... Listening and observing the panelists, I found myself travelling back with them into their past, reliving their memories... with them, trying desperately to get a clearer picture of their own experiences. Your experiences left an indelible mark upon each of you, and yet I find it remarkable that you have all grown up to have wonderful children and grandchildren, to pass on these recollections and memories. You all represent that wonderful spirit.. that I admire so much, that "Gambare!!" attitude that is always so encouraging when I'm going through my own hard times. You are living examples of all we can be, if we only keep on going, and never lose our pride, our dignity, our spirit - our selves. I love you, Grandma"...Mika L. Yoshida...16 years of age...young... but wise...

A beautiful card from Carmen Mochizuki.. "It was very wonderful to be reunited with so many of our friends at the Crystal City Reunion. It made me very happy to be able to talk with you and remi-

nise on our past experiences together..." I also am grateful to many, many others who have sent notes of gratitude and appreciation...it has been very gratifying to have wonderful people to work with...there's been many, many correspondence, phone calls, memos...the committee up north had meetings in San Jose after service on Sundays...people driving from Sacramento... San Francisco, Petaluma, Monterey, Gilroy, Oakland and many cities around...working together and we are all grateful...it's not only the time but driving distance on freeways...I know!

"Dear CCC Editor: Your 50th reunion in Monterey was quite a success, and I am very glad I attended. As a sansei, there is a lot I don't know or understand about the camp experience, so I looked forward to the panel discussion about individual and group experiences in Crystal City. I was not disappointed. It was enlightening, but very sad to hear of the traumatic uprooting the Hawaiian-Japanese and Latin American-Japanese were put through. It was further discouraging to hear that our government still has not provided reparation to those Latin American-Japanese who relocated and left without home or country to call their own. I also enjoyed hearing the ten short vignettes described by Joy Nozaki Gee in her "Kenkyukai" classes with a Dr. Mori. The intellectual stimulation seemed indeed like a feast for the mind! I was aware of the many members in the audience, all with their own stories to tell, and wondered at the immensity of it all. There is a wealth of history and knowledge among the C.C. members, but there is also something more. There is an unspoken bond between C.C. members, it seems, created by personal pain, grief and loss...and also perhaps created by the sharing of a communal experience. I have ordered an album because of the history it captures in detail, and because there is probably nothing in publication yet like it. We sansei and yonsei may never fully understand what the Crystal City experience was like, but we will never forget that it happened, and that it must never happen again. I am grateful to you for having survived it and for your association that works toward preserving history and righting old wrongs. I am encouraged by your example to always strive even in the face of adversity and of going the extra distance even when others fail you. Thank you for your endless enthusiasm and effort!" Dion Shimatsu-Ong

Well, what can I say...except all four of my daughters and my oldest son went to the Reunion. Unfortunately, my youngest son could not attend due to his work...what a great support group!!!

A letter of regret from Hawaii... "Regretably we couldn't be at the Reunion because of prior commitment we had to be in

Japan then. However, thanks to you, at least I could enjoy through your C.C. Chatter the various events that transpired. 'Domo arigato gozaimasu!' It does seem that the Reunion was a Smash! Congratulation to you all who were working so hard in front and behind the scenes. It is wonderful to hear that so many attended even some from Peru and Japan. Being a Peru-internee myself, I doubly regret not being there to meet these fine friends! As you may have heard, we are in the process of publishing my dad's book in English, 'Adios To Tears'. People urged to have the books for the Reunion but the printers couldn't perform in time. If you can, please let your readers know about it. As soon as I receive them, I'll send you one. If after reading, you feel so inclined, please help us promote it. Thank you in advance. Warm Aloha," Elsa Higashide Kudo of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Shiz Ochiai Kato also sent a letter and a card of regrets...and is looking forward to the album...one of these days Shiz, you are going to HAFTA come and join us on one of these reunions.

I thank each and every one for your letters and notes with words of appreciation for this newsletter. I have been sending copies to my relatives too, and my brother-in-law has called several times to express his admiration and gratitude for my writings...he feels that it is such a worthy cause and has kept every single copy.. He has sent me couple of very generous donation ...I mean mega-bucks...and I am very grateful!! Thanks Rocky...I will do my utmost to keep up quality work!!!

Thank you everyone for donating \$\$\$ for this CC Chatter...IT keeps the paper going out to you all...many of you stuffed my purse with checks and cash at the reunion...many are sending them in nice cards and notes...THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

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Next year, June 18th, on a Sunday, we will have our Crystal City picnic...the private park in Long Beach (The Long Beach Police Academy) is reserved and we do hope many of you will join us...we will try to make sure that no earthquake will disrupt anyone coming from San Francisco...Goichi-san of Gardena's Azuma Restaurant will be cooking again, and those of you who came last time remember the variety of "Gochisō" and the plentiful amount of it...the races, games and craft will held with prizes for all who participate...where else can those who come in last receive nice prizes? The sanseis will be giving us help all around...(we niseis need it) Mark your calender now so you can be sure to bring your family and friends...the little grandchildren really love to run those short legs on our tracks...and all the grandparents cheerin' 'em on...COME ONE, COME ALL...COME EVERYONE! More details next year.

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I hope many of you read the Reader's Digest...The January '94 issue, page 69 has a fascinating story that I have never heard about..."Visas for Life". It is about a Japanese Consul, Sempo Sugihara who was in Kaunas, Lithuania in 1940. Hundreds of Jews requested visas to leave Lithuania to escape the Nazis...all other consulates were closed and no one was able to give them the visas to leave the country. He risked and disobeyed orders from Japan because he could'nt just refuse these hundreds of people who were facing death, so he signed hundreds of visas and allowed these people to escape the clutches of the feared Nazis. You will be glad to have had the opportunity to learn the heroic action of this one man! WHAT MAGNIFICENT SOUL! BRAVO!!!!

Our deep heartfelt sympathys to:

Atsumi Ozawa who's mother Kin Suzuki passed away early this summer...a donation in her name was made to this newsletter.

Pauline (Yamane) and her family...Job Tsuge her husband passed away. The family expressed their gratitude for the Crystal City message of bereavement.

Dorothy Hatanaka (Sam Hatanaka's wife) lost her mother in Kauai in September...her mother celebrated her 100th birthday in August and all her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren were able to get together and had a festive occasion.

Mrs. Shigeko Yoshida and her family..Bishop Susumu Yoshida passed away few weeks ago... he was 84 years old. Many ministers from Japan flew in to attend the funeral service. He had founded the Tenrikyo Church in Los Angeles, New York and also headed the church in Honolulu. He wrote many articles, books, and magazines articles about this country... he also wrote about the internment camps he was in.

Wintry days are here...please stay warm and healthy...so much flu and colds go around. Have you noticed all the Asian names to flu? Hong Kong Flu, Beijing Flu, etc? I wonder why these viruses are all Asians? HMMMMMMM! Maybe they have slanted eyes? Ah so!

Now that the 50th Anniversary Reunion passed what have we to look forward to? Well, even in Monterey, as we were in the midst of the reunion...I was asked "when are we going to have the next reunion?"..."where will we go next reunion?"...I'm sorry but I did not and still do not have an answer to those question ...after all, it did take several years for this grand event...and who will take charge?

# CRYSTAL CITY 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion Album

The Crystal City 50th Anniversary Reunion Album nears completion, with the work expected to go to the print shop the first part of December and the planned mailing of the Albums in the latter part of January 1994.

The Album is estimated to be about 275-300 pages, with several hundred pictures. Features in the Album include the following:

1. **Historical section:** (a) Stories of Crystal City as seen by: Immigration and Naturalization Service; objective researcher Thomas K. Walls in his book, "The Japanese Texans,"; CC Japanese Spokesman Rev. Fujii; and former Crystal Cityites Edison Uno and Taikyo Uyeshima; and (b) Excerpts from the works of writers concerning: Santa Fe Internment Camp; mistreatment of the Japanese alien enemy internees; Hawaii experience of Japanese Internment and Relocation; Latin-American Japanese and World War II plus text of the Eloy Maoki talk concerning Peruvian Japanese given at the Reunion panel discussion; and background story of the Tuleans who eventually came to CC, as excerpted from the widely acclaimed book, "Years of Infamy, The Untold Story of America's Concentration Camps" by noted Nisei author, Michi Nishiura Weglyn.

2. **Memory Lane section:** Stories, newsy and gossip, as excerpted from camp publications such as: Jiho, Yehudi Express, 1944 and 1945 Roundup, Campus Quill, and Crystal City Times The youth study group, "Kenkyukai," initiated and conducted by Dr. Motokazu Mori, also includes 10 sample stories as given by Dr. Mori, and recounted by Joy Nozaki Gee at the Reunion panel discussion.

3. **After Crystal City section:** (a) Uruga and Japan and (b) Crystal City Chatter

4. **Family Stories section:** Indisputably the best portion of the Album, where about 50 Crystal Cityites tell their family stories. The tragedy, suffering, and hardship imposed by the arrests of the innocent fathers (some times, mothers) are given, and the triumphs of overcoming the many obstacles to attain the present day successes are also recorded.

5. **The 50th Anniversary Reunion section:** Pictures of nearly all activities, including the Friday Night Mixer, golf tournament, harbor cruise, shopping, tour factories, aquarium, portraits taken before the banquet, banquet (including table-by-table of 38 tables), and Sunday Sayonara brunch.

If space permits, a Directory section will be included.

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The year 1993 is now ending. I hope that many of you have had good year...healthy year...new grandchild...THE REUNION...memories to fill up in our memory chest...and for those of you who somehow feel it could be better, I hope in '94 you will be able to feel better. A year ends with Thanksgiving...where we could count blessings and the gift of life...followed by Christmas-time, and though it is religious holiday for those who believe in the teachings that a person named Jesus taught and lived, many people celebrate this holiday season with as much love and care regardless of what a person may believe in...it's a warm and wonderful time of sharing, caring, hoping for the PEACE that all people dream of...and it is WONDER-FULL! 'Tis the season to be jolly"...so "Fa la la la" all around...the decorations so bright and lovely, around the tree, around the room, house...many

people shopping...Christmas carols on radio, T.V., Santa with boys and girls on his lap, some little ones crying, others waiting restlessly..fidgety, fussing, and some frightened but believe me, each one wants a whole list of toys and games on Christmas day. Well, I am not ready! This newsletter must go out before I can be ready to "Ho Ho Ho" around!! Meanwhile all the neighbors have their colorful lights on...shining brightly...winking & blinking at me, saying "hurry, hurry, hurry" so, I'm pounding away, getting this ready to have it copied then have the C.C. helpers... seal, staple and stamp them...then I will be able to breathe easier...Remember, to enjoy the real Spirit of Christmas...hope...faith.. love...warmth...peace...not the tinsels, tissues and ties...or the plastics...or all the video games...genuine kindness and love!

...*"A thrill of hope, this weary world rejoices...  
for yonder beams a new and glorious morn..."*

- Cantique de Noel -

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