

# *In Memoriam*



*Spark  
Masayuki  
Matsunaga*

When in the light of thought I ask  
Myself; Just who am I and what,  
What lasting imprints good or ill,  
Have I for future mortals wrought?  
'Tis then my pride in vainness cries,  
My ego ebbs to naught from high,  
And sadly do I realize  
The plight of many a soul as I;  
Be born to live, to suffer, die,  
Unseen, unheard, unknown, unknelled;  
Like chips upon a checkerboard  
No choice, no will, resigned, compelled.

--composed by Lieutenant Spark Matsunaga  
recuperating from wounds at the Battle  
of Hill 600, Monte Cassino, Italy, 1943



*Memorial Services Schedule*  
*in Honolulu, Hawaii*  
*for*  
*Spark Masayuki Matsunaga*  
*United States Senator*  
*1916-1990*

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*Tuesday, April 17, 1990*

6:00 a.m. Departure from Andrews Air Force Base,  
Camp Smith, Maryland

Mrs. Helene Matsunaga  
Mr. and Mrs. George Hardman (Karen) and son, Sean  
Mr. Keene Matsunaga  
Dr. and Mrs. Scott Segars (Diane) and sons,  
Tyler and Jackson  
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Matsunaga (Loretta)

8:30 a.m. Arrival at Travis Air Force Base, San Francisco, California

10:00 a.m. Departure from Travis Air Force Base

12:30 p.m. Arrival at Hickam Air Force Base, Honolulu, Hawaii

Brief Ceremony: The Presidential Honor Guard,  
Washington, D.C.

100th Battalion, 442d Infantry,  
Honolulu, Hawaii

12:40 p.m. Motorcade to the Hawaii State Capitol



- 1:15 p.m. Arrival at the State Capitol
- 1:30 p.m. Change of Guard Ceremony  
Remarks: Kamaki Kanahale  
Blessing: The Reverend Abraham Akaka
- Start of 24-hour Vigil: OHANA Honor Watch  
Music & Songs: Friends

*Wednesday, April 18, 1990*

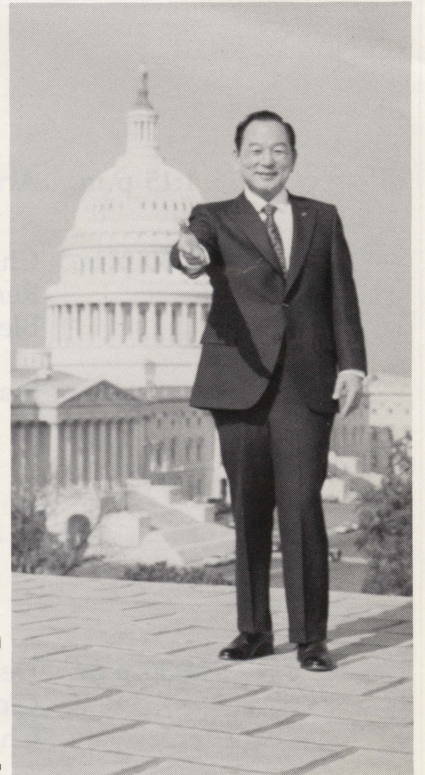
- 1:30 p.m. Departure from the State Capitol Rotunda  
Closing Prayer: The Reverend Yoshiaki Fujitani  
Change of Guard Ceremony
- Motorcade to Central Union Church
- 2:15 p.m. Arrival at Central Union Church
- 3:30 p.m. Memorial Services
- Officiating: The Rt. Rev. Donald Hart,  
Bishop of Hawaii, The Episcopal Church  
in Hawaii
- The Reverend Ted Robinson,  
Senior Minister, Central Union Church
- 4:00-5:00 p.m. Family Receives Mourners
- 4:00-6:00 p.m. Reception in Parish Hall, Central Union Church

*Thursday, April 19, 1990*

- 9:00 a.m. Family Services at Hosoi Garden Mortuary (private)
- 9:30 a.m. National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl Burial  
(private)



**“I AM FOREMOST A SERVANT OF THE PEOPLE, A PUBLIC SERVANT,”** Hawaii’s Senator Spark Matsunaga was fond of saying. That was always the guiding philosophy over his 28 years of service in Congress, and he was quick to remind his staff members who their true bosses were: the people of Hawaii. Sparky’s legendary 18-hour workdays (colleagues called him “Senator Stamina”) were a direct result of his steadfast commitment to serving the needs of his constituents even while enacting his bold and visionary legislative agenda. Indeed, Sparky’s daily lunches, in which he hosted countless visitors from Hawaii in the exclusive Senators’ Dining Room, had become a Washington fixture.



*Dining in the Senators' Dining Room and turning across normally not open to the public was a thrill enough, but the greatest part of our visit was experiencing your personal accessibility, receptiveness, warmth, and aloha and a deep sense of your commitment to the task for the people of Hawaii.*  
--Surgeon

*Lunch in the Senate Dining Room, meeting other Senators, standing on the floor of the Senate, walking through the halls of Congress--how does one say thank you for such rare and privileged experiences? Being in Washington was a stirring moment for me.*  
--School Principal

*My son, a graduate student, was impressed... The educational experience made a lasting impression and heightened his pride in our country. A mother could not have wished for a more wonderful gift!*  
--College Professor

*I waited for more than 50 years... I dreamt that some day I would be in Washington, D.C. With God's help my utmost dream came to reality. If it weren't for you, Senator, for the invitation, we the people of Hawaii would never have an opportunity to be at the Capitol. God bless you.*  
--Waikiki Hotel Worker

**C**ivilizations of the past have come and gone... what survives? The arts! Poetry is an art. I've always felt that if the lessons of human experience were all written in verse, we might better learn and remember them."



*While reading your poems, I became aware of the fact that another Spark Matsunaga dwelled within the frame of the politician. Spark Matsunaga, I thank you for sharing your literary talents.*  
--Small Business Manager

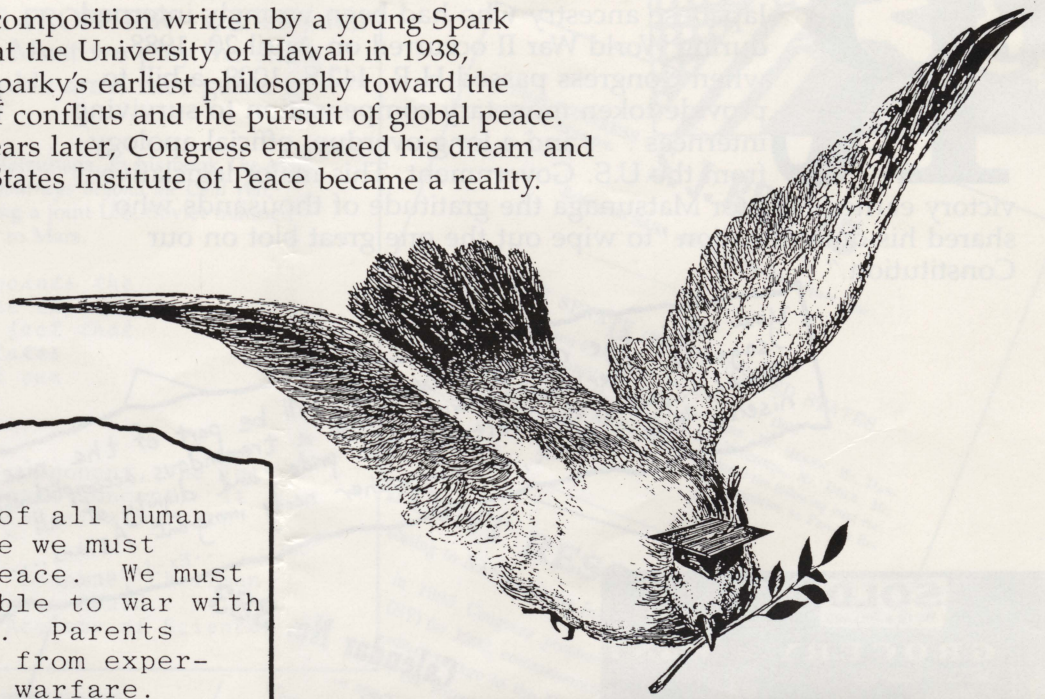
*Apart from some other news, today's New York Times is seemingly entirely devoted to Matsunaga: The Poet Laureate, the Peace Institute. Great congratulations on both.*  
--Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-New York)

Through the singular efforts of Spark Matsunaga, Congress established the position of United States Poet Laureate/Consultant in Poetry in 1985.



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ET US TEACH OUR CHILDREN TO WANT PEACE,” a composition written by a young Spark Matsunaga at the University of Hawaii in 1938, enshrined Sparky’s earliest philosophy toward the resolution of conflicts and the pursuit of global peace. Nearly 50 years later, Congress embraced his dream and the United States Institute of Peace became a reality.



Wants are the drives of all human action. If we want peace we must educate people to want peace. We must replace attitudes favorable to war with attitudes opposed to war. Parents should protect the child from experiences with materials of warfare. Teachers should let the generals fall into the background and bring into the foreground leaders in social reform as heroes. We must help our young men to see that there are other types of bravery than that which is displayed on the battlefield.

If in our teaching we emphasize the life and work of our great contributors instead of our great destroyers, people will come to realize that moral courage is bravery of the highest type, and America will be called the Champion of Peace.

Spark Masayuki Matsunaga, 1938  
English Class 134  
University of Hawaii

To  
Establish

# The United States Academy of Peace



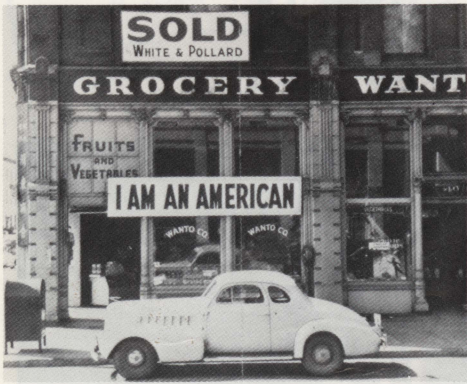
Spark Matsunaga (front row, second from left) with members of the Debate Team during his college years at the University of Hawaii.

Report of the Commission on Proposals for the  
National Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution  
to the President of the United States and the  
Senate and House of Representatives of  
the United States Congress



**R**EDRESS for tens of thousands of Americans of Japanese ancestry who had been wrongly interned during World War II occurred on April 20, 1988, when Congress passed H.R. 442/S. 1009, a bill to provide token monetary compensation to surviving internees . . . and a long-overdue, official apology from the U.S. Government. This major legislative victory earned Senator Matsunaga the gratitude of thousands who shared his determination "to wipe out the one great blot on our Constitution."

*You role in the redress movement will be part of the nisei saga in American history. What a tremendous accomplishment. Thanks, Spark, for restoring the pride and dignity of all niseis, their children, and now other newly immigrant Asians....*  
 --Ex-internee



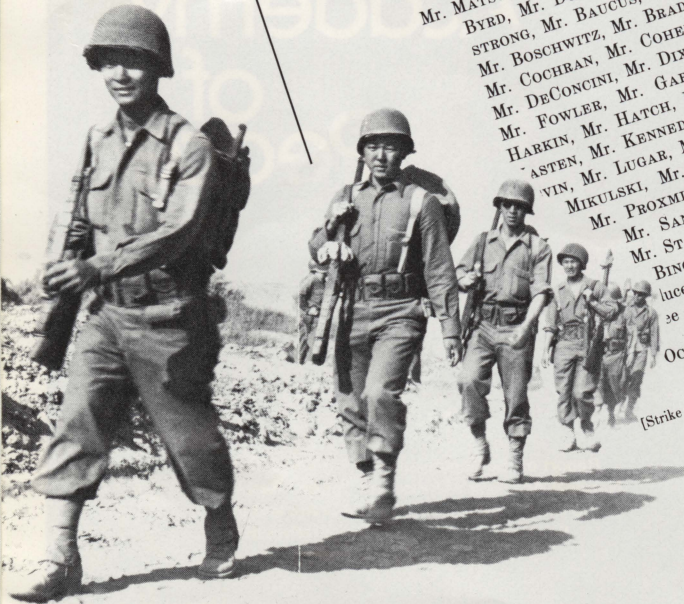
Thousands of Japanese-Americans lost their freedom, homes, businesses, and property in the hysteria of WW II.

**Calendar No. 383**  
**S. 1009**  
 [Report No. 100-2021]  
 and to implement the recommendations of the Commission on the Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

APRIL 10 (legislative day, MARCH 30), 1987  
 Mr. MATSUNAGA (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BYRD, Mr. DOLE, Mr. CRANSTON, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. ADAMS, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. BOSCHWITZ, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BUREN, Mr. BOREN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DECONCINI, Mr. DIXON, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURENBERGER, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FOWLER, Mr. GARN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, HARKIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KEERY, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. ROCKEFELLE, ASTEN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MELCHER, Mr. METZENBERG, Mr. MIKULSKI, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. PACKWOOD, Mr. PROXMIER, Mr. REID, Mr. RIEGLE, Mr. SASSER, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SASSER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WILSON, Mr. STAFFORD, Mr. STAFFORD, Mr. QUAYLE, Mr. PRYOR, BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. QUAYLE, Mr. PRYOR

introduced the following bill; which was read twice and passed on Governmental Affairs  
 OCTOBER 20 (legislative day, OCTOBER 16), 1987  
 Reported by Mr. GLENN, with an amendment  
 (Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic)



The famed "Go For Broke" 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate), 442nd Regimental Combat Team compiled an extraordinary record of valor and human courage while becoming the most decorated unit in U.S. military history.

**A MORE PERFECT UNION**  
**JAPANESE AMERICANS AND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION**  
 A new exhibition at the National Museum of American History Smithsonian Institution October 1, 1987

**MR. INOUE.** MR. PRESIDENT, I AM PLEASED TO JOIN MY DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUE FROM HAWAII FOR THIS EXTRAORDINARY FEAT. I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ANY MEASURE HAS REACHED THIS STAGE WITH 73 COSPONSORS. THE MEASURE BEFORE US IS THE SOURCE OF MUCH ANGUISH AND MUCH CONTROVERSY. BECAUSE OF THE COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION OF SENATOR MATSUNAGA, HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO CONVINCE 72 OF HIS COLLEAGUES TO JOIN HIM IN THIS ENDEAVOR.  
 --Sen. Daniel Inouye..(D-Hawaii)  
 remarks on the Senate Floor  
 April 20, 1988

Congrats for a fight well fought. I can honestly say to you that without your support, help, assistance, and persistence, the deed would not have been done with regards to the reparations made to Japanese-Americans who were interned in the war relocation centers. Others may take credit, but you put it together, my friend. You were superb....  
 Most sincerely,  
 Alan K. Simpson  
 Assistant Republican Leader  
 U. S. Senate





**“SPACE—THE LAST AND MOST EXPANSIVE FRONTIER—will be what we make it. Must we play the same old unwinnable arms race game in space, too?”**

—Spark Matsunaga, in his book *The Mars Project: Journeys Beyond the Cold War*, proposing a joint U.S.-Soviet manned mission to Mars.

*“A profoundly sane book that points the appropriate direction for space exploration and for the world. The fact that Spark Matsunaga is a United States Senator fills me with hope for our political process.”*

--Isaac Asimov

*“The Mars Project and its key component, the International Space Year, is a dramatic concept. It promises to replace international rivalry with cooperation in space research.”*

--Thomas M. Donahue, Chairman  
Space Science Board  
National Academy of Sciences

101ST CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**S. J. RES. 75**

Relating to NASA and the International Space Year.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 9 (legislative day, JANUARY 3), 1989

Mr. MATSUNAGA (for himself, Mr. GARN, Mr. GOBE, Mr. GLENN, Mr. DANFORTH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CRANSTON, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. DOLE, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SIMON, and Mr. HOLLINGS) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

**JOINT RESOLUTION**

relating to NASA and the International Space Year.

in 1985 Congress proposed an International Space Year (ISY) for 1992, commemorating the 500th anniversary of Columbus' voyage to the New World and the 35th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year that ushered in the space age;

Whereas Congress also requested the President to endorse the ISY and to initiate interagency and international discussions for an ISY;

Whereas in 1986 President Reagan endorsed the ISY and reported to Congress that NASA had found worldwide support for an ISY in 1992, consisting of space activities coordinated on a global basis, and the President directed



**NEWS from SPARK M. MATSUNAGA**  
**U.S. Senator from Hawaii**

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FOR RELEASE: JANUARY 12, 1988

MATSUNAGA ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION CONTRIBUTION FROM JAPAN TO PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR HIGH TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH

Washington, D.C.-- Senator Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) announced today that Hawaii's Pacific International Center for High Technology Research (PICHTR) will receive another \$1 million grant from the Japanese Government this year.

Japan's Ambassador to the United States, Nobuo Matsunaga, telephoned Sen. Matsunaga last week to inform him of the contribution, which will be discussed in Washington, D.C. this week during the visit of new Japanese Prime Minister Noburo Takeshita.

The PICHTR, first conceived by Matsunaga and established by cooperation of the State Legislature and former Governor George Ariyoshi, conducts and sponsors research in selected fields of high technology development and seeks to foster international cooperation through joint research with Pacific Basin countries.

Matsunaga said he will join Governor Waihee, PICHTR Chairman John Bellinger, PICHTR President Dr. Paul Yuen, Hawaii Energy Institute Director Dr. Patrick Takahashi and General Tadayuki Nonoyama for the presentation.

will mark the first positive move in at Matsunaga's suggestion technology

**United States Senate**

Committees and Subcommittees:

(100th Congress)

**FINANCE:** Int'l. Trade (Chairman); Taxation and Debt Management; Energy and Agricultural Taxation.

**LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES:** Aging (Chairman); Education, Arts, and Humanities; Labor.

**VETERANS' AFFAIRS:** Full committee acts on all matters.

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

(98th, 99th and 100th Congress)

**CHIEF DEPUTY DEMOCRATIC WHIP**

Chairman, Commission on Proposals for the National Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution, 1980-82

Alternate Official Senate Adviser on Trade Negotiations

Member, Advisory Commission, '82 GATT Ministerial Trade Conference

Member:

- Arms Control and Foreign Policy Caucus
- Environmental and Energy Study Conference
- Members of Congress for Peace through Law
- National Ocean Policy Study
- U.S.-Japan Friendship Commission
- Working Groups on Competitiveness-Trade
- National Commission on Working Women
- Concerned Senators for the Arts
- Congressional Solar Coalition
- Congressional Clearinghouse for the Future
- Congressional Space Caucus
- Congressional Arts Caucus
- Grace Commission to Reduce Waste in Government Programs



# SPARK M. MATSUNAGA PEACE FOUNDATION

## BACKGROUND

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THE MATSUNAGA PEACE FOUNDATION, formerly called the Pacific Peace Foundation, was made possible through the inspiration of United States Senator Spark Matsunaga. The Foundation embodies his vision of a world at peace in which human conflicts are resolved not by force of arms but through peaceful negotiations.

The longing for a federal agency or department devoted exclusively to peace as a counterweight to the former Department of War is as old as the Republic. One of the signers of the Declaration of Independence lamented the absence of a national institution whose sole purpose would be the study and practice of conflict resolution. Although various attempts were made over the decades to enact peace legislation, a peace institute was not created until Senator Matsunaga made this his personal legislative priority. His chairmanship of the Commission on Proposals for the National Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution and the resulting report cleared the way for Congress to approve the establishment of the United States Institute of Peace in 1984.

## PURPOSE

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The MATSUNAGA PEACE FOUNDATION seeks to bridge the financial gap that prevents institutions of peace and its students and scholars from utilizing the full potential of peace knowledge in meeting the challenges of a rapidly changing and largely unpredictable world. In his testimony in support of a budget request for the U.S. Institute of Peace, Senator Matsunaga said: "As the Cold War fades into history and meaningful arms control is accomplished, the new leaders of the emerging democracies of Eastern Europe and the rest of the world will need more than economic assistance. They will require assistance in establishing new national institutions, in resolving conflicts between ethnic and religious groups, and in settling longstanding border disputes and other controversies between nations which are likely to emerge once again." Indeed, the need for institutional training and programs such as those carried out by the University of Hawaii Institute of Peace has never been greater. In a world where economic friction among allied nations can prove as damaging as ideological competition between tradition adversaries, today's students of international business as well as of the humanities must receive specialized training. The Foundation awards scholarships, grants, and endowed professorships to individuals and organizations pursuing peace studies and the application of conflict resolution techniques.

## ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT

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The MATSUNAGA PEACE FOUNDATION was incorporated in Honolulu, Hawaii as a nonprofit public charity and is creating a permanent Board of Governors. A capital fund drive is actively underway to identify a core group of founders and supporters. Contributions and inquiries may be addressed to: The Matsunaga Peace Foundation/P.O. Box 1038/Honolulu, Hawaii 96808.