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EDITORIALS:

Sing Shengs and the Garys

There are several ways of handling race discrimination in housing, and two of them were dramatically demonstrated in California in recent weeks.

In Southwood district, South San Francisco, Sing Sheng asked his prospective neighbors if they would object to his presence in an "all-white" area. His neighbors said they would by a vote of 174 to 28. And Sing Sheng, as he had promised beforehand, bowed out of the picture gracefully.

A national wave of sympathy was aroused. Everywhere individuals, officials and organizations were provoked to condemnation of the racism exhibited in Southwood.

Shortly thereafter a Negro veteran, Wilbur G. Gary, his wife and seven children moved into a home in San Pablo, Calif., in the white Rollingwood tract. The threats came early. During the night a white cross was planted on his lawn as a warning. But, said Gary, he would leave the cross, because to him a cross "has other meanings."

For a man of average courage, the first night in the Gary home would have been a nightmare of terror. A brick crashed through the front window. Stones fell against the stone building. And outside 200 persons pushed, milled about and shouted ugly threats.

"We don't scare easily," Gary said. "I'm still going to stay." He had already turned down an offer for the house which would have netted him a quick \$1200. He explained that the matter had already gone too far for him to back down from his position.

Wilbur Gary was not without friends as he sat out the long vigil. A Baptist minister brought down a group of persons to show that not all Americans were prejudiced. Officials, including Attorney General Edmund G. Brown, announced their intention of keeping the law. Local authorities led by Sheriff James N. Long of Contra Costa County apparently handled the situation in an intelligent manner.

And 21 families in the neighborhood sat down and signed a letter to the Garys to express their welcome and the hope that they would soon get to know him as a friend.

By now it appears that the Wilbur Garys have settled in their home. No further incidents have been reported.

It cannot be said that Sing Sheng lacked courage or belief in democracy. But his method cannot be recommended as a good way to fight an evil which causes injury to millions of Americans.

He subjected a recognized right—the right to live in the home of one's choice without restriction because of race or creed—to the whims of the ballot box. But democracy is not something to be bandied about. Democracy is a hard-won thing. It is something to be fought for, tended and watched.

The Southwood case strengthened the belief of prejudiced Americans that members of minority groups can and should be kept out of certain neighborhoods. The Southwood ballot gave many people the mistaken belief that the right of home purchases can be controlled by neighborhood vote. Sing Sheng acted out of honest motives, but he reinforced the latent prejudices of those living in Southwood. It is entirely probable that had he moved into the district without previous fanfare, that he and his family would be living there today without difficulty, accepted as a neighbor by most of the Southwood people who voted against him. It is entirely possible that most of them did so because, since the choice was presented them, it was simpler to vote "no" and thus prevent what might become a problem. But the aftermath of publicity and condemnation forced them on the defensive. In having to explain and defend their position, they reinforced it. Perhaps along with it was resentment against Sing Sheng for putting them in such a position.

Compromise Claims Deadline

House approval this week of a \$14,800,000 appropriation for payment of compromise evacuation claims points up the need for immediate filing of such claims before the March 22 deadline. This deadline, originally set for March 15, was extended because of its conflict with the filing of income taxes.

If, as expected, there is Senate and White House approval, there will be \$14,800,000 available for payments up to June 30. After that date, any amount not used must be returned to the treasury.

The payment of claims for losses suffered in the 1942 evacuation has been delayed so long that it would be tragic for the evacuees not to take advantage, at long last, of procedures and funds making such payment possible. The JACL-ADC strongly recommends use of the compromise procedures for persons with claims of less than \$3500 or for couples whose joint claims do not exceed \$7000. It has been shown that this method produces larger returns per claim and in infinitely faster time.

MINORITY WEEK

Booted Out

Segregation got the boot in Fresno, Calif., recently when the city commission voted to institute racial equality in all public housing units.

Until now Negroes, whites and Mexican Americans have been confined to their own projects.

This Week's Quote

"We suggest the possibility that not all Mexican Americans find 'Spanish' dances representative of them or their life in America. We suggest the possibility that not all Japanese Americans consider 'ondo' and 'kimono' representative of their current life and attitudes. We suggest that the sole contribution of the Negro to American life is not a native ability to sing spirituals.

"We suggest that the problems facing minorities would be sooner solved by a direct attack on conditions in America today and not a study of the near-forgotten cultural heritage of its second generation citizens."—The CSO Reporter.

Quickie

"I don't think America can beat down atheism, imperialism, militarism and communism when American democracy has a weakness in its shield called discrimination. We have got to come into the world with clean hands.

"There is a revolution on in this world about human equality, and unless America is willing to embrace the doctrine of human equality in its fullest meaning, we haven't any chance of saving ourselves."—Sen. Hubert Humphrey.

Denver the Fair

The Mile High City comes in for high praise from the Baltimore Afro-American, which describes Denver as a city where the color line is nonexistent.

The paper gives much of the credit to the Denver Post, which carried on a campaign for democratic treatment of minority groups.

The Afro-American noted, among other things, equal service in restaurants, hotels and theaters; employment of Negroes in department stores; Negroes in the public schools and on the police force; and their employment in city and county governments on an integrated basis.

Nisei Wife Obtains Passage Of Bill to Permit Husband In Japan to Come to America

SEATTLE—The faith of a young Nisei wife and mother who worked for three years to try to gain United States entry for her husband, a former Japanese soldier, was rewarded recently.

Mrs. Toshiko (Jean) Furuta, 27, was at work on her job as clerk typist at King County Hospital when she was notified her husband, Isamu, 32, will be permitted to come to the United States from Japan.

"Is it really true?" she asked. "Thank God! We have waited so long!"

A bill, sponsored by Rep. Hugh B. Mitchell and Sen. Warren G. Magnuson of Washington, was signed by President Truman to permit Isamu Furuta to join his wife and children, Koji, 4, and Ronald, 2, in Seattle as a "permanent resident." The father has never seen Ronald who was born after Mrs. Furuta's return to Seattle.

"I knew the government would let my husband come here some day," Mrs. Furuta said. "I just kept writing letters and working and waiting. I figured that after the peace treaty was signed it might happen. But now that it has happened I can hardly believe it."

Also overwhelmed by the news were Furuta's gray-haired mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Koichi Furuta, residents of Seattle, and his brother, Roy, 39. The elderly Mrs. Furuta hasn't seen her son for nearly 30 years.

Mrs. Furuta and Roy, who was born in Seattle, were visiting in Japan when Isamu was born. She left the children with relatives and

Nisei USA

Tom Connally's Propaganda

Senator Tom Connally of Texas stood revealed as a white supremacist when he told the Senate last week that he opposed statehood for Hawaii because "the majority of the people are not of American descent."

To Sen. Connally, it is obvious that "American" is synonymous with "white."

It is apparent that the Texas solon meant to apply the coup de grace to the Hawaiian statehood bill for this session of Congress at least but his careless comment in questioning the loyalty of Hawaii's population has done much to rescue the bill from a legislative limbo.

Statehood supporters in Hawaii were quick to seize upon Sen. Connally's slip of the tongue and dispatched a delegation which included a Gold Star mother, the current president of the Hawaiian 442nd Veterans Club and several other ex-GIs to Washington, via Sen. Connally's home grounds in Texas. The result has been a storm of nationwide publicity in the press, on radio and TV and in the newsreels.

An overt act by the opposition often can be used to good advantage, as the War Relocation Authority could testify in its campaign in 1945 to win public acceptance on the Pacific Coast for returning evacuees of Japanese ancestry. More than any other single

Seeks Nisei

Beth Jewell of 1718 North 14th St., Boise, Ida., is anxious to get in touch with Mary Imueni Tanaka, former resident of Ocean Beach, Calif.

Mrs. Tanaka went to the Santa Anita center after the evacuation and later relocated to Hamer, Ida.

Any information as to her present whereabouts would be appreciated by Miss Jewell, who is a longtime friend of Mrs. Tanaka.

Drive for ADC

SAN MATEO, Calif.—A drive for funds for the JACL-ADC has begun here to raise the San Mateo JACL's \$700 quota, as set by the regional office.

Nig Yamada is chairman. He will be assisted by a committee of Nisei and Issei representatives.

incident, the action of the American Legion post at Hood River, Ore., in removing the names of 16 soldiers of Japanese extraction from its county honor roll shamed the public conscience that the WRA's work was facilitated. And the anti-democratic action of the residents of the Southwood district of South San Francisco in opposing the entry of a Chinese American family undoubtedly helped hasten the day when extralegal restrictions will not be imposed to deny non-Caucasian Americans the right to decent housing.

The cause of Hawaiian statehood has won every battle except that in the Senate. A succession of polls has shown the American people to favor statehood for both Hawaii and Alaska by an imposing margin, while the House passed both statehood bills in the last session of Congress. President Truman and Secretary of Interior Chapman are vigorous advocates of state status for the two territories.

Proponents and opponents of Hawaiian statehood cut across party lines. The opposition is represented by a bloc of Dixiecrats who fear that the addition of four new members to the Senate will mean the South will lose its veto power against civil rights legislation and by some Northern Republicans of the persuasion of Nebraska's Hugh Butler who oppose statehood for the two territories on the ground of non-contiguity. In the West, however, all of the senators, with the exception of Wallace Bennett of Utah, a former president of the National Association of Manufacturers, voted against recommitting the Alaskan bill, the one test vote taken to date on the statehood measures. In the West both Republicans and Democrats are strong supporters of the statehood bills.

Because the Alaskan bill is less popular than Hawaiian statehood, administration strategists scheduled the Alaskan measure ahead of the Hawaiian bill for obvious reasons. Although it is not necessarily true, expectations are that Alaska may send two Democrats to the Senate while Hawaii is more likely to send two Republicans. All four Senators, however, whatever their political background may be expected to be strong supporters of civil rights legislation since both Hawaii and Alaska have sizable populations of people who are not, in Sen. Connally's words, "of American descent."

Hawaii has deserved statehood and has been actively campaigning for it for the past 20 years. Until World War II, however, the race question, in effect "the Japanese problem," was raised successfully by the opposition. The possibility that Hawaii would send a legislator of Japanese ancestry to Congress was cited on at least one occasion by Rep. John Rankin of Mississippi as a reason for opposition. Such an argument no longer would be countenanced in the House since Hawaii's demonstration of loyalty during the war.

In the Senate the statement last week by Sen. Tom Connally was challenged on the floor by Senators Francis Case of South Dakota and William Knowland of California, both of whom referred to the record of the Hawaiian Nisei in the 442nd Combat Team and to the high record of casualties sustained by Hawaiian GIs of the 5th Regimental Combat Team in Korea. Sen. Knowland reminded the Texas legislator that the famous 442nd helped rescue elements of the 36th (Texas) Division in France.

Sen. Connally took his foot out of his mouth long enough this week to dismiss the visit of the "Connally caravan" from Hawaii to his office as "a propaganda effort to secure votes for the Hawaiian statehood bill." Of course it was a propaganda stunt and good propaganda in that it got a good press throughout the country. Sen. Connally didn't mean it that way, but he was responsible for the whole affair when he boasted he was "a better American than a great many people in Hawaii" and implied that Americanism was a matter of being a member of the Caucasian race.

Sen. Connally's actions have served to win new friends for Hawaiian statehood and to make the opposition look a little silly.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Okano a boy on Feb. 25 in San Francisco. To Mr. and Mrs. Susumu To-gasaki, Alameda, Calif., a boy on Feb. 28. To Mr. and Mrs. Masayuki Sera, Los Altos, Calif., a girl, Janet Setsuko, on Feb. 20. To Mr. and Mrs. Goichi Yone-moto, Sunnyvale, Calif., a girl, Lynn Shizuko, on Feb. 25. To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Taka-nashi a girl on Feb. 25 in Sacra-mento. To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Hiro-naka a girl on Feb. 25 in Sacra-mento. To Mr. and Mrs. George Miya-zaki a boy on March 7 in Seattle. To Mr. and Mrs. William Asa-mura a girl on March 7 in Seattle. To Mr. and Mrs. Nobuyuki Su-mida a boy, Steven R., on March 2 in Portland, Ore. To Mr. and Mrs. Kay I. Wata-nuki a girl in Denver. To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hisao Taniguchi, Caruthers, Calif., a girl on Feb. 16. To Mr. and Mrs. John K. Kuri-hara, Orosi, Calif., a boy on Feb. 18. To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Koko-ruda a girl on Feb. 9 in Fresno. To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Saka-guchi a girl on March 6 in Se-attle. To Mr. and Mrs. Yutaka Fuji-kado a girl on March 6 in Se-attle. To Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Ikeda a girl on March 2 in Seattle. To Mr. and Mrs. Manabu Fukuda, Clovis, Calif., a boy on Feb. 9. To Mr. and Mrs. Junji Shiro-yama, Laton, Calif., a boy on Jan. 25. To Mr. and Mrs. Gene Yoshio Arakaki a boy on Feb. 11 in Fresno. To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Echiyu Hiraoka, Fowler, Calif., a girl on Feb. 13. To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Yoshi-oka, Acampo, Calif., a boy on March 1. To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Masao Nakata a girl in Oakland, Calif. To Mr. and Mrs. Crayton Akira Sato a boy in Alameda County, Calif. To Mr. and Mrs. Donald K. Morita, Lodi, Calif., a boy on Feb. 5. To Mr. and Mrs. Ted S. Fujii, Florin, Calif., a boy on Feb. 17. To Mr. and Mrs. Kanome Kishi-yama a girl, Jeanne Taeko, on Feb. 27 in Los Angeles. To Mr. and Mrs. Tsumetada Oda a boy, Mitchell, on Feb. 24 in Los Angeles. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tetsuro Yamasaki a boy, Timothy, on Feb. 21 in Los Angeles. To Mr. and Mrs. Shiro Yoshi-kawa a boy, Theodore Tatsumi, on Feb. 23 in Los Angeles. To Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Yohei Niuro a girl, Vivianne, on Feb. 25 in Los Angeles. To Mr. and Mrs. Hideshi Jim Taketaya a girl, Darlene Ann, on Feb. 17 in Los Angeles. To Mr. and Mrs. George Magi-taka Hirose a boy, Peter, on Feb. 16 in Los Angeles. To Mr. and Mrs. Akio J. Ko-mura, Fort Lawton, Wash., a girl on Feb. 24. To Mr. and Mrs. Katsumi John-

nie Nishijima a girl, Linda Joy, on Feb. 24 in San Jose. To Mr. and Mrs. Ken Shigihara a girl on Feb. 24 in Seattle. To Mr. and Mrs. Sumito Hori-uchi, Auburn, Calif., a boy on March 3. To Mr. and Mrs. Sadao Nikaido, Pasadena, Calif., a boy on Feb. 29. To Mr. and Mrs. James Ogawa, Pasadena, a girl on Feb. 29. To Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Azuma, San Diego, a girl on Feb. 13. To Mr. and Mrs. Bill N. Hiro-hata, Fair Oaks, Calif., a girl on Feb. 21.

DEATHS

Yoshikazu Kataoka, 59, Selma, Calif., on March 4 in Fresno. Takeosuke Natsume, 73, on March 4 in Dinuba, Calif. Jitsuzo Yamaguchi, 71, on Feb. 28 in Seattle. Asakichi Shinmoto, 51, on March 5 in Culver City, Calif. Tamizo Yamada, 65, on March 4 in West Los Angeles. Shohei Sakuda, 79, on March 4 in San Francisco. Asajiro Murakami, 65, on March 6 in San Francisco. Taichi Kanemoto, 73, on March 1 in Torrance, Calif. Kurahachi Tominaga, 88, on March 2 in West Los Angeles. Takichi Kato on March 2 in Los Angeles. Umekichi Kato, 71, on March 1 in Puente, Calif. Mrs. Ritsue Ii, 53, on March 1 in Santa Monica, Calif.

MARRIAGES

Fumi Emoto to Sam S. Naka-gawa, both of Ontario, Ore., in Reno, Nev. Aiko Tashiro, Orosi, Calif., to Junji Takeda, Cutler, in Dinuba, Calif. Kikuko Yamamoto to Isamu Sadamitsu on March 2 in Los Angeles. Clare Tamura to Henry Sugi-moto on Feb. 23 in Chicago. Heidi Uno, Spokane, Wash., to George Y. Onodera on March 1 in Seattle. Rose Marie Mariko Yasui to Shigeji Kuwahara, Long Beach, on March 2 in Los Angeles. Reiko Kato to Tokuji Yoshihashi, both of San Gabriel, Calif., on March 2 in Los Angeles. Yoneko Sasaki to Lincoln Tad Munemitsu, Westminster, Calif., on March 1 in Santa Ana. Ami Emiko Doi to Kunio Wil-liam Satow on March 8 in Los Angeles. Kazuko Uyeda to William No-boru Hayakawa on March 9 in Los Angeles. Toyoko Nakashima to James Hiroshi Nakamoto on March 9 in Los Angeles. Betty Takako Maekawa to Shituo Akiyama on March 9 in Los An-geles. Margaret Toshiko Shibuya to Katsumi Ryono on March 9 in Los Angeles. Haruko Ogi, Gardena, Calif., to Noboru Uyeda on March 9 in Tor-rance, Calif. Mary Sakashita to Shizuo Uchi-koshi on Feb. 25 in Salt Lake City.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Sachie Tekawa, 22, Berkeley, and George Kuwatani, 22, in San Fran-cisco. Hiroko Nakagawa, 23, and George Nakagawa, 26, in Seattle. Edith Doi, 23, and Bob Oto, 22, in San Francisco.

CHICAGO STARS BEAT WAUKEGAN IN BENEFIT TILT

By DICK HIRASUNA CHICAGO—The Chicago AA All-Stars tuned up for their coming participation in the Intermountain Nisei tournament in Salt Lake City by defeating the Waukegan, Ill., Rexes, 71 to 47, in the feature game of a benefit basketball bill at Olivet Institute on March 9. Led by George Nakawatase who scored 14 points, the Chicago Nisei romped to an easy victory over the Rexes, a team led by a 59-year old player named Rex. Four other starters for the All-Stars all scored ten points or better with Shig Muraio accounting for 12, Center Tak Hiyama for ten and Guards Yamaguchi and Okamoto for ten apiece. The Chicago Nisei Aye League All-Stars lost a spine-tingling 38 to 37 game to the Southside Yaquis, 1951 Chicago Southside champions. George Abe was high for the Nisei with 12. The Nisei Girls All-Star team lost a 17 to 9 decision to the Waukegan Rexettes in a game played under men's rules.

Ed Sato to Enter Coast Boxing Meet

BERKELEY, Calif.—Ed Sato of San Francisco will be one of six boxers who will represent the University of California at Berkeley in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate boxing championships next week in Sacramento. Sato will wear the Bear colors in the 119-pound division. The Nisei bantamweight has won three bouts this year and has been defeated only by Frank Lopez of Idaho State. He has decided on Romeo Formenturi of Stanford, Sam Moreno of UCLA and Milt Swift of San Francisco State.

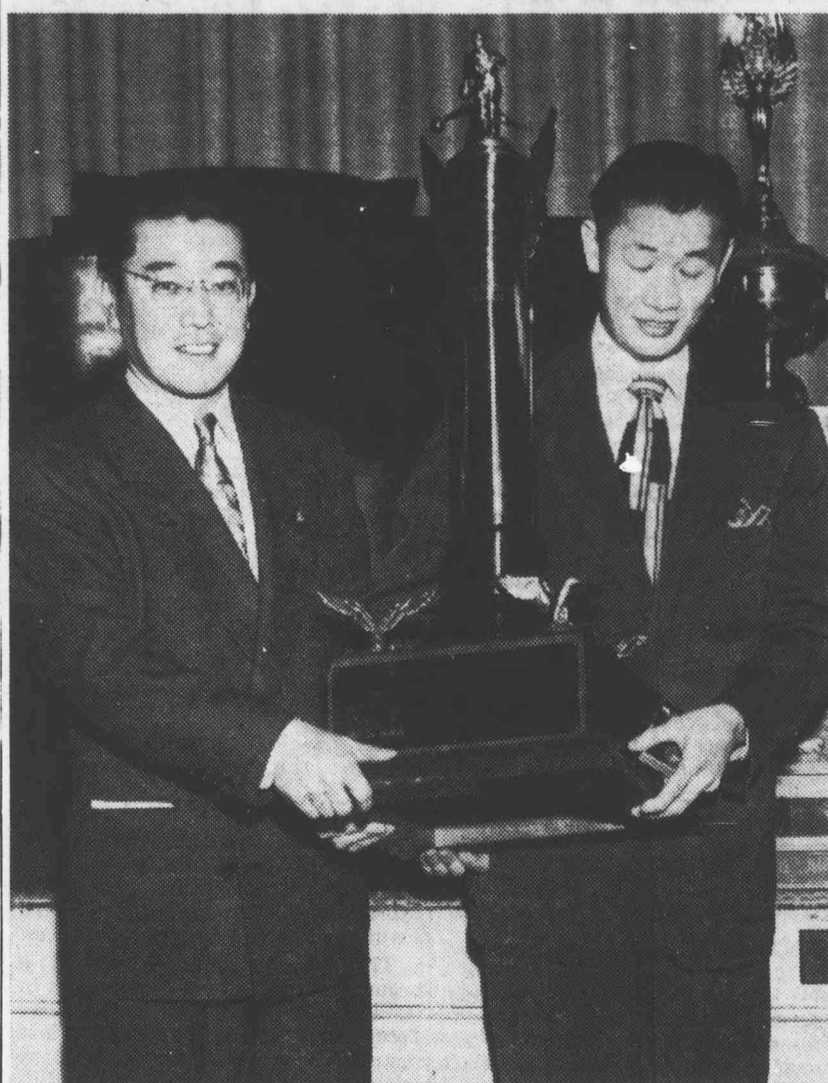
MIYASATO BEATS HANK LAUMAN IN SPECIAL MATCH

HONOLULU — Taro Miyasato, Hawaiian match game champion, defeated Hank Lauman of Los Angeles, one of the nation's leading bowlers, in a special five-game match on March 5 at Honolulu Bowling Center. Miyasato staged a sensational comeback with a 266 game after trailing for the first four games and averaged 222.3 pins per game for a total pinfall of 1113. Lauman had 1106, an average of 221.1. Miyasato's games were 219-187-229-212-266.

Dr. Masuoka Named Chapter President By Portland JACL

PORTLAND, Ore.—Dr. Matthew Masuoka was elected president of the Portland JACL March 1 at a meeting at the Nichiren Church. Elected to serve under Dr. Masuoka were Kenji Onishi, first vice-president; Mieko Fujita, second vice-president; Mrs. Mary Iwa-saki, recording secretary; Mary Minamoto, corresponding secretary; Mamaro Wakasugi, treasurer; Mrs. Fumi Sakano, historian; and George Azumano, official delegate. A "family night" social follow-ed under co-chairmanship of Mieko Fujita and Kenji Onishi. Box lunches were auctioned off by Jim-my Mizote. Jack Ouchida, Gresham-Troutdale JACL president, provided a movie projector for the showing of six short subjects, in-cluding Frank Sinatra in "The House I Live In."

Yee's 1837 Win All Events



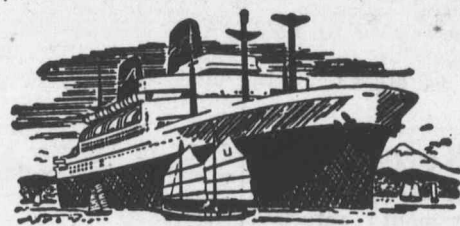
DENVER—Ken Yee (right), all-events champion of the 6th annual National JACL bowling tournament, blinks at the photographer's flash as he accepts the National JACL perpetual trophy from Tournament Co-Chairman John Noguchi. Yee's 1837 for nine games established a new record. The Sacramento keglar is believed to be the first bowler of Oriental descent to hit a "300" game, rolling a perfect game back in 1935.

Two Students Win Achievement Cups

STOCKTON, Calif.—Lily Ogino, fine arts, and Barbara Okubo, vocational arts, were among four Stockton College students who were awarded Bank of America achieve-ment cups for excellence in general fields of study.

Student Nurses Will Complete Training

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Four student nurses from Hawaii arrived here recently to complete their two months graduate nursing courses. They are Clara Segawa, Mildred Abe, Pearl Morton and Jean Ko-rata.



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