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## Carter appoints Rose M. Ochi to immigration panel

### Washington

President Carter last week (Mar. 22) named Mrs. Rose Matsui Ochi, former teacher and an attorney who is director of the Los Angeles Criminal Justice Planning Office, to the newly formed Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy.

The new commission was created by Congress last year and will conduct a broad study and analysis of U.S. immigration laws and refugee policies and will recommend improvements to the President and the Congress.

Also appointed were Justice Cruz Reynoso of the Calif. Appellate Court, Sacramento; former Florida governor Reubin Askew, who is the commission chair; and Joaquin Otero, Washington, D.C., labor leader of Cuban heritage.

Congressional members of the panel, which is expected to meet in May, are:

Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee; Sen. Dennis DeConcini (D-Ariz.), Sen. Charles Mathias (R-Md.) and Sen. Alan K. Simpson (R-Wyo.); Rep. Peter Rodino (D-N.J.), chairman, House Judiciary Committee; Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D-N.Y.), Rep. Charles McClory (R-Ill.) and Rep. Hamilton Fish Jr.



L.A. Times Photo  
Rose Matsui Ochi

(R-N.Y.)

Mrs. Ochi, 40, has been in charge of administering the multi-million dollar Law Enforcement Assistance Administration federal grant program in Los Angeles for two years.

She is executive assistant to Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, a member of the L.A. County Bar Assn. board of trustees, and a 1972 graduate of Loyola Law School. She taught in the L.A. and Montebello schools. She and her husband Thomas H. Ochi, an architect, reside in Monterey Park. #

## DANIELSON'S HR 1924

### Hibakusha bill re-introduced

#### Washington

Rep. George E. Danielson (D-Ca.) has reintroduced the bill to provide medical treatment to certain survivors of atomic bomb explosions in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the National JAACL Headquarters was informed this past week.

Danielson's HR 1924 is similar to the Rep. Roybal-Mineta bill passed last year by the House Judiciary subcommittee on administrative law and governmental relations, chaired by the Monterey Park Democrat.

Meanwhile, Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Ca.) has written to HEW general counsel Peter Libassi, appointed last year by President Carter to chair a task force coordinating the study of radiation effects, mainly the condition of U.S. Army personnel ordered to watch nuclear bomb tests in Nevada more than 20 years ago, to aid the survivors of the Hiroshima-

Nagasaki A-bomb attacks.

(A copy was sent to Kanji Kuramoto of Alameda, Ca., chairman of the Committee for Atomic Bomb Survivors.) The letter reads:

Dear Peter:

Since you have been named the chairman of the task force President Carter appointed to coordinate the study of radiation effects, I would like to bring to your attention the plight of a group of U.S. citizens whose radiation exposure has been overlooked in the past.

There are an estimated 500 of these citizens. All of them happened to be in Hiroshima or Nagasaki in 1945 when the atomic bombs were dropped, were exposed to radiation, returned to the United States after the war to take up permanent residence again and suffered from illnesses which may be attributed to their radiation exposure.

These 500 citizens were children visiting grandparents or completing their educations in Japan at the time the war broke out and were unable to leave the country until peace was declared.

Had they remained in Japan, they would be eligible for health care at government expense (indeed some of them do return to Japan for their health care, finding the cost of transportation less costly than the cost of health care in the United States.)

I believe consideration should be given to the appropriateness and feasibility of developing some mechanism whereby medical expenses for these individuals clearly associated with the radiation exposure could be provided in a federal facility or through (other) programs.

I bring this matter to your attention in the hope that, in its coordination effort, the task force will give every consideration to finding a means of providing such health coverage to these atomic bomb survivors.

ALAN CRANSTON

### Fish law tested by Japan vessel

#### San Jose, Costa Rica

Costa Rica's tough new fisheries law is tested by Chokyo Maru No. 2's Capt. Munetoshi Ishihara, being charged with piracy for fishing without a Costa Rican license 260 miles off the mainland but only a few miles away from Cocos Island, a Costa Rican possession.

Circuit Judge Luis E. Wong held the charges "lacked merit for want of evidence" in another case involving two U.S. vessels detained in April, 1978. #

## Eunice Sato falls short in Senate try

### Long Beach, Ca.

City Councilwoman Eunice Sato finished a strong No. 3 among nine candidates in a special election last week (Mar. 20) to fill the vacancy in the state senate created by the election of George Deukmejian as attorney general last fall. The top totals:

Ollie Speraw (R) ..... 14,794  
Renee Simon (D) ..... 14,711  
Eunice Sato (R) ..... 11,021

Speraw, real estate businessman, and former city councilwoman Simon now vie in the April 17 runoff.

Only 30% of the electorate turned out for the primary.

Mrs. Sato, elected to the city council in 1975, had campaigned on the lesson of Proposition 13 calling for less big government and more local government. #

Japanese Village Plaza Mall is open to Asian community groups wishing to hold an event, according to Lynda Taketa (620-8861), marketing director for the Little Tokyo shopping area. #

## MINETA AT UNIV. OF MICHIGAN:

# New generation of Americans need to be told

### Ann Arbor, Mi.

Rep. Norman Mineta has called for a "time of reflection" on the evacuation and internment of more than 112,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry during WW II.

In a speech at the Univ. of Michigan March 16, Mineta said, "The real lesson of the internment camps is that whenever civil liberties can be taken from one group or individual, they can be taken from any group or individual."

(Text of Rep. Mineta's speech will appear in a future issue.)

"This lesson must be brought to the consciousness of all Americans once again," said Mineta, "because it bears directly on our rights as Americans and as human beings. Only four members of Congress currently serving were in office in 1942 at the time of the internment. There is a new generation of public officials and other Americans who need to be reminded of the internment," he said.

[The four current members of Congress serving in 1942 are Senators (then Reps.) Warren Magnuson

and Henry Jackson, both of Washington; Rep. Jamie Whitten of Mississippi; and Rep. (then Sen.) Claude Pepper of Florida. —Ed.]

Mineta and his family were among those Japanese Americans interned in a "relocation camp, as the government euphemistically called them," said Mineta. "These Americans endured not only mental anguish and economic hardship, but they also suffered the humiliation of being classified as potential traitors to their country. Yet history has recorded

not one single act of treason or sabotage committed by a Japanese American throughout World War II."

Citing the efforts of the Japanese American Citizens League to secure redress for those interned in World War II camps, Mineta noted that "the redress effort will provide an opportunity to reflect upon

this often overlooked event in American history. Hopefully, the knowledge gained will guarantee that tragedies such as the evacuation will never occur again."

Sponsored by the Univ. of Michigan Office of Minority Student Services

and the Detroit Chapter of the JAACL, Mineta's talk was part of a month-long focus of the California Historical Society's presentation on the Japanese American internment experience. #

## Festival Queen



Hawaii Hochi Photo

LeAnne Shigeno Higa, 22, a Univ. of Hawaii student of Pearl City, is the 1979 Cherry Blossom Festival queen.

## San Diego State plans to drop Japanese

### San Diego, Ca.

A proposal to eliminate Japanese and Chinese language courses among several others from the San Diego State University curriculum starting next semester has gathered community attention.

Two years of Japanese and two years of Chinese

are being taught at SDSU. A third year of either language is available.

Steve Rabson, lecturer in Japanese, explained the university's plan at a recent meeting of the San Diego Japanese Community coordinating council. Its elimination would also take the heart out of the

Asian American studies program, the council was told.

Community interest in the two Asian languages being retained should be expressed to:

President Thomas Day, c/o Prof. Dan McLeod, Asian Studies Center, Adams Humanities Bldg., San Diego State University, San Diego, Ca 92182. #

## Calif. seeks survey listing ethnic historic resources

### Sacramento, Ca.

Contracts of approximately \$30,000 each will be awarded for surveys of cultural resources of five major ethnic minority groups in California: Blacks, Chinese, Japanese, Native Americans and Hispanics.

The Office of Historic Preservation, California Department of Parks and Recreation, is conducting the survey to identify historic properties and cultural resources that those groups consider worthy of recognition and preservation. The resources may include buildings, other structures, sites, objects and districts of

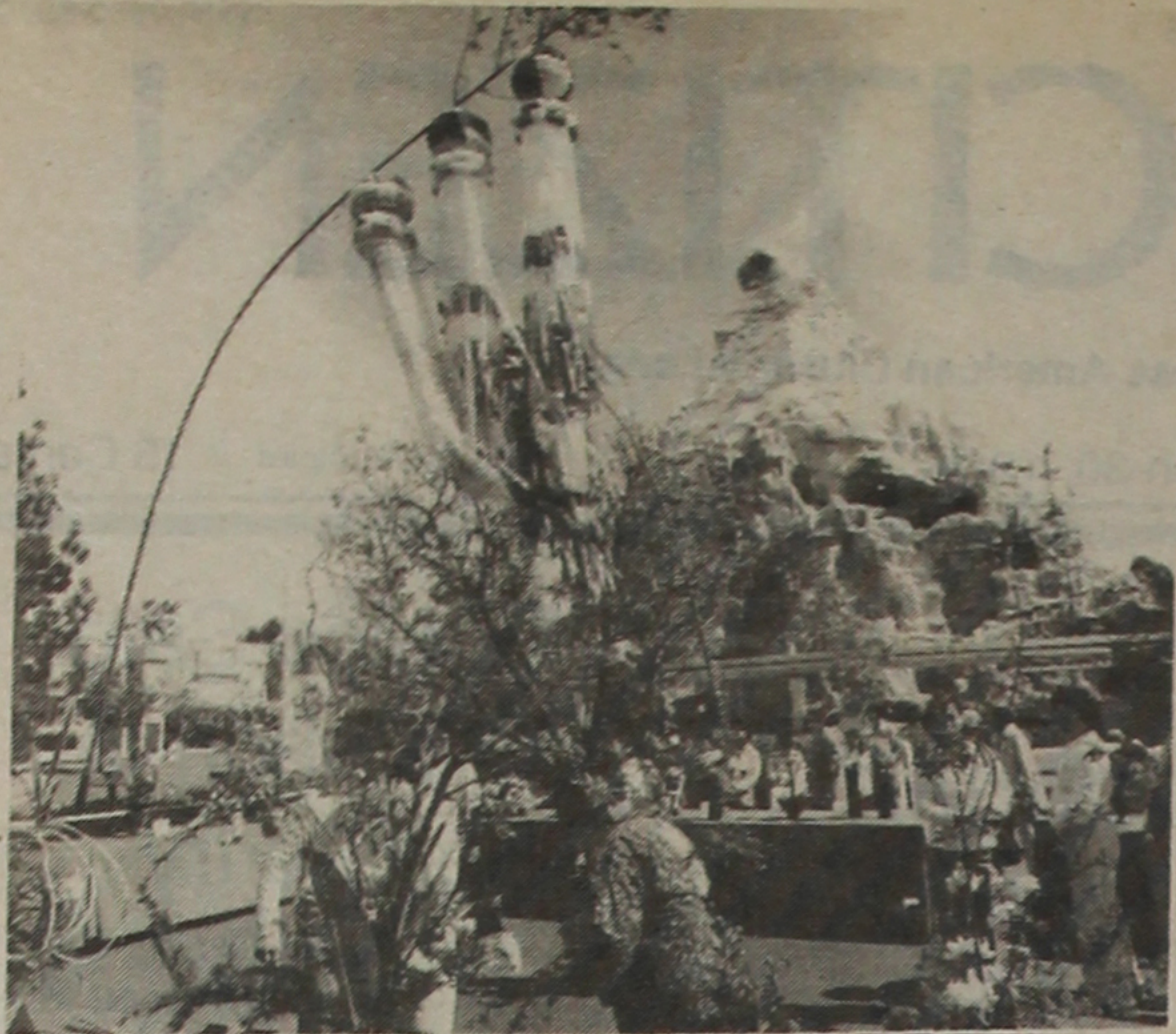
historical, architectural, social and cultural significance.

State historic preservation officer Dr. Knox Mellon said, "This attempts to redress the inadequate representation of California's multi-ethnic heritage in the state's existing cultural survey program. An appreciation for California's diverse ethnic heritage stimulates cultural awareness and recognition of ethnic minority contributions."

For a Request for Proposal information, write to:

Eugene Itogawa, Office of Historic Preservation, P.O. Box 2390, Sacramento, CA 95811, (916) 322-8594. #





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**A TOUCH OF JAPAN**—Disneyland this weekend will celebrate "Festival of Japan" for the third straight year. Numerous Japanese American groups will showcase many aspects of traditional Japanese culture—including tea ceremonies, flower arrangement at various park locations, highlighted by a 2 p.m. procession including 35 samurai on horseback.

### Survey on U.S., Japan students

#### Tokyo

The Japan Youth Problems Research Institute has released its survey of 3,000 high school students in Japan and the United States taken last year, indicating some sharp contrasts (in percentages):

	Jpn	U.S.
1—3 to 5 friends in school	44	41
2—Friends in same class?	92	56
3—Of opposite sex?	28	39
4—Are your parents proud of you?	46	86
5—Hours of study at home: From 2-3 hrs	36	15
6—Is school life enjoyable?		
Yes	8	25
More or less	44	48
7. Do you have a teacher with whom you consult readily?		
Yes	71	28
about personal problems?		
Yes	56	73
8—Teachers are enthusiastic about teaching.		
(Agree)	12	47
9—About future jobs:		
Decided	48	70
Undecided	44	26

The high schools are similar in some areas since the postwar education system in Japan was patterned after the United States.

Students advancing to high school: 93 96  
Going to college: 40 47

Report also noted the U.S. has a higher percentage of juvenile delinquency and violence than Japan and a greater drop in scholastic ability.

### Deaths

**Emma Kaufman**, 97, of Toronto, national YWCA secretary in Japan (1914-41), died Mar. 1. She involved herself in the plight of Japanese Canadians who were interned by the Canadian government during World War II upon her return home from Japan.

**Kiyotaro Ozaki**, 105, of San Diego died Mar. 15. Believed to be the oldest Issei in the U.S. at the time, he is a postwar California resident, a native of Fukuoka who had farmed prewar in Colorado and Laramie, Wyo. Surviving are w Wasa, s Kumio, Kiichiro, Kisao, Isoki, d Momoyo Otsu, Sakie Horiuchi and Sayoko Tomiyama.

**William T. Saito**, 76, of Montebello died Mar. 13. Oakland-born Nisei is survived by w Mabel, s Paul, d Marlene Nakamatsu, Arlene Miyake, br John Ty, Henry H, Sis Ruth Tan and Martha Saito.

### Judge Uno injured playing basketball

#### Salt Lake City

"Justice isn't blind—it's only half blind."

That's what 5th Circuit Judge Raymond S. Uno said Mar. 5 as he left work to go home after emergency room doctors sewed 20 stitches on his cut right eye, a cut he suffered while playing lunch-time basketball at the Metropolitan Hall of Justice gymnasium.

He had caught the ball and was turning to run when a county clerk employee collided with him.

Since his tenure as judge, he has become familiar with basketball injuries. Last year his left eye had to be sewn with 17 stitches after a similar accident in the gym.

The year before, he pulled an Achilles tendon, keeping him off the court for nearly a year.

### Items

A collection of 100 Ukiyo-e woodblock prints concentrating on women is on display through April 12 at CSU-Northridge Fine Arts Gallery, open Monday-Friday days till 4 p.m. and Wednesday evenings (885-2226).

Out of 3,900 applicants filing for Los Angeles county firefighter exams March 3, 2 per cent were Asian Americans (96) according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, chairman of the county fire department.

Search for Miss Orient USA with the winner receiving scholarships, trips to Asia and other gifts is underway in the Los Angeles area with preliminary contest set July 24-28 at the Queen Mary Hyatt House. Contest is open to Asians, 18 to 25, single (no divorcee), high school graduate, at least 5 ft., and a U.S. or Canadian resident. For details, call pageant director Remedios Cabacungan (213) 831-5127.

Women's Health Day for Pacific-Asians will be held April 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the L.A. DWP Auditorium, Hope and Temple St. It is being sponsored by Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Inc. (293-6284). There is no registration fee.

### Asian educators to meet

#### Berkeley, Ca.

The National Institute of Education has joined the Asian and Pacific American Concerns Staff/USOE in co-sponsoring the National Assn. for Asian and Pacific Education Conference April 25-27, at the San Francisco Hilton.

Among those giving addresses at the conference general sessions are:

Dr. Elizabeth Abramowitz of President Carter's Domestic Policy Council, Secretary of State March Fong Eu, Guamanian Sen. Katherine B. Aguon, and Mayor G. Manibog of Monterey Park, Calif.

Sixty-six presentations

representative of different ethnic and regional perspectives and educational issues are included in the program. Presenters are coming from 16 states, Washington, D.C.; the Trust Territories; Canada; and the Philippines.

For further information: Linda Wing, conference chairperson, 2168 Shattuck Ave., 3rd floor, Berkeley, CA 94704, (415) 848-3199.

In Philadelphia, a conference on Asian American Education will be hosted by the Asian American Council of Greater Philadelphia on Apr. 20-21 at Univ. of Pennsylvania's Stitler Hall, 37th and Locust Walk. For information, call (A/C 215); Teresa Maebori (848-5885) or Herb Horikawa (LAS-6620). #

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# FESTIVAL JAPAN

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LEFT — Nobuyuki chatting with Lynn Akiyama (left) and Michi Terasaki at Mile-High JACL dinner. CENTER — The 1979 Mile-High cabinet members: Standing, Darryl Kaneko, treas.; Minoru Yasui, 3rd v.p.; and Kiyota Futa, 1st v.p.; seated, Lynne Akiyama, 2nd v.p.; William Takahashi, pres.; and Terry Nishida, sec. RIGHT — New Mile High chapter president Takahashi speaking at installation banquet. At his table are Tak Terasaki (far left), Terry Nishida and Ayako Wada (right.)

Photos by Tom Masamori

**DOWN TO EARTH: Karl Nobuyuki**

# Denver: skiing and an installation banquet

I had never gone skiing in my life. I say "had" because I had my first opportunity last weekend (Mar. 9-10) during my visit to Denver for the Mile High Chapter installation. I must admit that I was a bit apprehensive to say the least. After all, I thought, there were better things to do, and who has the time to go charging down hills? Well, now I can understand the enthusiasm for the sport. After my first time in skis, I'm hooked. It's a great sport and for myself, I can't remember a time when I had more fun.

Dr. Ayako Wada is my "coach" and took me to the Keystone area in the Colorado Rockies. I'll admit that I might have been spoiled in my first chance at skiing. It was beautiful. The snow was a fine powder that just brushed off and wasn't wet at all. Doc Wada very patiently (excuse the pun) gave me pointers and showed me what to do. We began on the beginners hill and ended the day on the intermediate slopes. What an invigorating experience! If anything can "blow the cobwebs" out of one's mind, it's flying down the slopes on a pair of skis. I shall be forever indebted to the Mile High JACL for this unique experience.

It was a comfortable evening to spend with the Mile High Chapter. The members were from both Boulder and Denver area. Some members had expressed to me that they were concerned that the chapter had slipped back to an apathetic position. Everyone, they said, seemed to be too busy to "acculturating" and "assimilating" to be bothered with JACL and being Japanese American. Yet that evening appeared to mark a turning point. There was a very positive sense of involvement with the election

**Kampai!**

**Berkeley, Ca.**  
Numano Sake Co. dedicated its sake brewery this week (Mar. 29) on the site of a former dairy, a 47,000 sq. ft. facility which has undergone extensive renovation to produce an expected 250,000 cases in the first year. California rice is being used by the firm.

of Dr. William Takahashi as the new president. I observed a sense of pride among the Mile High people that they were now willing to deal with the issue of being themselves—Japanese Americans. There seemed to be an eagerness to engage in programs that would be directed to educate the general public of the Japanese American experience; with a clear understanding of how difficult the

process would be. It was healthy. Arrangements were made for me to meet with a Young Adult group of the Simpson Methodist Church the next morning. The group had apparently expressed an interest in REDRESS and since I was in the area, I had a chance to express JACL's view on the subject. It was a good gathering, and I was happy to know that JACL

was endeavoring to open up dialogue with other organizations. The question and answer period, I thought, went very well. My impression was that the group was interested in supporting the REDRESS movement and was seeking ways that they could help. There was a definite interest to share in the process of educating the American public of the REDRESS is-

sue, particularly in regard to the issues involving the suspension of an individual's civil liberties. Before I left for the airport, both Dr. Wada and Dr. Takahashi joined in a brunch meeting with representatives of the Fort Lupton JACL: Sam Koshio and President Al Watada. I thought we had a good exchange of ideas. We discussed a variety of issues besides REDRESS. But what stood out most to me during our talks was that which related to JACL as an Education, Civil/Human Rights organization; how we implement an educational

process that will reach the general public; and how we can get the general public to realize how the Japanese American experience is a useful tool for human understanding; and how a local chapter can implement this on the local level. As I boarded the plane for San Francisco, I thought to myself of how fortunate JACL is to have members in so many different parts of the country that care. I felt very good about the whole trip because I could tell how JACL's programs are beginning to have an impact, and that's healthy. #

**DR. MAKIO MURAYAMA:**

## Study on oral intake of urea urged for sickle cell treatment

**Bethesda, Md.**  
Dr. Makio Murayama believes the oral intake of urea can prevent the painful, feverish crises sickle cell anemia victims suffer periodically, which re-

quires hospitalization. However, it is a controversial treatment, and so the National Institutes of Health scientist would like a proposed study done with half of the patients to be

given urea orally and the other half on placebos. Sickle cell anemia is a genetic disease carried by half of America's black, and some of the white, population. Ten percent

are actually stricken by it. The ailment received its name because victims' blood cells take on a crescent shape. Presently sickle cell crisis is usually treated with pain killers.

rector of the cardio-renal drug products laboratory at FDA, has said his advisers do not believe urea treatment is promising, however. But Murayama is optimistic. "The FDA has said it will help us polish up our proposal," he said. "The studies require a lot of time and money. But somehow, some way, I'll do it."



Dr. Makio Murayama stands in front of model he built of sickled hemoglobin molecule.

In 1966 Murayama wrote a paper on how he believes the disease operates. Later on he constructed a model (enlarged 127 times) of a sickled hemoglobin molecule. Dr. Robert Nalbandian, a pathologist, initiated treatment with urea in 1970 after studying that model.

Murayama received his B.A. in bacteriology and biochemistry and his M.A. in nuclear physics at Berkeley's Radiation Laboratory. After internship in Idaho during World War II, he got his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan. He won a post-doctoral fellowship with Linus Pauling at Caltech, who was then the authority on sickle cell anemia.

Urea's value was discredited in 1974 by an NIH-directed study at 12 medical centers, but only its intravenous use was tested and doses did not match Nalbandian's recommendations for strength.

He joined NIH in 1958, and is a researcher in the laboratory of biochemical pharmacology at the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Disease. Murayama is a widower with a son, Gibbs, who is 12; and daughter Alice, 10.

Murayama says the study was inconclusive, and that there is "a basic difference between our perspectives" on urea treatment: "My idea was crisis prevention; theirs was crisis intervention, and with inadequate doses."

In 1972, JACL recognized his work in sickle cell anemia research and awarded him the Nisei of the Biennium silver medalion.

Murayama and Nalbandian are among the leaders in the International Sickle Cell Anemia Research Institute, founded in 1973, which is working toward funding the urea treatment study. The Food and Drug Administration will provide advice and approve the study if it is proposed satisfactorily.

(His older brother, the late Tamotsu Murayama, was the PC correspondent in Tokyo.—Ed.)

Dr. Robert Temple, di-

Washington Post Photo



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Clifford Uyeda

## Open Letter

An open letter to Senator S. I. Hayakawa, originating in the Pacific Northwest, has been brought to my attention. It is to appear in the Washington Post. I have been asked to state my opinion and that of the JAACL.

I would never attempt to stifle a spontaneous expression of either an outrage or an endorsement from fellow Japanese Americans—whatever their views.

The JAACL, on the other hand, is attempting to secure an appointment with the Senator to discuss the redress issue since May 1978. To date, our requests have not been answered. We shall, however, continue our efforts.

The Senator himself is well aware of the sentiments within the Japanese American community toward his views on Japanese Americans in general and on his present perception on redress. The Senator's views have had wide media publicity. Responses to his views, on the other hand, are generally unknown to the public.

Whether the reading public will focus on the responses or on the target of the response is a chance all such ventures take. A political campaign is a prime example of this tactic.

Although JAACL as an organization is attempting consultation rather than confrontation on this issue with the Senator, JAACLers must be free to express their opinions as individuals. Without this, JAACL as an organization becomes a stifling force, which it must never become.

It is a healthy atmosphere where grass root feelings can be expressed openly and where individuals do not feel threatened in affixing one's name to a document for everyone to see. #

### NISEI IN JAPAN: Barry Saiki

## Japan's Northern Territories

### Tokyo

With the unconditional surrender of Japan to the Allied Forces in August 1945, Japan was divested of all her overseas territories on the Asia mainland, and in the Pacific, including the Kuriles, the southern half of Sakhalin, Taiwan and the Ryukyus.

The Ryukyus were placed under the custody of the United States and remained so until these islands were reverted to Japan in May 1972. The U.S. also returned to Japan in 1968 the Bonin Islands, the Volcano Islands (including Iwo Jima) and the Marcus.

On the other hand, the Soviets took possession, not only of the Kuriles, but the islands of Etorofu, Kunashiri, Shikotan and Habomai, located just off the northeastern coast of Hokkaido. They sent the 16,000 residents of these islands to Hokkaido.

Since 1945, Japan has constantly claimed that Etorofu and Kunashiri were not a part of the Kuriles. Documents show that these islands were un-

der Japanese possession long before the Russo-Japanese War of 1905, which resulted in the ceding of the Kuriles and southern Sakhalin to the Japanese by the defeated Russians.

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The vast differences in foreign policies between the U.S. and the USSR can be clearly illustrated by what has happened to the Ryukyus and the Northern Territories.

During the 1960s, the Japanese Communist and Social Democratic Parties mounted constant demonstrations against the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, requesting for the return of the Ryukyus. But the return of the Ryukyus to Japan in 1972 was predicated primarily on the historical and ethnic ties of Okinawa with Japan. From the economic viewpoint, the reversion of Okinawa to Japan was a burden on Japan. These islands have always lacked the resources to support the population so that Okinawans have perennially emigrated either to Japan proper or overseas (Hawaii, U.S. main-

land, Brazil and Argentina). Except for the surrounding seas, the Ryukyus have limited resources. Okinawa lacks the water supply for expanded industrial activities or the rich soil for profitable agriculture. The coral-encrusted islands offer limited natural beauty or resources. They were preordained to become one of the poorer prefectures of Japan, while adding a million to the population.

By contrast, the 4,996 square kilometers of the Northern Territories does have some resources. The Shikotan and the Habomai islands are warmed by the Black Currents from the South Pacific and teem with fish of many species. Japanese possessions of these islands would also give Japan the right to fish in the Sea of Okhotsk, with its rich yields of crabs, salmon and other marine life.

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The failure of the Japan Communist and Social Democratic Parties to organize massive demonstrations against the Soviet Embassy in Tokyo, just as

### Evacuation cases

Editor:

Senator Hayakawa has been receiving lumps of late and not a few from me, so it was about time for me to be charitable. An opportunity appeared when I saw "S.I. would back efforts to undo curfew rulings" (Feb. 23 PC). But alas, he has succeeded in snatching defeat from victory again. For he indicated he was "more sympathetic" to a move to overturn the Supreme Court rulings on Hirabayashi and Yasui cases.

I was aghast to discover the Senator was unaware that a final Supreme Court decision cannot be overturned. Furthermore, he was quoted as saying "the constitutionality of the relocation has been upheld by the

### How About Nikkei?

Editor:

I have seen much mention of the term Issei, Nisei, Sansei, and Yonsei, terms referring to the generations of Japanese Americans. Well, none of those terms exactly applies to me, for my father was a Kibei Nisei, and my mother was an Issei. So, I see myself as Nisei-and-a-half. I would like to know if there is a Japanese term for one of my generation of Japanese Americans.

E.K.S.

Marina del Rey, Ca.

"Nikkei" (person of Japanese ancestry) is suggested at this stage, but this reader is a Sansei by his father's side and a Nisei by his mother's side. Reader here has a convenient choice—but we're not that mathematical to

Supreme Court..." Obviously, the Senator did not know or was misinformed that the constitutionality of the Evacuation (Executive Order 9102) was never decided by the Court.

Apparently, the Senator was referring to the Korematsu case in which the Court cited Evacuation in the corpus of the decision several times but ruled only on the constitutionality of the exclusion orders (No. 34, Act of Congress, Mar. 21, 1942, 56 Stat 173, 18 USCA 97a). Part of that majority opinion reads:

"... We are dealing specifically with nothing but an exclusion order. To cast this case into outlines of racial prejudice, without reference to the real military dangers which were presented, merely confuses the issue. Korematsu was not ex-

cluded from the Military Area because of hostility to him or his race. He was excluded because we are at war with the Japanese Empire, because the properly constituted military authorities feared an invasion of our West Coast and felt constrained to take proper security measures, because they decided that the military urgency of the situation demanded that all citizens of Japanese ancestry be segregated from the West Coast temporarily, and finally, because Congress, reposing its confidence in this time of war in our military leaders—as inevitably it must—determined that they should have the power to do just this..."

### Balanced budget

Editor:

An effective way to cut the fat out of government spending would be to put constitutional constraints on the availability of the funds at the source. I favor an amendment to the U.S. Constitution which will forbid an unbalanced federal budget to occur two times in a row. I believe California's Senator S.I. Hayakawa is the legislator who can most tranquilly espouse and guide such a measure to a successful conclusion. What do you think?

TARO J. KAWAKAMI  
San Gabriel, Ca.

Senator Hayakawa told the Republicans meeting Feb. 17

they did against the U.S. Embassy prior to the return of the Ryukyus is a riddle, particularly since the Soviets have been putting a large military garrison on these islands.

Although every Japanese Cabinet for the past two decades has requested for the return of these islands, the USSR has maintained the unilateral position that there are no territorial questions to be resolved.

The USSR is the only country that has gained territorially from World War II. In addition to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, eastern Poland and parts of Finland in Europe, the Soviets have successfully regained what they had lost to Japan in the early 20th century plus the disputed Northern Territories.

This may be one reason why the Chinese do not trust the aims of their northern neighbors.

It also shows that the USSR can understand only power politics, whether this be military, economic or political, and that negotiations with the USSR must be made from a position of superior or equal strength. #

Thus the Supreme Court legalized the push of us to the brink of the crucible—Evacuation (fait accompli by the time the decision was made).

The majority decision in all three cases (Yasui, Hira-

at Sacramento he preferred that Congress pass a balanced federal budget rather than call for a constitutional convention. He added that he was not firm on the latter point.—Ed.

### Konnyaku Bakudan

Editor:

Regarding your inquiry about the word, "Samhara", in the story, Konnyaku Bakudan (PC Jan 5-12)—Japan's secret intercontinental missile, it is a combination of Sanscrit and Japanese. It is the Zen concept with the Japanese concept of hara, a combination that makes real good sense. It would not be a Shinto concept per se but

### From Nobuyuki Nakajima

#### Higher Education — VIII

I am fortunate to have a number of friends who serve as a sounding board for my opinion. The other day I tested one of my opinions on higher education. He objected to my saying all the youth should finish college. He said if one wanted to be an artist or a carpenter and becomes a good artist or a good carpenter, a college education is not necessary. As a matter of fact, he said my opinion made him angry. When I started to write on this subject, I was aware that some would not be agreeing with me.

First of all, let me say that I am not suggesting compulsory higher education. However, I feel obligated to tell the truth, and I firmly believe he is wrong; yet his opinion is rather a common

one in the U.S. mainstream. It may be regarded as an objective view. But to be objective, it must be workable.

In New York, literally thousands of artists are scrounging for whatever work that comes along — just to survive. Very few really have time and energy to work in creative art. If you wish to be an art teacher or an art therapist, a college education is necessary. If you work in the publishing house as an art designer, you will find yourself supervised by a college graduate.

If my opinion makes you angry, you are the one I am trying to reach; because if you had Picasso's talent, you won't be angry and you would be ignoring me, anyway. #

things get mixed up over the many hundreds of years of co-existence.

MIKE HOSHIKO  
Carbondale, Ill.

Renew Your Membership

### Rehabilitation

#### San Francisco

No-cost vocational rehabilitation services to assist disabled people return to gainful occupation is available through the State Dept. of Rehabilitation. In San Francisco, a skilled Japanese bilingual counselor (Diane Nakaji) is available at 1855 Folsom St. (415-552-3432).

## 35 YEARS AGO

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

APR. 1, 1944

Mar. 24—Canada inquiry group (Dr. F. W. Jackson Royal Commission, Ottawa) urges plant to disperse evacuees in British Columbia interior settlements.

Mar. 25—Ogden (Utah) Standard Examiner editorial urges return of evacuees to west coast homes.

Mar. 26—Sgt. Ken Omura of Seattle reported drowned in New Guinea, one of the first to complete MIS training at Camp Savage; another Camp Savage graduate, Cpl. Stanley H. Yoshino of Seattle, wounded in South Pacific, convalescing in Springfield (Mo.) Army hospital.

Mar. 27—U.S. Supreme Court grants review of Evacuation or-

der; Korematsu case will test legality of Gen. DeWitt's ban on Japanese Americans.

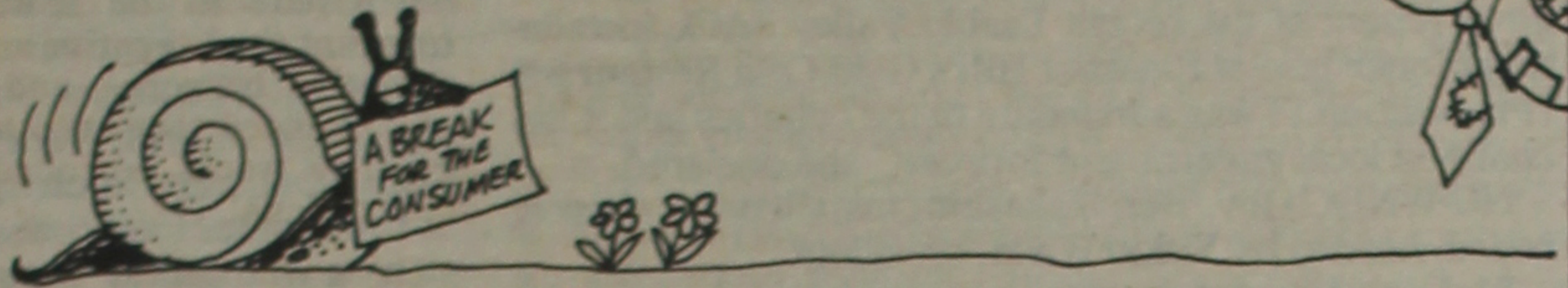
Mar. 27—Nine draft evaders from Poston Camp sentenced to three years prison term; had failed to report for pre-induction physical with 221 others.

Mar. 28—Drafting of 1,000 unmarried young men from Gila River camp proceeding without incident.

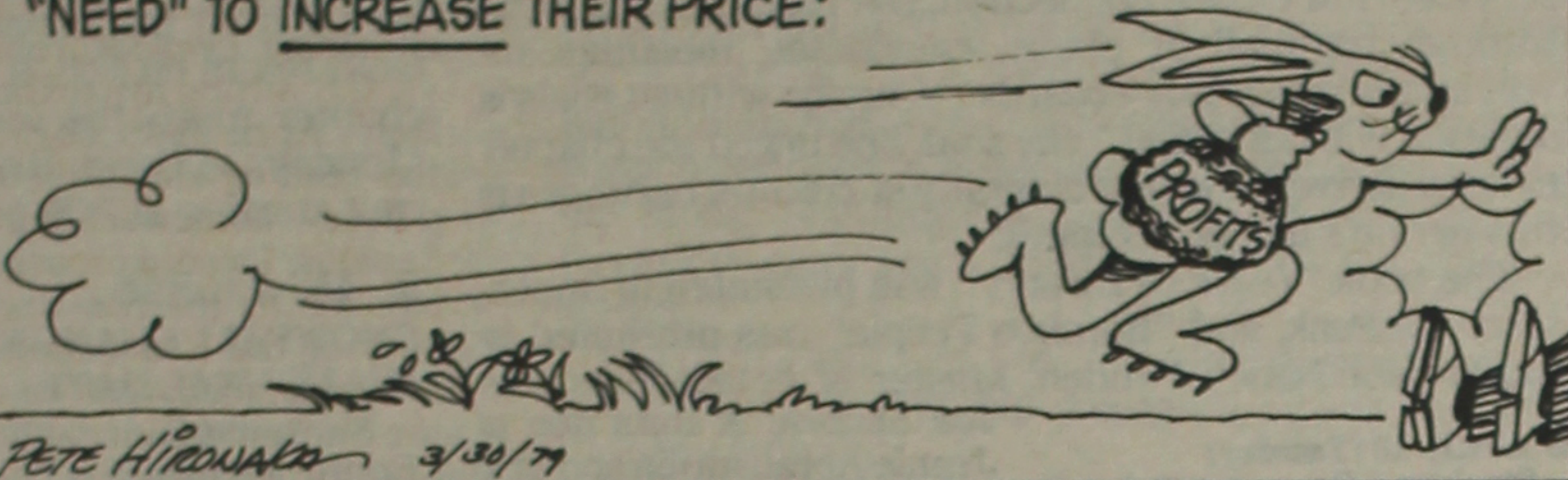
Mar. 30—NCAA basketball champs Univ. of Utah beats NIT champs St. John's 43-36 to win mythical national title; defensive sparkle of Wat Misaka of Ogden hailed by newspapers. Utah defeated Dartmouth 42-40 in overtime to win the NCAA title Mar. 28 at Madison Square Garden.



WHEN AN INDUSTRY ANNOUNCES  
A DECREASE IN THEIR PRICE:



WHEN AN INDUSTRY ANNOUNCES A  
"NEED" TO INCREASE THEIR PRICE:



PETE HIRONAKA 3/30/79

FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

## The Redress Bill

Denver, Colo.

Several months ago I pledged to myself to write no more about JACL's program to seek "redress" from our fellow Americans for the racist injustice of the Evacuation during World War II.

I reasoned that my position had been made clear: We were terribly wronged, but we can't right matters by holding out our hands for money 37 years after the fact. Our sacrifice, made in the spirit of patriotism despite the obvious injustice, would be cheapened by an after-the-fact demand for a pay-off. There are other ways to make our point and other matters which require our time and energy.

In taking this position in print, I seemed to be pretty much a minority of one, a role which the late Edison Uno relished. There is irony in this position: Uno was one of the most dedicated advocates of "redress."

If any Japanese Americans share my opinion, most of them aren't saying much about it. Caught up in the fervor of a crusade, JACL is pressing the redress campaign with strong membership support and the backing of four of the five Nisei members of Congress, despite the Carter administration's frantic efforts to trim the national budget.

Thus, there seemed to be little point in badgering the subject further. Having made my opposition known, I reasoned, let the majority opinion prevail.

However, two developments have caused me to break the self-imposed vow of silence.

The first was a telephone call from a Nisei woman who said her elderly parents were under the impression all Japanese Americans would be receiving \$25,000 apiece from the government shortly. She said this didn't sound likely, but her parents were so sure it was going to happen—in fact they were talking about how they were going to spend the \$50,000 windfall—that she figured she better find out what was going on.

I explained what I knew about the redress program and suggested it might be wise for folks not to count on getting the handout for a while.

As all of us who went through the Evacuation and the camps know, rumors have a way of quickly getting out of hand. The most outlandish stories were believed both inside and outside the camps simply because people wanted to believe them. And there is a very great danger in the present situation if wishful thinking gets the upper hand over logic, if the expectation outstrips reality. Those at the helm of the redress campaign have a responsibility

to keep matters in perspective.

The second point is an apparent shift in the thrust of the redress proposal. As presented to the 1978 National JACL convention, where it was approved unanimously, the proposal for redress states its purpose thusly: "To provide cognitive redress to persons of Japanese ancestry, two-thirds of whom were American citizens, and their immediate family members who, during World War II, suffered injustices by official actions of the United States Government; to remind our nation of the need for continued vigilance and to render less likely the recurrence of similar injustice."

The proposal went on to say: "The U.S. Congress shall be called upon to appropriate a total sum based upon \$25,000 for each 'eligible person' as defined under 'C' above; such a total sum for the 120,000 would be approximately three billion dollars."

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Now, let's compare the above with the statement that appears in the two-page letter currently being sent out by JACL to solicit membership in its fund-raising 1000 Club; "The initiation of a national campaign to address the constitutional questions of the evacuation is the thrust of REDRESS. As a major educational program JACL will also sponsor the submission of Bill asking for REDRESS from the Congress of the United States. The recent comments by former President Nixon that the evacuation of Japanese Americans gave him the precedent to conduct his Watergate activities is reason for JACL to clear the record, of the constitutional tragedy of the evacuation. REDRESS is an American Constitution issue that falls upon the shoulder of the Japanese Americans."

That is the letter's total mention of redress. There is no reference to the previously emphasized goal of a three-billion-dollar payoff. Since it is difficult to see how a constitutional issue can be addressed by persuading Congress to spend three billion, the letter's failure to mention JACL's original goal has at least the virtue of consistency.

The redress bill being drafted for introduction in Congress is, like every other piece of legislation, a starting point for debate and bargaining. The wording of the draft bill at this time is less important than JACL's determination as to what it will settle for. If the goal has indeed been changed from money to principle, and I hope it has, then people like the elderly couple mentioned above need to be disabused of illusions which unfortunately are the product of the campaign so far. #

WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ronald Ikejiri

## 1980 Census



Washington

Last month, Senator Spark M. Matsunaga called for the early congressional consideration of a Senate Joint Resolution 23, which would improve the collection, analysis and publication of census data relating to Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

The Resolution which was co-sponsored by Senator Daniel K. Inouye would require "the Departments of Commerce, Agriculture, Labor and Health, Education and Welfare to collect and publish reliable social and economic statis-

tics on Asian and Pacific Island American ethnic groups for those states which have significant populations of Asian/Pacific Americans."

For Japanese Americans SJR 23 is one of the most important bills introduced thus far in the 96th Congress. Why? (1) For the Japanese Americans it is important to know the distribution of Issei, Nisei, Sansei, Yonsei and Gosei geographically so that the socio-economic concerns may be identified and addressed.

(2) In broad terms, the 1980 census will provide the data required to identify the status of Asian and Pacific Americans, and thereby set into motion the

basis for federal, state and local and private educational, commercial, and employment, and social programs.

It is one thing to stand up and be counted ... but if the method of counting causes distortions in the true numbers and relative status of the community, then the census data itself will be suspect. Where the Japanese American community will be in 1990, will be based in large part on the 1980 Census.

Thus, the Japanese American community is urged to contact their respective Congressional members so that the SJR 23 will pass in a timely manner, to impact the 1980 Census. #

EAST WIND: Bill Marutani

## Divorce: Issei Style (None)



Philadelphia

AS I THINK back, I can recall no instance of divorce among the Issei, at least during my boyhood. That was in a small farming community of White River Valley, located generally between Seattle and Tacoma. Oh, there was this one Issei dandy who was in his second marriage to a youngish Issei lady—and frankly speaking, I think they were the object of some secret envy among some Issei. Women as well as men.

FOR AMONG ISSEI, there were undoubtedly some marriage relationships that, at best, were tolerated. Sadly lacking in some of these relationships were many of the things that can make a marriage a thing of joy: mutual trust, warmth, respect. Certainly the pervading factor of economic poverty did little to enhance a sagging relationship. There were a few that I thought would have been better off if they had openly called it "quits" rather than continuing interminably with what appeared to be misery. At the same time, there were a few to whom I gave a great deal of credit for sticking it out.

THE UPSHOT OF all

this is a proposition that Nisei have been generally inculcated with this marital stick-to-it-iveness, and I would hazard a guess that the divorce rate among Nisei is appreciably lower than for the population as a whole. Far lower. At the same time—again as a general proposition—the Nisei's level of tolerance is far, far lower than that of their parents. Which may be good, and undoubtedly is so in some instances; and perhaps questionable in other instances. (How's that for avoiding being pinned down?)

SINCE I'VE NEVER, even remotely, considered such a thing as divorce in my own relationship, I can-

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EL PIMENTERO: Frank Fukazawa

## Aah . . . Ooh . . . ???



Tokyo

X—What's happened to your Prime Minister, Mr. Ohira? I just can't make him out.

A frustrated foreign correspondent committed to report on politics in Japan couldn't begin to type. Fumbling through his notes, reading them over again, and trying to come up with a clear-cut concept of Ohira, he arrived at one conclusion: It was "confusion" and a "big headache". A story without an ending. A story letter the reader to conjecture on his own.

(Prime Minister Ohira is scheduled to visit the United States in early May to ostensibly resolve U.S.-Japan trade problems with President Carter in Washington.)

X—In the first place, what does that AAH-OOH mean, anyway? After each word, Mr. Ohira murmurs AAH-OOH.

Y—AAH-OOH is nothing else but AAH-OOH. Ohira rarely speaks, so that at every interval he AAH-OOHs to help him think of the next word to say.

X—That's understandable. If he is so scrupulously selecting his words, he should make more sense. He has a lot of adjectives, flowery phrases, cultural remarks connecting each other, but you can't make out what he's driving at.

Y—Don't forget he's a politician and politicians say a lot without revealing concrete facts. Otherwise, his opponents are quick to avail themselves to the opportunity to jump on him at one slip of the tongue. Eloquence and disguise co-

exist in their speeches. In Japan we say, *Kumo wo tsukamu yoona hanashi*—A speech like grasping at the clouds. The more you try to figure it out, the more you know there's no headway. General strategy is to survive and protect yourself. Former Prime Minister Fukuda, on the other hand, was more or less explicit. Mr. Ohira is just the opposite.

X—Whatever it is, this AAH-OOH gives me a headache. Compared to other politicians, Ohira is considered to be an intellectual and respected for his reading a lot of classics. Nevertheless, for a man of such status and intelligence, he's too ambiguous and completely incomprehensible. Eloquence isn't necessary. Clarity is. Otherwise, he isn't a statesman.

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# Calendar, pulse



Photo by Lester Yamaguchi

Stan Fidel (left), immediate past Cortez JACL president, and Jim Miyamoto, 1979 president, pause for picture taken during installation dinner held Jan. 27 in Turlock restaurant.

## 1979 Officers

### CORTEZ JACL

Jim Miyamoto, pres; Roger Masuda, vp; Diane Yotsuya, 2nd vp; Nobuzo Baba, treas; May Toyoda, rec sec; Pat Sugiura, cor sec; Kimi Yotsuya, Linda Masuda, activ; Lester Yamaguchi, pub; Howard Taniguchi, Frank Yoshida, orchard; Yosh Asai, Boy Scout rep; Jim Yamaguchi, insur; Peter Yamamoto, gnd supt; Rodney Sakaguchi, orch & bldg. fin; Windy Kajioka, custodian; Diane Yotsuya, JAYS.

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### WHITE RIVER VALLEY JACL

Harvey Watanabe, pres; Joe Nishimoto (Auburn), Sunao Iwao (Kent), vp-memb; Margaret Okitsu, treas; Miye Toyoshima, rec sec; Mary Norikane, cor sec; George Kawasaki, 1000 Club.

## 1980 JACL Travel Program

In order to start planning the 1980 Travel Program, all Districts/Chapters that plan to sponsor a flight in 1980 must notify the JACL Travel Committee chairperson as follows:

- 1—Dates for first half of 1980 must be in by May 15, 1979.
- 2—Dates for second half of 1980 must be in by July 15, 1979.

Earlier the dates are submitted, the greater the probability that the air carrier can confirm the dates we desire. Please provide some options if possible.

—JACL TRAVEL COMMITTEE

c/oJACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St.  
San Francisco, Ca 94115

## Registration Form

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Please send both money and form to:  
Sachiye Kuwamoto, CCDC Regional Director  
912 F Street, Fresno, CA 93706

## Contra Costa APRIL EVENTS NOW BACK TO BACK

Contra Costa JACL has two events back to back for April: the family bowling night, Saturday, April 7, 7 p.m., at Golden Gate Lanes; the Issei appreciation night and scholarship presentations on Sunday, April 8, 4-8 p.m., at El Cerrito Community Center.

A special bowling match pits the JACL Headquarters team and the chapter all-stars. Gilbert Kitsura is Issei night program chairman with Natsuko Irei and Nellie Sakai in charge of the potluck dinner.

## calendar

\*A non-JACL event

- **MAR. 30 (Friday)**  
MPDC—Spring qtrly sess (3da) New Mexico JACL hosts, Airport Marina Hotel, Albuquerque.
- **MAR. 31 (Saturday)**  
Philadelphia—1rst dnr-dance.  
EDC—Phila JACL hosts: Qtrly sess, Westover Inn, Jeffersonville, Pa., 10am.  
Reno—Friendship potluck dnr, Sparks Rec Ctr, 6pm; Debbie Nakatomi, spkr.  
\*Sacramento—MIS dnr mtg, Mather AFB Officers Club, 4pm.  
San Francisco—Night at (Harness) Races, Bay Meadows, 7:15 pm (Scholarship benefit \$12, adm, buffet, program. Info: Wes Doi 775-5611 day, Yo Hironaka 752-2267 eve.)
- **APRIL 1 (Sunday)**  
\*San Jose—Nikkei Matsuri, 5th and Jackson, 9am-4pm.  
\*Seattle—Keiro Home new wing dedication, 2pm.
- **APRIL 4 (Wednesday)**  
Chicago—Bd mtg, JACL Office, 7:30pm.
- **APRIL 6 (Friday)**  
Cleveland—Bd mtg, Buddhist C, 8pm.
- **APRIL 7 (Saturday)**  
Riverside—Egg hunt.  
Berkeley—JAYS egg hunt, Canyon Trail Park, El Cerrito, 11am.  
\*Seattle—Queen Festival, Washington Plaza Hotel, 7pm dnr, 9pm coronation, 10pm disco.
- **APRIL 8 (Sunday)**  
Contra Costa—Issei appreciation, schol award dnr, El Cerrito Comm Ctr, 4-8pm.

## Diablo Valley

### MANDATE OF PROP. 13 CHANGES LOCAL GOVT.

Newly-elected Contra Costa County Supervisor Sunne McPeak spoke on citizenship involvement through local government at the recent Diablo Valley JACL installation dinner held at Pleasant Hill's Gold Coin Restaurant. "Proposition 13 was a mandate to the counties and it has changed local government forever," she declared.

NC-WNDC Gov. Ben Takeshita installed the chapter board, headed by Yukio Wada, president.

McPeak believes county government is most important as it deals with issues "close to our lives," such as land use, environmental concern, court system, human services. For citizen connection, she recommends input through the mail or phone, candidates' meetings, involvement on advisory boards. "A nation without goals is a nation without a soul," she said. She urged the chapter to keep active, believing diversity of cultural heritages is this nation's unique strength.

The book "Years of Infamy" was presented to Supervisor McPeak, and "Bamboo People" was presented to Supervisor Nancy Fahden. Master of ceremonies was Joe Shitara. A flute duo of Jennie Abrahamson and Skip Hayashi entertained with ethnic folk songs and classical medleys. Guests included Supervisor and Dr. Wilbur Fahden and John McPeak.

—WILMA HAYASHI

## Las Vegas INTERNATIONAL FEST SCHEDULED JUNE 24

Las Vegas JACL will participate in the annual International Festival at Convention Center on Sunday, June 24 with George Goto, chairman, in charge of the chapter food concession and cultural attraction.

Chapter hosted the Nishida Koto Ensemble concert held at the Royal Inn Gold Room on Feb. 9. The chapter meets the second Mondays at Osaka Restaurant starting at 7:30 p.m.

## Milwaukee SNOWFALL CHANGED INAUGURAL DATE

Milwaukee JACL installed Eddie Jonokuchi chairman of the board at the belated inaugural dinner March 4 at Country Gardens Restaurant. It had been scheduled Jan. 20 but heavy snow had

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### JOB OPENING

## Pacific Southwest JACL Regional Director

### MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Director will be responsible for the administration of the Regional Office and staff. This will include day-to-day supervision of clerical and volunteer personnel. Incumbent will be responsible for fiscal operation of the regional office and the general activities of the office.

Additional responsibilities will include: Providing support services to the chapters and their respective boards in membership development, insurance programs, community relation activities and community service projects. The major responsibilities of the director to the chapters will be to offer staff assistance based on their particular requirements and needs. The director will also be expected to maintain a liaison relationship with community organizations, and public and private agencies.

The director will be expected to work with limited supervision and direction. The director will receive general supervision from the district governor and the district board. District policy and direction will be set by the district council.

### Qualifications

Two years experience in community organization. Ability to write reports and correspondence. Basic ability to maintain office bookkeeping system.

Salary: \$10,000/12,000 (negotiable)

### SEND RESUMES TO:

JACL Regional Office—Pacific Southwest District Council  
125 No. Central Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90012

Closing Date: April 23, 1979

# SAM FUJIMOTO

Los Angeles School Board District 7  
April 3

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shut down all traffic that weekend.

Attorney Margaret Carr, former instructor in economics at Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, spoke on estate planning, which led to a lively question-and-answer period. MDC regional director Bill Yoshino swore in the officers. David deKing heads the JAYS, who are in need of advisers. Allan Hida was dinner emcee.

Nami Shio was honored as the "Member of the Year" (1978-79).

The chapter will hold its annual 1000 Club whirling Mar. 25 at the same locale. The JAYS will host the East-Midwest NYC workshop April 13-15 at the Holiday Inn, Milwaukee.

Graduates will be guests at the May 5 dinner at Lime House. For details, call Jonokuchi (672-5544).

● Salinas Valley

**HARTNELL COLLEGE PROJECT NEEDS HELP**

A Japanese garden is being landscaped on the Hartnell College campus under the leadership of Sam Obara with many agricultural and horticultural students from Japan at the school assisting, it was announced by the local JACL.

Since the project needed another \$2,000 to be completed, the Salinas Valley JACL members were being asked to chip in \$10 per family.

**pulse**

● Fresno

**FORMULA FOR CHAPTER OF YEAR**

For the first time, Fresno JACL reaped the Central California chapter of the year honors for 1978. The formula might be summarized as follows: (1) Boosted membership by 100 making it a total of 507; (2) participation in Nikkei Health Education Society, Nikkei Retirement Facility discussions; Memorial Day services, convalescent home visitations; (3) providing speakers for the social studies classes in various high schools were some of the activities noted; (4) raised \$11,700 for the ALL Scholarship Fund and \$630 at the PCYA dinner-dance; (5) sponsor and assist JAYS with its many activities; (6) such activities as Issei appreciation potluck, new member welcome dinner-dance, steak bar-b-q picnic, panel discussion on "Money Management"; and (7) having members serve in various capacities with CCDC and National JACL committees.

Barbara Taniguchi was 1978 chapter president; Takashi Morita, membership chairman, and Sumi Suda, activities chairman.

Chapter granted honorary life memberships to Fred Yoshikawa and Mrs. Mary Yatabe during a recent meeting. Fred Yoshikawa, a charter member since 1923, and Mary Yatabe with her husband, Dr. Thomas Yatabe, now deceased, founded the oldest of all JACL chapters, the Fresno American Loyalty League.

Fred and Kazue Yoshikawa reside at 529 Oleander Ave., Fresno. He continues to cherish memories of when he participated in an All Star squad with Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth when they barnstormed the state. Fred was one of the favorites amongst the Issei baseball fans when he played catcher for the Fresno Nisei baseball team for many, many years. He was a golf enthusiast collecting trophies that adorn his household. Their daughter Gladys Harue is married to Hiram Goya, who are parents of Rodney, the assistant district attorney of San Francisco. Rodney and Donna with their two children reside in San Francisco.

Mrs. Mary Yatabe lives in Skokie, Ill. Son Dudley Yatabe and his family live close by.—MAE MORITA

● Philadelphia

**EDC MEETING PRIOR TO INSTALLATION**

The Philadelphia JACL has a new experience in store for its members and guests at the 1979 Installation and Graduate Recognition Dinner Dance, on Saturday, March 31, 6 p.m., at the Westover Inn and Golf Club at Jeffersonville.

During the day the chapter will host the Eastern District Council meeting at the same place.

Instead of the usual speaker, the program will feature an original reading drama, "Unbroken Thread", written by Philip Tajitsu Nash, Sansei JACLer from the New York chapter. Nash weaves into the fabric of his story on the Japanese American experience poetry, music, dance, visual impressions and drama. Through this dramatic presentation, the chapter will bring the national Redress program into the community. Judge William Marutani will give a short report on the progress and concerns of the Redress program.

The students who are graduating from high school and college this year will be recognized.

After the dinner and program, the mood will be lighter. There will be dancing to music provided by disc jockeys, Kevin Ikeda and Kurt Nagahiro. Many learned to disco at the Feb. 11 general meeting and should be ready.

**Ohio scholars start Nisei-Sansei study**

Akron, Ohio

A survey of some 750 second- and third-generation Japanese Americans in Gardena, Fresno and Sacramento, California, to study how their perspectives differ, will be undertaken by Steve Fujita and Dave O'Brien, Univ. of Akron professors, under auspices of the National Institute of Mental Health.

The scholars hope to learn the effects on the Nisei and Sansei of growing up in an urban as opposed to a rural environment, their roles in their communities and their

views on issues relevant to Japanese Americans.

Fujita is currently a visiting assistant researcher at UCLA.

**Nisei face appears on Canadian mural**

Ottawa

Well-known Canadian Nisei leader George Tanaka of Toronto, a WW2 veteran and successful landscape artist, is depicted on a mural completed by Jerry Grey. Entitled, "The Great Canadian Equalizer", the 10x16-foot mosaic scene, by Statistics Canada Bldg. and Tunney's Pasture, features some 170 other historical Canadian personalities such as Stephen Leacock, John Diefenbaker, Alexander Graham Bell, Frederick Banting, and others.

**Appeal for teaching dropping in colleges**

Princeton, N.J.

Evidence that teaching is losing appeal as a career choice among college students is clear from the latest (Feb.) Gallup Poll. No doubt, reports of high teacher unemployment have affected the attitude.

**PSWDC chapter presidents caucus at Saturday lunch**

Los Angeles

A caucus of PSWDC chapter presidents may become a semi-annual Saturday matinee to get acquainted with each other, touch bases with representatives from National Headquarters and the regional office, and have "bento"—lunch together somewhere.

The first caucus, arranged by PSWDC office secretary Jewel L. Terry, found 15 chapters represented and convened at Little Tokyo Towers on March 17. The "Maui Boys" from Gardena cooked up a lunch of teriyaki beef, macaroni salad, rice, tsukemono and soft drinks.

Fred Hoshiyama, PSWDC board member, emceed the meeting. Agenda featured greetings and messages from Wiley Higuchi, district governor; J.D. Hokoyama, associate national director from Headquarters; discussions on redress led by Phil Shi-

gekuni; on drug and alcohol in the Asian community by Ron Wakabayashi; and acknowledgements from John Yanagisawa, regional director.

Hokoyama alerted the presidents to the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week packet, the youth director job offer, plans for a library at Headquarters and a long-term project to have the Japanese in America story produced for TV.

No date is set for the next PSWDC Chapter President's Saturday matinee, but all agreed to come back later in the year. It was an ideal way to catch up on the latest about pertinent JACL activities without having to read through reams of paper and hear what other chapters were up to, for and against.

The caucus was adjourned to hear Sam Fuji-

moto of Gardena, candidate for the L.A. school board District 7 seat. #

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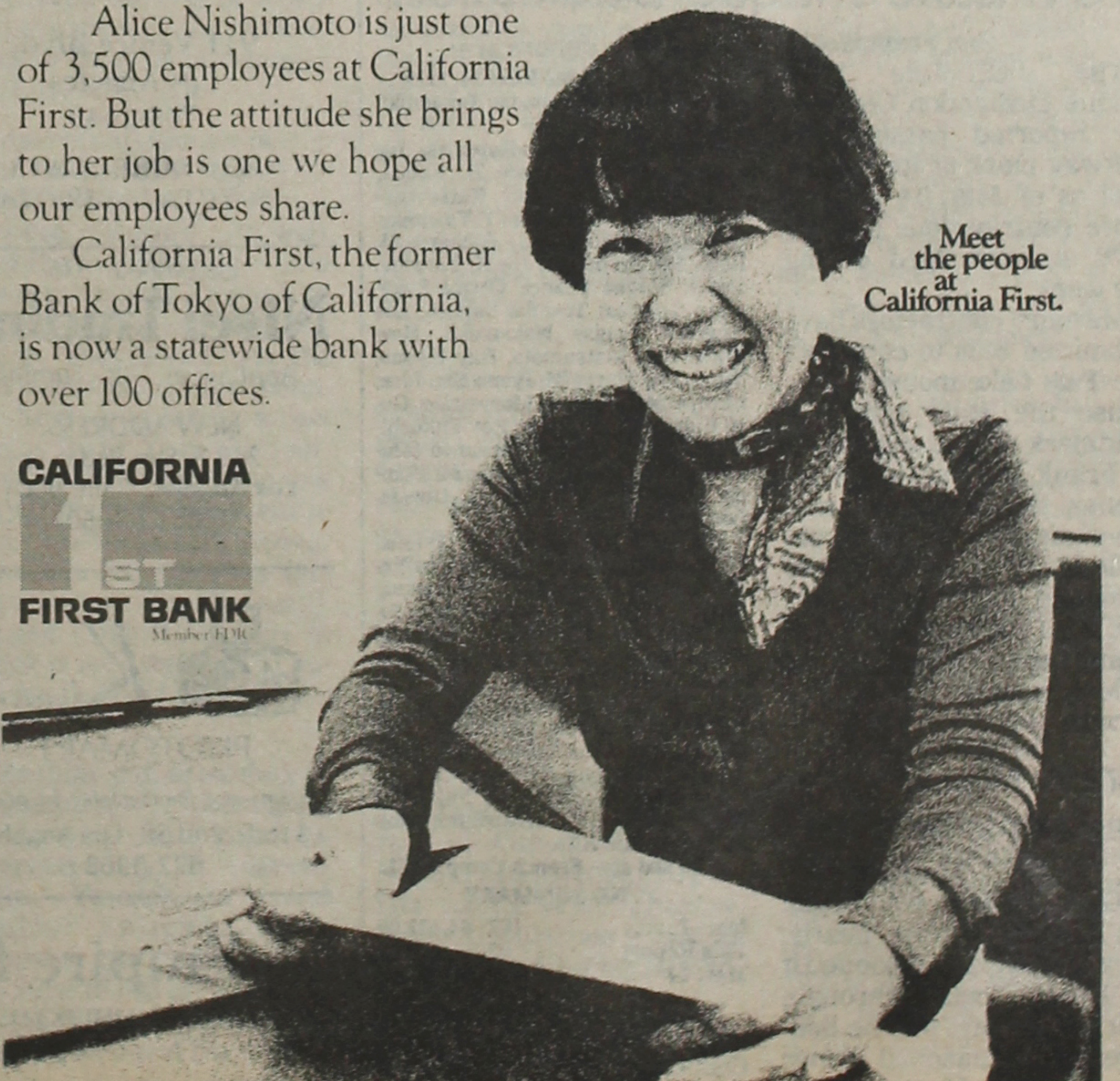
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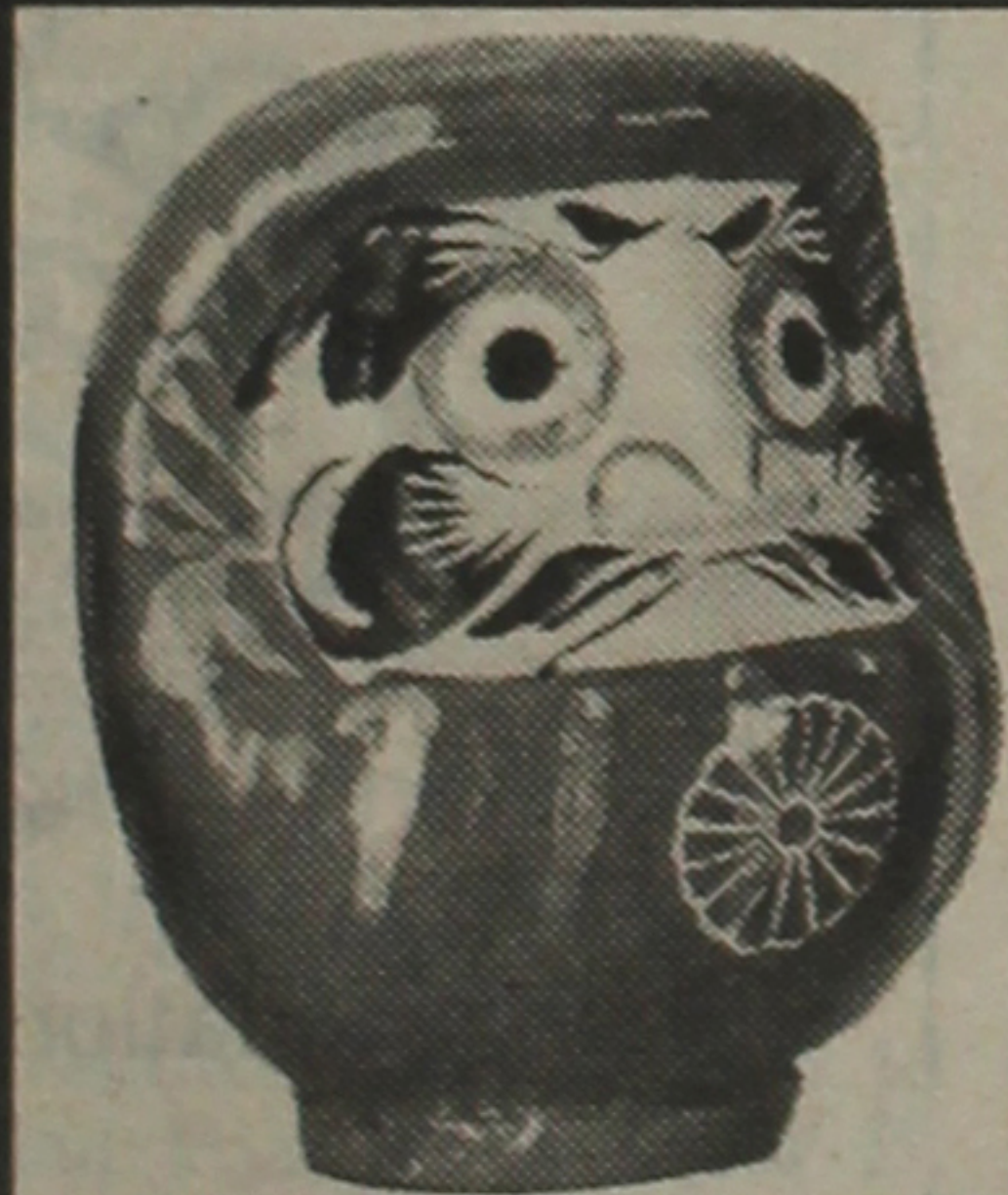
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## Judge acquits suspect in Nishizaki murder

**Los Angeles**  
An 18-year-old suspect in the slaying of Henry Nishizaki, 83, who was beaten to death while watering his backyard garden in the Crenshaw area residence last summer, was acquitted last week.

Superior Court Judge Consuelo B. Marshall on Mar. 19 dismissed the first-degree murder charge against Frankie Dean Meeks but found him guilty of six counts of the burglary-robbery charges pressed by three Nikkei

women, Fujiko Yamaguchi, Shizue Miura and Ishiyo Yoshimune.

Another case against Meeks of armed robbery of George Ito last year was dropped due to lack of evidence in the non-jury trial upon motion of his court-appointed defense attorney Harry P. Nelson.

Nishizaki's slaying had sparked outrage in a Japanese community already stunned by a rising crime wave against elderly residents in the Crenshaw area.

Judge Marshall will announce sentence April 16.

## Coroner Noguchi asks clearer legal definition of 'death'

**Los Angeles**  
County coroner Dr. Thomas Noguchi called for elimination of a serious ambiguity that exists concerning the legal definition of "death" after declaring last week (Mar. 20) that brain injuries—not the court-ordered removal of life-support systems—caused the death of four-year-old Benjamin Cruse.

A broad-based committee of experts—medical, legal and religious—

should be formed to help establish "strict criteria" on when life support measures may be withdrawn.

The district attorney's office said the case was closed and that no charges would be filed because taking Cruse "off the respirator" was not the proximate cause of death.

The boy was struck Nov. 20, 1978, while walking into a crosswalk in El Monte with other children, sustaining brain damage.

## Mother who killed son held insane, will be deported

**Oakland, Ca.**  
Kayoko Powdrill, 28, accused of killing her three-year-old son last September in the family home just outside of San Leandro, was found insane in Alameda County superior court this past week (Mar. 15) and will be deported to Japan.

She had pleaded innocent to charges of involuntary manslaughter. The boy's father, Gary, discovered the

body of his son, Kevin, under the bed gagged, bound with wire and tape.

In a report to Judge John Cooper, a psychiatrist said the woman became troubled by "commanding voices which she obeyed" about a month before the slaying.

Powdrill, who met and married the woman in 1974 while stationed with the Navy in Japan, filed for divorce last November. #

## Tule Lake Plaque Dedication

**San Francisco**  
The JACL-Tule Lake Plaque Dedication Committee reported passing the halfway mark of its \$10,000 goal as of Mar. 14 with 42 more contributions totaling \$870 acknowledged during the week.

Masonry contractors have submitted bids to construct the Tule Lake monument to house the state historical landmark plaque, according to Frank Hiyama of Sacramento, dedication committee chairman. It will be unveiled May 27 at the former campsite. At the same time, the time capsule with mementos and names of former Tule Lakers will be sealed symbolically.

## Grace Pastries founder to be cited

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## MARUTANI

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not realistically speak to the force of this undercurrent of Nisei restraint against divorce. The only time the word "divorce" is mentioned in our household, is in jest. (Or at least on my part it is; I can't speak for what is running through the frau's mind.) When the wife and kids, say, get out-of-line, I use it as a put-down by solemnly threatening in mock anger (making sure the kids are within hearing distance): "Watch it, kid; I can always file for divorce. And you guys keep it up, and when it comes to the custody bat-

tle, I'll let you win." (And then I duck from the certain verbal retort from the kids.) (Seems to work, though. A little.)

**BUT SPECULATING A bit:** If a marriage relationship were indeed "on the rocks," I think I would abandon ship rather than wallowing around for the remainder of my life. But at the same time, some of the old-time Issei mores would make it extremely tough for me to do so, I think. It's real tough, and thank goodness I have no such problem.

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## CHAPTER 9

In the spring of 1944, more forces were gathering to smash Japan, which was everywhere over-extended. Her foothold in the Aleutians was gone; also their bases in the Solomons, Bismarcks, Carolines and Marshalls had been either lost or cut off. On New Guinea, forces that did engage got cut to pieces, and the rest were isolated. Even Japan's all-out thrust into India was fizzling. A new American division, the 77th, was in the Pacific. Another, the 31st, was on its way around from the Atlantic. Doomed Japanese garrisons, some of which had dabbled in cannibalism on natives and some captives, now plunged into the depths of practicing it on whom ever died, friend or foe.

Nisei linguists were sometimes inspired, sometimes saddened, by sights they saw. Roy Uyehata and Hiroshi Matsuda, on Bougainville, translated for use in Newsweek magazine a poem of determination written by a Japanese soldier who'd died in the attack on their perimeter. Part of it went—

To avenge our mortification on Guadalcanal  
Will be our duty true  
and supreme.  
Strike, strike and strike again  
Until our enemy is humbled  
forevermore.

Here was *Yamato damashii!* This explained to American infantrymen why the Japanese had kept coming, through machine gun, rifle and mortar fire. The phrases used to exhort them had come from the Meiji era, when they'd been used to give Japanese a peaceful sense of national consciousness. It was from that era that the Issei sprung, the period when an all-out effort was being made to build a modern Japan. Issei left Japan before getting manipulated into martialism, so they had applied only the positive facets of these sayings and beliefs to the rearing of Nisei. Nonetheless, to Nisei linguists and the Japanese soldiers they opposed, duty stood before any other consideration. What Nisei had been taught at home, they saw the enemy apply—that a man must do his utmost for the land that gave him birth. The Yankee met the *samurai*—and found common bond with him.

It could not have been easy for Nisei to survive certain barbarities in silence. As intelligence specialists, they often had to help censor mail, keeping watch for any "souvenir" documents GI Joe might be sending to Back Home Sally, in case these contained useful information. While doing this, they occasionally found fingers being mailed back to the U.S. They also heard of Caucasian soldiers sending Japanese skulls back home, for use as ashtrays. And they knew of some who smashed the jaws of dead with rifle butts, to collect gold inlays.

Harry Fukuhara put one mortally wounded POW on a PT-boat at Arawe, for taking to New Guinea, and told the author, "when he got there, he had no ears."

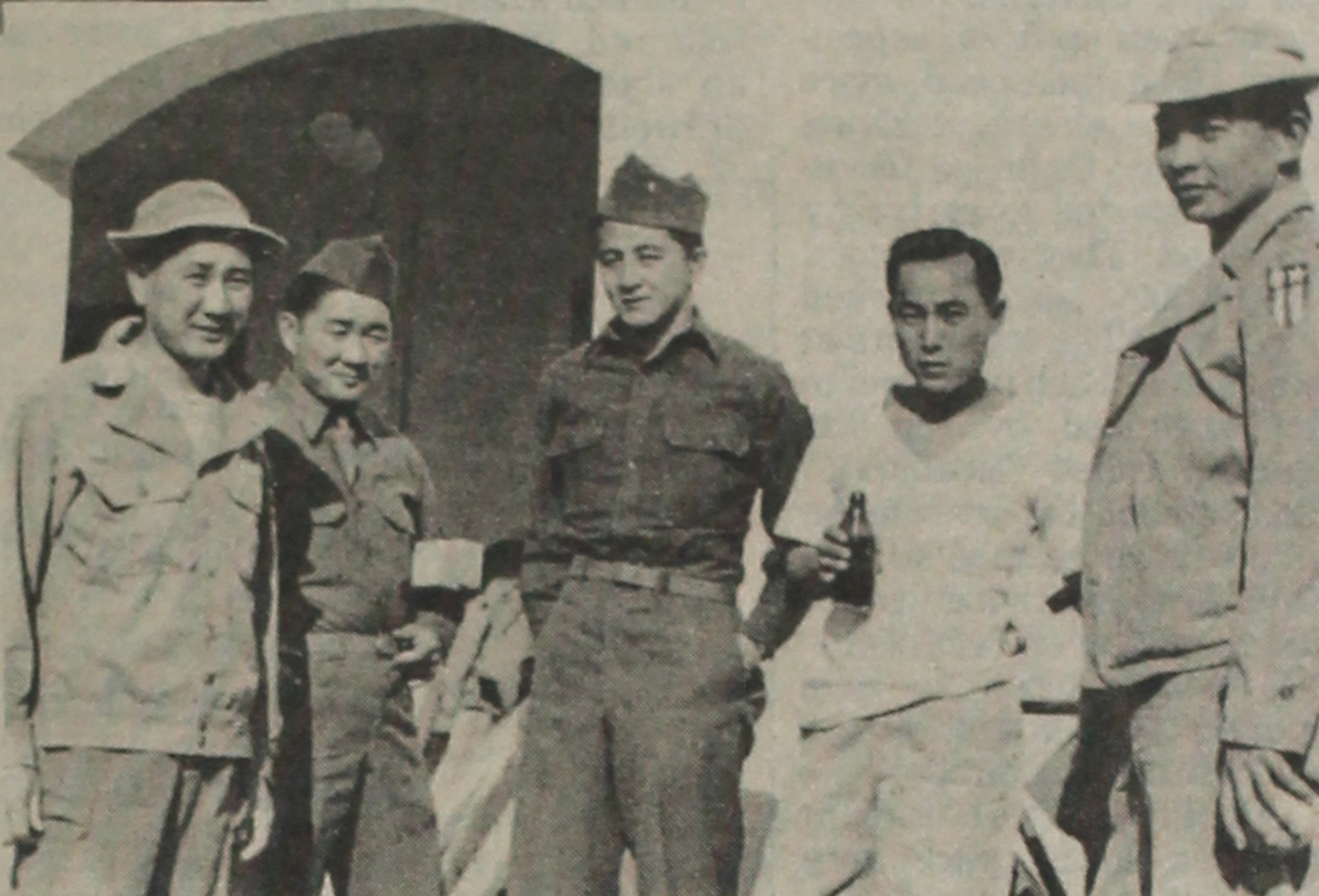
(But) stunned Caucasian friends who did not practice atrocities, just couldn't fathom the one Nisei were enduring. "Are you crazy?" Russell Sigwell, a Silver Star holder from Wisconsin asked Gary Kadani, after noting the Poston postmark on incoming mail. Kadani, Phil Ishio and Steve Yamamoto were commissioned on

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## MIS grads mix work with heroics



Eugene Wright and Charlie Hamasaki "flying a desk".



Nisei with Merrill's Marauders in India: Herb Miyasaki, second from left; Russell Kono, center; and Harry Ando, far right. (Names of other two men are not known.)

April 22, 1944. Sigwell had completed the local OCS course with them. "You mean to tell me" he growled, standing over the much shorter Kadani, "that you're a goddamned officer out here, while your mother and father are in a friggin' concentration camp? You gotta be out of your friggin' mind!"

One general described the campaigning in Burma as "like walking up and down the teeth of a saw!" True enough. Howard Furumoto and Henry Gosho, enroute to rescue Ben Sugeta and others at Nhpum Ga, got up hills the same way other Marauders did—by grabbing onto pack mules' tails. Bob Honda kept a diary while besieged. Excerpts from it are chilling.

"There are Japs all around us ... they seem to sleep all day and crawl all nite, harassing us and keeping us from sleeping ... It's hell!"

"At 1130 they hit us with everything they got ... I fire and fire in sheer self-preservation. Kill, or they will kill me. My whole body shakes, uncontrollably. Scared? I don't know. I cannot stop shaking. Stupid thing to do, but I counted 64 rounds of artillery."

Battalion C was enroute to rescue Honda's Battalion B. Chinese reinforcements had also been reported, but Honda's diary revealed everyone at Nhpum Ga was "angry as hell because that force was already 15 days late!" A successful drop was made to the beleaguered Marauders on April 3, but they were puzzled when its contents included *harmonicas!*

Without any preliminary sign, the enemy suddenly withdrew. Rescuers broke through to Honda's unit on

April 9. He saw Herb Miyasaki and Akiji Yoshimura not long afterward. His diary recorded, "Man! They looked simply rosy!" Honda's diary doesn't record whether Furumoto and Sugeta did a celebratory duet together but, since Ben liked to sing and Howard insisted on lugging his Hawaiian guitar along throughout the whole campaign, it could have happened.

The Marauders moved on to take their second objective, Shaduzup, during the struggle for which an anonymous GI wailed, "Where the hell are the other five thousand, three hundred and six composite units?" Nisei were already on record with their own wry sense of humor. Coming under Golden Gate Bridge on the SS Lurline, Akiji Yoshimura had been approached by a curious but friendly Marauder, who thought the Nisei were turncoat POW's. He asked, "How are things in your country?" Yoshimura looked over the man's shoulder, into San Francisco Bay, and says, "Looks good from here." On the hill at Nhpum Ga, with mortars crumping all around, Roy Nakata delivered himself of Hawaiian pidgin irony with "Good fun, eh?"

The Marauders now had every right to be relieved, with Shaduzup taken. They had volunteered for one tough mission, but had completed two. Talk worked up about a "victory march" down New York's Broadway.

Joe Stilwell had other plans.

MACARTHUR'S headquarters, after a series of messages exchanged with

Filipino guerrillas, realized that the irregulars had bagged big game, possibly Admiral Mineichi Koga himself. A submarine was ordered to rendezvous with Z Plan-carrying runners, and the thick packet was rushed to Australia. It didn't take Sidney Mashbir more than a brief look to recognize what a find he had on his hands. It was Combined Fleet Secret Operations Order No. 73, dated March 8, 1944, and it detailed plans for protecting the Marianas Islands against an onrushing U.S. Fleet. It spelled out current status and projected strength, plus where Japanese surface and air strength were to be deployed by the end of April. Koga expected the Americans to show up in strength anytime after that.

Mashbir at once got his top five translators together: John Anderton, Faubian Bowers, Richard Bagnall, Yoshikazu Yamada, and George Kiyoshi Yamashiro. The two Nisei did the final check. They pored over the end result, changing a meaning here, questioning a rendering there. Yamashiro differed with everyone on one major point in the translation. "I held out very strongly on this one item," he told the author, "and actually begged Colonel Mashbir to check it with the highest authority he could locate in the States."

Mashbir did, according to Yamashiro, messaging Washington. Back came an interpretation. It agreed with Yamashiro's, and Mashbir himself hand-cranked the mimeograph machine to run off 20 copies of the 22-page translation. Copies No. 5 and No. 6 went

to Nimitz's headquarters (the author has a reproduction of Copy No. 9) and, after holding things up long enough to translate its own version, Navy intelligence finally presented it to Nimitz. He at once provided copies to every flag officer associated with the Marianas invasion.

In Australia, the printed translation was made into an ATIS report dated May 23, 1944. The next day, Yamada and Yamashiro were puzzled to find they had been promoted to Warrant Officer without explanation. By this time the Japanese brass had triggered the Z Plan in their usual fashion, via another order. This was called *A-Go*, an updated version of what Koga designed. Admiral Raymond Spruance, when he sortied against the Marianas, knew what his enemy had, and where, plus how to take care of them. He could thank Yamada, Yamashiro, and the rest of Mashbir's experts for this.

While Washington considered whether nor not to make the 500-mile jump from Finschhafen, MacArthur completed his plans to execute it. They got approved, and on April 22, 1944, his forces moved in, generally calling Maffin Bay, Humboldt Bay and Tanahmerah Bay "the Hollandia area." George Aurell took over the I Corps team that day. It included Charles Y. Nakata, George Nakamura and Calvin Morimatsu. Nakata had a whimsical pen. His telling of an infantryman's tribulations would be hilarious, were it not so chilling.

The man hopped out of his foxhole after a grenade popped in,

then scrambled back inside it just in time to throw another grenade out. When a third landed, he again rolled out just in time, as his foxhole got enlarged again. All the while bullets buzzed around him. When dawn came, he told friends, "Some sonofabitch is trying to kill me!"

A landing was also made at Aitape, to grab the airfield there. Part of the 41st went ashore at that spot. The rest of it hit Humboldt Bay, the only decent anchorage in the general area being covered. The 24th hit Tanahmerah Bay. A chunk of the 32nd came into Aitape next day. Thanks to prodigious work by Australian technicians and engineers, friendly aircraft landed soon afterward. In another 24 hours, three airfields at Hollandia were also taken. The 24th's team was led by Paul Aurell. He had Ralph Kimoto, Richard Hirata, Hideo Tsuyuki, Kenneth Shimbu and Seiyu Higashi.

Tom Takata had gotten sick enough on New Guinea to rate a leave in Australia after getting out of the hospital there. He missed this campaign but embarked on a lifelong one. He fell in love with Sylvia Joyce Look You, the half-Australian daughter of a Chinese doctor. They later married.

With the 32nd Division at Aitape were Shigeru Higashi and Masato Iwamoto. Raymond Gage, with the remainder of the team, joined them 10 days later, when the rest of the division did. It had been occupied for more than three months, several rungs down the New Guinea ladder, at Saidor.

Yoshikazu Yamada had been at Saidor, too, with the 9th Australian Division. Norito Kawakami, Masao Torai, Mamoru Takanishi and Hiroshi Kubota also served with the 9th at various times. So did Roy Fugami, Henry Hikida and James Tamotsu Kashiwada. They remained as unsung in American histories as their Australian "cobbers" did. Digger friends have never been given, in American writings, the credit they deserved for their struggle in New Guinea and elsewhere.

John Tanikawa, the WWI veteran who tearfully implored Harold Hanaumi to take him overseas with his team, went into action with one of his own. The 41st's leading linguist now had two officers, Robert Heilbroner and James Mize. Nisei teammates include Hisao Matsumoto, James K. Sasano, Harold Tanabe, Albert Y. Tamura and Everett Sasaki.

With this one bold stroke at Hollandia, MacArthur had cut off another 40,000 Japanese. Now he had left behind him more than 200,000 of the enemy, who became totally useless to Japan's war effort. In time they were written off by both sides, left to survive whichever way they could. General Hatazo Adachi ground his teeth in frustration as Australian troops nibbled at his isolated ones, keeping them too off-balance to make a concentrated dash in any direction.

Back at Indorooilly, war could seem far away to men who spent their days bent over diaries and documents that were sometimes difficult to read. A bit of blood, dirt, or stuck flesh could

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change the shape and meaning of a Kanji ideograph for these men. Harry Sekiya, Robert Ohama, Tsuneo "Cappy" Harada, George Hatakeda and Joe H. Ikuta were among them. Others who interrupted work only to holler "Hey, Sarge!" at one of the more qualified NCO's who operated as "language checkers", or to look questioningly at a senior for reassurance while interrogating a brought-back-from-the-lines POW, were Maynard Matsunaga, Kazuo Inouye, Lad T. Miura, Peter Nakahara and Joe Hideo Iwataki.

But, there were some compensations for flying a desk. Like the Roma Cafe, in Brisbane. There Richard Omori, Hachiro Kita, Iwao Shima-

moto and Sadao Takahashi could, like other Nisei, enjoy the kind of fare they'd liked best at home—Chinese food. It might have been confusing to Ken Ota, Frank Tomita, Harold Mugishima and Masao Uyeda to eat in a terrific Chinese restaurant that had an *Italian* name. To Noboru Yoshimura and George Sugimoto it probably seemed a more fitting name for a pizza parlor. No matter. Once Nisei got the cook to prepare rice by *steaming*, the way they liked it best, they made the Roma as popular in Brisbane as they had John's in Minneapolis.

Few men got to leave Indo-roopilly for the front lines at this time. They had far more value right where they were, behind a desk. Their experience was needed more there, at the moment, than up front, especially since more and more men were already arriving as teams. Captured documents started to arrive by jeepload. They would total 20,000,000 pages worked over by ATIS specialists at war's end. Each page had to be examined by top linguists, called "scanners", and handed out as relative importance seemed to dictate. Translators then translated, calling on "checkers" as needed. When an item looked "hot", it got special, concentrated attention.

All of this had to be done at a never slowing pace, very difficult to maintain. It's hard to keep even the most willing of human beings enthusiastic over pieces of paper. Sidney Mashbir did what he could. He made sure his men were kept as informed as far as security would permit. That helped. He also kept watch for any intelligence victory, small or large, that would give his men proof that Indo-roopilly's work had positive results elsewhere, and keep them hustling.

Besides the Roma Cafe, lovely beaches weren't too far from Tent City. Many Nisei got "adopted" by Australian families, being invited to dinner, and frequently put up at vacation cottages when on furlough. There was also a convenient race-

track, frequented regularly by Dick Oguro. He made sure to stick close to Ernest Watanabe, whom he described as a "hotshot hand-capper." Watanabe's very high IQ might have been an asset for picking winners among the bangtails. In any case, it helped make sure that the pair of friends always had money.

In Burma, over the protests of their angry temporary leader, who said none were fit to fight, the Marauders were given a third mission—taking the lightly-defended Myitkyina airstrip. Charles Hunter, who took command of the outfit when Stilwell's protegee, Frank Merrill, had his first heart attack in the jungle, and who continued when a second one followed, began developing an abiding hatred for Joe Stilwell. It would explode in-

to an expose book 19 years later.

The Marauders staggered on and, after a heartbreaking struggle against heat, malaria, dysentery, steep hills, plus a mite typhus that killed almost as many of them as the enemy did, finally took the airstrip on May 17. Now—maybe—they could get the hell out of there and go home!

Such was not to be. An incredible foul-up followed. Blame must be laid at Joe Stilwell's doorstep. As senior American officer in the theater, it was his task to replace his fighters with fighting men. He didn't. Off the planes arriving at Myitkyina came Army engineers, none trained for combat. By then nearly 2,000 of the Marauders had come down with illness or wounds (some of the latter self-inflicted). Only 1,310 men had made it to Myitkyina airstrip, and of

these 679 had to be lifted out in the next week. Hunter drove the enemy off the airstrip, then had to watch the troops who had helped him do it fly away to hospitals.

Stilwell then gave an order that still stuns historians. The completely worn-out one-fifth of the original unit was given a *fourth* mission—

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taking the town of Myitkyina itself. This was naked insanity. Planners had estimated that the 5307th Composite Unit would suffer 85% casualties. It had already incurred 80%. Only one out of five originals was left. How could they be expected to do the job?

"Stilwell" might yet make Roget's Thesaurus as a synonym for "bull-headed, unreasonable, angrily insistent."

In the rear, Marauders were tumbled out of hospital beds and sent back, a phony emotional appeal about their "buddies at the front" that might have been lifted from the script of a very bad movie, being used to inspire them. Some were hardly able to stand, much less fight. Doctors with enough guts to brave the brass sent nearly all of them back as soon as their planes touched down. A makeshift Chinese-American force finally took the town on August 3, but only 200 Marauders were in on the end.

Among them was every Nisei physically able to make it! All 14 had survived the action without wounds. In spite of illness, they had to see the campaign through. Charlton Ogburn wrote of the Marauders. He said that while

he and other Caucasians could tell themselves they were fighting their war for survival, the Nisei had "only the value of the idea". That impelled Grant Hirabayashi through the campaign, although he could have been hospitalized and out of it right at the start, something he declined to do.

BACK in the U.S., a group of 23 other Nisei were also making a special mark. They finished parachute training. Charles Tatsuda, Mitsuo Usui, Yasuo Umezumi and Akira Abe all had relatives in concentration camps while each was making his five qualifying jumps. Yutaka Munakata, at Savage, got a letter from Charles Tahara which told about Takeshi Fujisaka showing "aggressiveness", and John S. Nakahara "teaching Japanese to Caucasian officers".

Tatsuda flew to New Guinea with Akira Abe, John S. Nakahara, Kazuo Yoshida, George T. "Parson" Ito, Lawrence Kiyabu, Tetsuo Koga, Yasuo Umezumi, Norman Kikuta and Clarence Ohta.

Mitsuo Usui went with Bert S. Mitsunaga, Roy Y. Yamanishi, Takeshi Fujisaka and Charles Tahara to Seattle, after a lot of fun stomping around Savage in jump boots before envious eyes. With the other "glamor boys" were Harold Hayashi, Ritsuji Sodegami, Harry S. Shimada, Robert Kimura and Richard L. Saito. All,

plus Mas Mita, William Naito and Richard Y. Suehiro embarked for—of all places—Hawaii!

Home! But was it? Although 12 of the 13 men came from there, none appeared heroic or glamorous in the eyes of relatives. They could do their duty and clam up, suffering this silence for many years. How could they tell anyone, with security almighty, that they had an office only two doors away from General Simon Bolivar Buckner at Schofield Barracks? How could they even hint that they were playing key roles in topmost secret planning for an invasion—many months in the future—of Okinawa?

The 13 did no more jumping from planes. It was maps, charts and documents for them from then on, but any military intelligence will emphatically agree that each was worth 100 parachutists, minimum, in terms of total contribution to victory. Pound for pound, the 23 Nisei paratroopers may have been the most effective troops in the history of war-

Moffet Ishikawa, Kay Futamase, Mike Hori and Kay Tamada chiefly had to battle heavy rains and mud. With Hisashi Komori, Shogo Yamaguchi and Shizuo Tanaka, they whiled away part of their time on New Britain as they had on Guadalcanal, by listening to Zero Hour. Beamed from Tokyo at midnight, it featured a girl who called herself Little Orphan Annie. The team had acquired a shortwave radio on Guadalcanal, ostensibly to monitor Japanese traffic. Late at night, an atmospheric freak let them pick up a St. Paul station. "It filled us with nostalgia," Ishikawa said. He also said that the team was happy at having pyramidal tents and "real cots to sleep on." Foxholes were still required, Ishikawa said, "but when we dug them in our particular bivouac area, we hit water a foot below ground level." By staying where it was, the 40th helped contain Japanese forces isolated at Rabaul.

THE Americans landed on Saipan on June 24, and infan-

trymen were glad to meet no air opposition. The 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions hit first, and the 27th Army Division followed.

## Don Oka didn't know it but one of the Kamikaze strikes on Tinian while he was there... was by his brother, Takeo.

help. The 27th took a clobbering because, although it called to the beaches that it was short of ammunition, none was brought forward. A baker wielded a Browning Automatic Rifle in stemming this Japanese rush, Kubo said, and a colonel sat

gemori Taira was urged by his father to lead forces against an Imperial faction. His quandary resulted in an oft-quoted palindrome, "Kō naran to hosse ba chu naran chu naran to hosse ba ko naran."

When Kubo uttered it, the Japanese soldiers gasped, bowed, and apologized. In that moment they knew why all Nisei had to serve the U.S.A. "If I am filial," Kubo had quoted, "I cannot serve the Emperor. If I serve the Emperor, I cannot be filial." Shigemori Taira, Hoicho Kubo, the Japanese soldiers in the cave, and all Nisei in uniform were bound by the same centuries-old precept—that a man's loyalty goes to the higher authority. Taira dis-

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## At Indooroopilly, captured documents totaling 20,000,000 pages would be worked over by ATIS specialists at war's end.

fare. Totted up, they weighed not much more than a ton.

An avid student of history, MacArthur knew well the principle of applying maximum force at the right place at the right time, employing every scrap and means of intelligence in preparing for it. Near the back of the "bird's neck" portion of the Vogelkoph was Biak. He needed to take it. While doing so, he kept pressure on at other places, too.

Nisei learned names like Afua, Toem, Sawar, Maffin Bay and the Driniumor River, as MacArthur fed in elements of the 6th, 24th, 31st, 32nd, 41st and 43rd divisions as well as the 158th Regimental Combat Team. Nisei got shuttled to where they were needed. Besides the divisions, headquarters of I Corps and 6th Army needed their help.

Approaching the Marianas, Spruance flung nearly the full force of his airpower, overpowering one or two outlying Japanese airbases at a time. Landings were then made at Saipan on June 15, with Tinian following nine days later. Guam's turn would be July 21. The beaches got a good battering this time, by an admiral with enough guts to close in and do the job—Richard L. Connolly. Before long, however, it was revealed that Navy intelligence hadn't done much.

For more than 40 years, a series of U.S. naval officers had held the cushy billet of Guam's governor, but still the island had not been accurately mapped. And, although native Chamorros moved back and forth to Saipan and Tinian regularly for those four decades, nothing had been ascertained about the state of Japanese installations there. When soldiers and marines hit the beaches, they were starting almost from scratch where useful intelligence was concerned.

Another Army division, the 40th, was moved out of Guadalcanal in April and took positions all around the western end of New Britain. Lt. Richard Child had the language team, and Teruo Odow was its leader. The 40th fought no major battles.

trymen were glad to meet no air opposition. The 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions hit first, and the 27th Army Division followed.

On Saipan with the 27th was Tim Ohta's team, the same crew he'd taken from Minnesota to JICPOA at Honolulu. Ben Honda was in Hawaii, assigned to no team at the moment, when he got "loaned" to an artillery captain. He and George Matsui were awarded the Silver Star on Saipan, for "talking" enemy soldiers and terrified civilians out of caves where they had holed up.

Jesse Miyao got snatched up at Honolulu, too, for a special task. Without a word to say about it, Miyao led a group of "shanghai'd" Nisei out to Saipan, about 20 of them. These soldiers had recently joined the Army, or had gotten drafted into it, and had not yet finished basic training. They were arbitrarily ordered to Saipan because they could speak Japanese. Miyao took them out there, and they were to work managing civilian and POW camps for the island's new military government.

Hoichi Kubo got the Distinguished Service Cross on Saipan. Before he did, he encountered a chaplain carrying a rifle, who claimed he was going to "put the fear of God into those Japs, one way or another!" He also got a little girl and her younger brother out of a hole in the ground. "Where's your father?" Kubo asked her, and learned that the naval bombardment got him. "Where's your mother?" elicited that Army artillery had killed her. All Kubo could do was pass the two children on to camp people.

Kubo interrogated one POW, who told him a banzai attack was planned, but the information was of little

"I'm going in!" Kubo told Lt. Roger Pear. Giving the officer his .45 pistol, the Maui native slid down a rope into the cave. He talked to the civilians and began herding them out. A Japanese sergeant interrupted him, saying, "You're a spy!"

"I am an American," Kubo shouted. "My grandfathers fought with the 5th and 6th Divisions! I am here to take out the non-combatants."

His opponent was taken aback on learning that Kubo descended from fighting men of Hiroshima and Kumamoto. They sat down to confer, and Kubo shared his K-rations with the obviously hungry Japanese soldiers. After more than 100 civilians left, helped up the cliff by American GIs hauling on ropes, Kubo went outside to see how things were going. He heard someone shout, "Roger Pear's been shot!" He turned about and stormed back down into the cave.

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regarded his father. Nisei opted for their native land.

When Kubo, angry over Pear's shooting, asked, "Is there not a samurai among you?" Four enemy soldiers asked him to wait, while they climbed down to recover the lieutenant's body. Upon bringing it up, they surrendered themselves.

Kubo had lived up to his name. A girl was stillborn, and a boy died young, so when Kubo was born his parents wanted a *tsuyoi* (strong) name for him. His maternal ancestors soldiered from Kumamoto, his parental ones from Hiroshima. The "scholarly" reading of Hoichi was forsaken for the one that meant "great cannon".

Ben Hazard was commissioned after studies at Michigan before schooling at Savage. He didn't get assigned a language team until the Saipan campaign was nearly over and didn't meet the other MIS linguists until then. Ben had his problems with the Army. An orderly had taken to the laundry, and picked up for him, one shirt while the 27th was practicing landings on Maui before coming to Saipan. Long after the Saipan campaign was over, a thick sheaf of documents caught up with Hazard. Endorsed by no less than three generals, it was a complaint Hazard satisfied by getting the garrison force finance officer to deduct 13 cents from his pay! It seems he'd forgotten to pay for the washing of his shirt.

Before that, Ben enjoyed a fringe benefit. Ordered to Aslito Field after it was captured, to check for documents, Ben and his escort squad found documents concerning aircraft engine ball bearings that proved to be strategically significant. More importantly, so far as they were concerned, they found the Japanese garrison's abandoned beer ration, which Hoichi Kubo and the

165th Regiment had, in their haste, missed. Frustrated Japanese troops spotted Hazard, knew what he'd found, and opened up with long-distance small arms fire. Hazard and his squad braved the bullets long enough to stuff their jackets full of beer, then snaked on

and quietly accepted reassignment to the 1st Cavalry Division. War was war. It didn't matter who you fought it beside.

Also in the Guam campaign were Nisei attached to the 1st Marine Provisional Brigade. Though the USMC history division had no rec-

Statue of Liberty Division, which also landed on Guam. Lt. Harvey Daniels was in charge of the language team, and Shigeo Ito from the Aleutians was its leader. The pair usually worked out of division headquarters with Aki Hayashi, Jim Sugimura and Eddie Fukui. The regiments had two men each: Kunio Endo and Vic Nishijima with the 305th; Frank Mori and Mac Miyahara with the 306th; and Tetsuji Yamada and Mitsuo Shibata with the 307th. They were a congenial group, having worked together in Hawaii. There Eddie Fukui had met and became engaged to Elaine Kato, whom the group delighted in calling Pee-Wee. When the campaign was over the team reassembled in a rest area, drinking their first beer since leaving Hawaii. It made them slightly high, and some Nisei broke into Japa-

nese song. Years later, at a reunion of survivors, they wondered "how we never got shot!"

No enemy airpower or seapower of any significance barred the way of the Army and Navy taking the Marianas. The campaign, in fact, cost far less in casualties than anticipated, and Nisei are entitled to a goodly share of the credit for that. In this campaign, more Nisei became cave-flushers, their task being to inform hidden civilians or enemy soldiers that they'd better come out, or else they'd either get killed or sealed up.

Hoichi Kubo told the author, "Hell, Joe, I've been over-publicized," referring to his Distinguished Service Cross. "Plenty of guys did what I did, and some did a hell of a lot more!"

Kubo was right, but few war correspondents noticed. It was easier for hundreds of journalists who got "simulated" rank that sat them at captains' tables, to settle for one splash. Getting more news would require following Nisei around and taking the same chances they did—of getting shot at any moment.

Next Week: Chapter 10

## 'You're a goddamned officer out here, while your mother and father are in a friggin' concentration camp?'

their bellies behind a building to enjoy the warm Kirin.

Tinian was an easier campaign than Saipan. Japanese made air attacks on it from Okinawa and even tried long-range flights from southern Kyushu, knowing Tinian to be a perfect base for the new, long-range B-29 bomber rolling off American assembly lines.

Don Oka got sent to Tinian from JICPOA, with Sam Isokane, Nobuo Nagata, and Yukio Kawamura. They were concerned mainly with rounding up civilians and herding them into camps to be cared for. George Inagaki came over from Saipan while Oka was on Tinian, to lend a hand. Don didn't know it until after the war, but one of the numerous kamikaze strikes made against Tinian while he was there was by his brother Takeo.

THE Guam campaign was preceded by 30 days of Navy bombing and bombardment. No Marine Corps official history mentions it, but two teams of Nisei hit the beaches with the leathernecks. Lincoln Taira led a team with the 3rd Marine Division. On it were Ryoichi Okada, Eddie Fujimoto, Stanley S. Shimabukuro, Henry Uyebara and Yurikichi Ikehara. Kenji Uyesugi, Tadashi Nomura, Ichiro Obikane and Shoichi Yamamoto made up the rest of the unit. When the campaign was over, they folded up their equipment

well resign to it.

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ord of it, all were cited by the Marine Corps. They were Thomas T. Osasa, Minoru Watanabe, Terry Yoshimoto and Herb Maruyama, who had earlier been with the Corps on Bougainville. This time, however, the marines did not "capture" Herb. "Ours to Hold It High" was the motto of the 77th



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Y—You hit the nail on the head!

X—What?

Y—You said, "Statesman"—a word rarely spoken of these days. A statesman, as you know, has his own philosophy regarding affairs of state, thinking of people and country. The statesman is sincere and not a strategist juggling with politics. The politician is a superb swimmer in politics, grabbing the maximum number of votes at any opportunity available. The new prime minister seems to be in the latter category. Notice the way he replies to a question? A straightforward answer is never given, and after AAH-OOH comes the words, "Shindo ni ... we must be very, very careful to do ..." I don't blame you for getting exasperated, but if you're dealing with politicians, you might as