

JACL hosts congressional reception on Heritage Week



Addressing an assemblage of 400 people jammed into the Senate Caucus Room is Rep. Norman Mineta (right), co-author of HJR 1007 designating May 4-10 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. Seated are Rep. Frank Horton (R-N.Y.), co-author with Mineta; Sen. Daniel Inouye, who with Sen. Spark Matsunaga (at extreme right), co-sponsored the resolution in the Senate last fall; Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national JACL president, who presented the JACL Certificate of Appreciation to the co-authors, and Mike Masaoka, master of ceremonies.



Congressman Mineta (left) shakes hand with Prime Minister Ohira, honored guest at the JACL Congressional Reception honoring the authors of the Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week resolution. In between are U.S. Ambassador Mike Mansfield to Japan, and former Senate Majority Leader; and Mrs. Ohira.



Reception Photos by Vince Finnigan & Associates
Sen. Dan Inouye is presented the JACL Certificate of Appreciation from Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national JACL president, during formal JACL honors award program May 3 in the U.S. Senate Caucus Room.

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Japan's Prime Minister Ohira (left) receives from Nicole Yamada, daughter of the Gordon Yamadas, a woodblock print of the U.S. Capitol by Unkichi Hiratsuka, well-known Issei artist, who was also present at the Congressional Reception.

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Washington

Nearly 400 leaders of the Asian community and selected members of Congress gathered May 3 at the Senate Caucus Room for a reception honoring Senator Dan Inouye, Senator Spark Matsunaga, Congressman Norman Mineta and Congressman Frank Horton, the four national legislators who were sponsors of House Joint Resolution 1007, approved Oct. 5, 1978, to designate the week of May 4 as "Asian Pacific American Heritage Week".

The cultural/educational week, which ended May 10, commemorated the contributions of Asian Americans whose ancestors came from Japan, China, Korea, the Philippines and the many newly emerging nations of Southeast Asia and the Pacific Basin. Despite legal and social barriers, Asian Americans have made significant contributions in

science, the arts, government, industry and education.

Speaking in behalf of his colleagues was Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd. All Asian and Pacific Island members in the Congress were present among the 400, including Sen. S.I. Hayakawa, Rep.

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\$9,000 raised for Washington Post ad addressed to Sen. Hayakawa

Los Angeles

The nation-wide campaign to have a full-page Open Letter to Sen. S.I. Hayakawa in the Washington Post raised \$9,000 from individual contributions of some 1,600 people. The ad was to appear this week, May 9, filling three-quarters of a page, according to Frank Abe of Seattle, who called a press conference here the same day.

The open letter campaign began in Portland during the Day of Remembrance observance Feb. 17, telling the junior senator from California, he does not speak for Japanese Americans on the concentration camps and redress matter.

At a news conference at the Old Japanese Union Church the same day, actor George Takei read the copy of the ad. He was one of the early signers. Appearing with him were Mary Tani, whose letters have appeared

on many opinion pages; Kayo Endo, who volunteered from Gila River for the 442nd and was wounded during the rescue of the Lost Texas Battalion in France; and Dr. Harry Kitano of UCLA.

The open letter to Sen. Hayakawa noted:

"...They were concentration camps. Barbed wire, electrified fences, dogs, armed soldiers, machine gun towers made them concentration camps.

"The per capita income of the nation rose during WW2. The population increased. For us, our per capita income dropped to nothing; our suicide, madness, and death rates increased; our birth rate flattened out ...

"It was not our removal to camps that opened up the ghettos, but the repeal of the anti-Oriental laws that barred the Issei from U.S. citizenship, owning property, and certain jobs. After camp, we had nothing. That nothing is what camp gave us, not opportunity. It was our hard work, combined with the help of a few good friends, that

brought us our present success. Our success does not make the concentration camps of yesterday any less heinous a violation of American justice. Our success does not excuse the camps from American history ...

"Japanese Americans were as outraged and shocked by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor as any other Americans, and as anxious to defend America. The need for revenge against the Japanese enemy in no way justified the willful mistaking of three generations of Japanese Americans for the foreign Japanese enemy ...

"In camp we maintained our faith in the justice of a nation that had broken faith with us. Our all Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team fought in WW II with a distinction marked with the highest death and casualty rates of any unit who fought in that awful war. In that same spirit of faith in American justice, we seek redress for the camps. What you have said about white backlash and forgetting the hardships we endured in camp convinces us that unless the concentration camps become a rec-

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Silicon Valley industry split on copyright

San Jose, Ca.

Perfect copies by Soviet and Japanese companies of semiconductors designed by Intel Corp. of Santa Clara were used to illustrate the degree of piracy taking place in Silicon Valley before a House subcommittee hearing on an integrated circuit design copyright bill.

The bill is co-authored by the three congressmen from the area, Reps. Norman Mineta (D), Don Edwards (D) and Paul N. McCloskey (R). Chairing the House judiciary subcommittee on courts, civil liberties and administration of justice, which met here April 16, is Rep. Robert Kastenmeier (D-Wis.).

The bill asks copyright protection to the design of microcomputer chips, produced by the millions in Santa Clara County and used in fast-growing numbers of products ranging from cars to microwave ovens to missiles.

L. J. Sevin, founder of Mostek Corp. of Texas, said technology now allows for incredible miniaturization. The pirate need only to photograph a new product and then blow it up 800 to 1,000 times and duplicate its pattern that had required a designer many years and millions of dollars to produce, whereas the pirate firm can reproduce the same chip in three months for \$50,000, Sevin explained.

But speaking in opposition was the general manager of National Semiconductor Corp. of Santa Clara, John Finch, who argued the only

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Consulate reprimanded on accounting method

Honolulu

The Japanese Consulate here admitted asking for blank receipts from Nikkei organizations to which it makes small grants and it has been reprimanded by the Foreign Ministry as a consequence.

According to Kyodo News, the consulate had asked people receiving grants to sign blank receipts, and on one occasion a receipt for more than the amount actually paid. Kyodo

said the consulate used money arising from discrepancies in receipts to cover other budget expenses.

A Foreign Office official in Tokyo said he does not believe any illicit activity was involved. Then Acting Consul General Yosaku Tsuchiya on April 23 expressed regrets over the accounting mismanagement, found no wrongdoing and added the home office had reprimanded the

consulate.

A Foreign Office official in Tokyo said he does not. Among the grants were two for \$350 to cover advertising the consulate placed in the Japanese language papers, \$1,500 to the United Japanese Society and \$1,000 to the Honolulu Japanese Jr. Chamber of Commerce.

Paul Yempuku, president of Hawaii Hochi, said he was asked to sign a blank receipt in February

for \$350 worth of advertising the consulate had placed. "I trusted the official over there. I just signed it and gave it to them together with my own receipt. They said they'd put the figure inside later," he said.

Ryuso Hirai, Hawaii Times editor, said he signed a blank receipt for \$350 worth of advertising but was later given a new one for the amount on it.

Two Asians seek seat on Seattle city council

By EIRA NAGAOKA
Seattle, Wa.

Two Asian Americans have announced their candidacy for seats on the Seattle City Council. Paul M. Horiuchi, 42, is a newcomer to politics. Dolores Sibonga, 48, served briefly on the Council last fall.

Horiuchi is son of the noted Pacific Northwest artist C. Paul Horiuchi and is running against three-term black incumbent Sam Smith. The political neophyte teaches sixth grade in the Lake Washington School District and sings in the Seattle Opera Chorus.

Sibonga, an attorney, resigned as deputy executive secretary of the State Human Rights Commission to seek the post being vacated by Tim Hill. She was appointed to a short-term vacancy last fall, becoming the first minority woman to serve on the Seattle city council as well as being first council member of Filipino ancestry. A Seattle JACL board member, she was the first Filipino American to

graduate from the Univ. of Washington and to pass the state bar examination. Her early career included work in radio and television.

Horiuchi is a graduate in music from Seattle University and in education from Central Washington University. A resident of Beacon Hill, he said he has considered running for political office for many years, but he was too busy rearing three children and doing the things people do between the ages of 20 and 40. Time has come for a change, he feels, for "change is vital".

Campaigning for the city treasurer's post will be Lloyd Hara, former King County auditor, and assistant city treasurer George Cooley. The incumbent is resigning after five years in office.

Hara, 39, a Seattle native with an MBA in public administration from the Univ. of Washington, resigned last June from his appointive county auditor's post after almost nine years watchdogging the purse strings and programs of the county council. #

Items

The board of directors of the nation's 25 largest newspaper groups have no well-defined minorities as members, the weekly Publishers' Auxiliary finds. Also, according to a 1978 report by the American Society of Newspaper Editions, two-thirds of the nation's daily newspapers have no minorities — blacks, Hispanics, Asians or American Indians — working in their newsrooms.

Affirmative Action employment is the theme of the Career and Job Fair May 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Forty employees from the San Fernando Valley area will be present, and women and minorities urged to attend. #

Baldwin Hills Lions Club president Mack Yamaguchi announced a Lion's Eyemobile for free testing of glaucoma will be stationed May 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Calif. First Bank at Jefferson and Crenshaw.

Friends of Assemblyman Floyd Mori will hold a happy 40th birthday dinner party for him on Friday, May 18, 6:30 p.m., at the Sunol Country Club, 6900 Mission Rd., Sunol, Ca. For RSPV at \$40 per person, call 537-6390.

San Diego's Japanese Family Center will hold open house of its new facility at 3541 Ocean View Blvd., May 12 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Cultural and martial arts and demonstrations will be featured.

San Diego's Japanese Family Center, 3541 Ocean View Blvd., will have open house and observe Children's Day on May 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., it was announced by program coordinator Yoko Fujita (232-1876).



KING COUNTY council chairperson Ruby Chow of Seattle is the first Chinese American to serve in an elective county-wide position. She had been chairing the council's health-human services committee the past three years.

Gila reunion

Sacramento, Ca.
A reunion for Canal High School in Gila River Relocation Center (Classes of '43-'47) is being planned for October, 1980 in Sacramento. Those who have not been contacted should let Roy Uda, 7426 Mooncrest Way, Sacramento, Ca. 95831 know your whereabouts. This reunion is not restricted to the classes mentioned above.

Deaths

Konkichi Konishi, 59, of Washington, D.C., died April 19 of cancer. Spokesman in the U.S. for the Japanese Automobile Manufacturers Ass. for the past decade, he previously was Mainichi's bureau chief in Vietnam, foreign correspondent in India and foreign news editor before resigning in 1966 to enter public relations.

Minority radio-TV to receive funding

Washington
The National Assn. of Broadcasters Task Force on Minority Ownership has established an investment fund to assist minorities in purchasing broadcasting facilities.

Investment funds are being solicited from individuals and corporations, then supplemented by matching funds from the Small Business Administration. Donations are tax deductible and contributions receive full insulation from the Federal Communications Commission multiple ownership rules.

Immigration law

Los Angeles
Immigration matters that have caused some anxiety for SSI recipients planning to travel outside the U.S. will be discussed at the Little Tokyo Towers dining room at noon, May 11. Among the attorneys speaking will be Rose Matsui Ochi, member of the President's Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy.

Ashland, Or.
Professor Lawson Inada of Southern Oregon State College said he was going to discourage his students from buying Random House's new paperback dictionary and so told the publisher, Ballantine Books, in New York, because of the entry appearing on page 606 under the word, "Nisei".

Dictionary rapped on use of 'Jap'

In brackets appears [Jap: second generation.]
"A little thoughtlessness and ignorance can go a long way," Inada said.

PBS-TV airs Asian series

Los Angeles
Actor Mako will host the first episode of "Pearls", a six-part series on Asian American history on KCET, Channel 28 in Los Angeles. This first half-hour preview on May 11, 5-5:30 p.m. (the rest of the segments will be on KCET's fall schedule), will tackle racial stereotyping in America, with emphasis on the portrayal of Asians in the media, beginning with Fu Manchu.

A second six-parter, "Views of Asia", looks at contemporary Asian societies in hour-long visits to Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Singapore.

"Pearls", presented by WGTE in Toledo, Ohio; and "Views of Asia", presented by KQED in San Francisco through a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, should air on other stations in the PBS network. Local PBS stations should be contacted for more information.

Radio-TV
Dennis Ogawa, Univ. of Hawaii professor in Asian American studies, and his wife Amy are hosts of a new TV series, "Sansei Report", being shown Fridays over the Japanese-language Honolulu station KIKU (13). It started April 6.

All great poetry should produce the instantaneous conviction, this is true.—KEATS.

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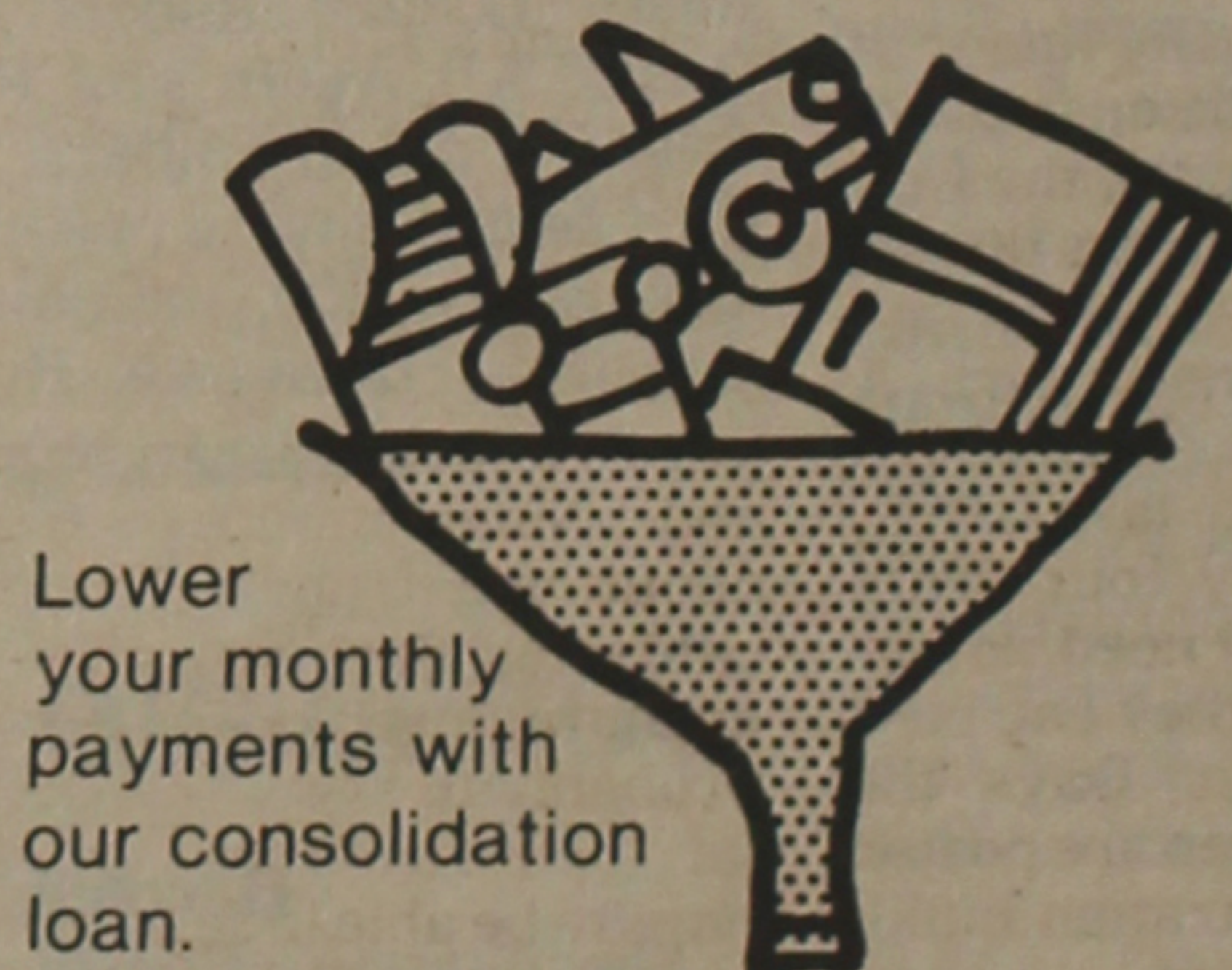
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Feature film—'Hito Hata' about Issei railroad men

Los Angeles

"Hito Hata: Raise the Banner," a new feature-length motion picture, entered into full production in March with major location filming at the historical railroad town of Laws, Calif., in the Owens Valley. The two-hour drama will be the first major motion picture written, directed and produced by Japanese Americans about the Japanese experience in the United States.

Visual Communications, a non-profit Asian American production company, has received funding from the U.S.

Office of Education under the Emergency School Aid Act to produce a television series about Asian American labor history. "Hito Hata," the first of the series, will be co-directed by Sansei filmmaker Duane Kubo, who directed "Cruisin' J-Town," and UCLA film instructor Bob Nakamura, who directed the award-winning documentary, "Wataridori: Birds of Passage."

The cast and crew of 30 people spent six days in the Owens Valley area recreating the hard-working conditions and life styles of Issei

railroad workers in the early 1900s. This segment of the film features the acting of Mako, Yukio Shimoda and Miichiro Iida.

Veteran actor/director Mako received an Academy Award nomination for his performance in "Sand Pebbles" and was featured in the Broadway production of "Pacific Overtures." Yukio Shimoda, in addition to his many film and TV credits, was recently seen in "Farewell to Manzanar" in the role of the father. "Hito Hata" will be the first U.S. motion picture for Miichiro Iida, an

actor from Japan, who received a fellowship to study acting in New York City.

Project Director, Steve Tatsukawa explained that the production costs will be particularly expensive due to the many historical sequences involved. Tatsukawa added, "We have a wonderful sequence of Little Tokyo during the 1930s scripted, but without additional funding, we may have to do without it."

For more information, call:

Visual Communications, 313 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, CA 90013 (213) 680-4462.



Cast of historical sequence from "Hito Hata: Raise the Banner" depicting early Japanese American railroad section gang. From left to right, top row: Shuichi Kuni, Takashi Yamaguchi, Takeo Kitagawa, George Abe. Bottom row: Roger Hampton, Yukio Shimoda, Miichiro Iida, Mako, Jay Tsukamoto, Hatsuo Uda, Jim Ishida and Sab Shimono.

Nisei teacher surprised and shocked on teaching at Yokohama university

By PATSY S. SAIKI
(Hawaii Hochi)

(Writer spent 1978 teaching at Yokohama National University and wrote of her experiences which the Hawaii Hochi published Feb. 14, 1979. She is also the author of "Sachie, A Daughter of Hawaii".)

Honolulu

To a former teacher in Hawaii schools, where students leave rubbish and wads of chewing gum in their desks, punch holes in walls, stuff rolls of toilet paper into toilets, and burn fires in classrooms and offices, teaching in a Japanese university was a novelty.

One shock was when I handed out assignments the first day. The students took the papers and bowed!

Another shock was when the students sat in their seats after the end-of-class bell rang. I said, "Class is dismissed." The students sat and waited. I thought, "Maybe they don't know what 'dismissed' means." So I said, "Class is over. You may go." Still they sat. Finally I picked up my books and went out the door. At that, the students got to their feet and dashed out the doors to their next classes.

Later I found out the teacher is supposed to leave the room first. Professors in Japan don't usually linger in classrooms to discuss problems with students, the way American professors do.

A surprise was to find that attendance is not taken. A student told me, "You're the first teacher to take attendance in all my four years here." Students need not attend classes if they can pass the tests given. Days the tests will be given are posted on the administration building bulletin board.

A prominent guest professor arrived at the university the day after summer vacation. He was told the class numbered over 200. There were only three students there. He gave the lecture, but I doubt if he ever returns, at least the week after a vacation.

A fourth surprise was to discover the seriousness of the students in a subject in which they wanted to excel. They asked if I would sponsor a summer vacation

"zeminaru" (seminar, from German). We were to spend three days and two nights in a "gakusei-mura" (student village) in the mountains of Nagano Prefecture. I thought this would be a wonderful vacation and consented. Imagine my surprise to find the students toting their textbooks and their ever-present English-Japanese dictionaries. One student with a part-time job worked till 10 p.m., went home, took a shower, then caught a train at 12 midnight to reach us about 8 in the morning. Another student drove eight hours to reach us. The students waited for the lessons, free from interruptions, and I was totally unprepared. I still cringe at my ignorance and stupidity in not asking the purpose of a "gakusei-mura zeminaru," or even in not being smart enough to translate "zeminaru" to seminar.

I guess my greatest surprise was in meeting my seniors on October 1. The casually dressed boys in jeans and tennis shoes were hardly recognizable in their navy pin-striped suits and polished shoes. Hair combed, standing straight and tall, they looked like displaced businessmen among the other students. I found out October 1 was the day representatives from large companies came to talk about opportunities in their firms and to encourage applications for jobs. Actually, large banks and conglomerates select about one from 200 applicants, but they nevertheless encourage seniors to apply, probably to show how popular their firms are, or perhaps to be able to select from as large a number of seniors as possible.

In November, back came the jeans, tennis shoes and uncombed hair. But now there was pride, for many had been picked by Sumitomo, the Bank of Japan, the Mitsubishi Group, and other prestigious companies. Some students began to study travel folders, for they wanted to go "abroad" before settling in a "forever" job in April, with one week of vacation per year.

Eventually the students

and I got to treat each other like students in American graduate schools: informally. One night in December, the students gathered at my home to complete their research papers. After dinner and impromptu entertainment, they began discussing Japan's future and the role young university graduates should play. I slept at 11 p.m. but woke at 3 a.m. because they began undressing to sleep, and their teeth chattered because we didn't have enough blankets or even enough electricity on to keep the "kotatsu" and the bedroom "stove" going on at the same time. The severe winter cold is enough to influence one to settle for routine stability rather than exciting uncertainty in jobs, I thought.

I don't know whether to be sorry or happy for these students who will work in banks with thousands of other employees. How can they argue till 3 a.m. that Japan needs a new breed of young people—not the submissive, acquiescent employee—and then they themselves settle for the nine-to-five, six-days-a-week, one-week-off-a-year, two-hours-a-day-commuting-time job?

Perhaps their outer image

will be the October 1 image—the navy blue suit, polished shoes and black umbrella image—while their inner soul will continue to be the jeans, canvas shoes, inquiring mind type and seeker for the welfare of many.

Or they may even be directors of bureaus, Ministers of the different governments, and members of the Diet, and able to influence the lives of many for the better. #

Black social workers eschew 'minority' as class identity

St. Louis, Mo.

The National Assn. of Black Social Workers vowed Apr. 21 to stop using the term, "minority," to describe black Americans and recommended other blacks do the same because its meaning has been destroyed in recent years.

Cenie J. Williams, executive director, said blacks have been badly hurt by the extended meaning of the term, including women who are a majority of the popula-

Enomoto testimonial
Sacramento, Ca.

Friends were scheduled to honor Jerry Enomoto, director, Calif. Dept. of Corrections, at a testimonial dinner last night (May 10) at the Red Lion Motor Inn. The occasion was to recognize his leadership in affirmative action. Frank Iwama was dinner emcee.

Substance determining sex in embryo discovered by Ohno

Duarte, Calif.

Dr. Susumu Ohno, hailed for his research at the City of Hope Medical Center in which he isolated the substance which determines sex in an embryo, was a special lecturer at the Japan Medical Congress in Tokyo this month.

Ohno, chairman of the Division of Biology at the City of Hope, Duarte, was invited to address the 20th General Assembly of the congress on the subject, "Two Major Regulatory Genes for Mammalian Sex-Determination."

Dr. and Mrs. Ohno also were invited as special guests for the opening ceremonies of the quadrennial congress to hear the addresses of Prince and Prin-

cess Hitachi. They returned home May 10.

On the City of Hope staff since 1952, Ohno holds a DVM from Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, a Ph.D. in pathology and a D.Sc. in cytogenetics from Hokkaido University.

The British Broadcasting Co. recently filmed a segment of its science series, "Horizons," at the City of Hope, featuring Ohno and his research on the sex genes.

All human embryos are of indeterminate sex in the early days of development and a pair of gonads may become either ovaries or testes. Ohno and his colleagues, together with Drs. E.A. Boyse and S.S. Wachtel of the Memorial-Sloane Kettering

Cancer Institute, New York City, have found that all embryos are destined to become females unless a protein is produced called H-Y antigen.

Ohno found that secondary sex development also is determined by one protein, this one governing the individual response to the male hormones, testosterone.

Both sexes produce testosterone as well as estrogen, the female hormone, but the female produces massive amounts of estrogen at one point each month. Unless both sex-determining proteins are organized properly in an individual, that person will not have a true sexual identity.

This work is continuing in the laboratories of Dr. Ohno

Hiroshima A-Bomb Hospital, the team will spend a week here from May 8, at Los Angeles from May 17 and at Seattle from May 26.

The doctors expect to see some 500 patients in California when they visit the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital here May 11-14 and the Los Angeles City View Hospital May 19-22.

The medical checks, started last year, is being financially supported for the first time by Japan's Health and Welfare Ministry. The check involves X-rays and electrocardiograms of patients and examination of their blood, Kuramoto explained.

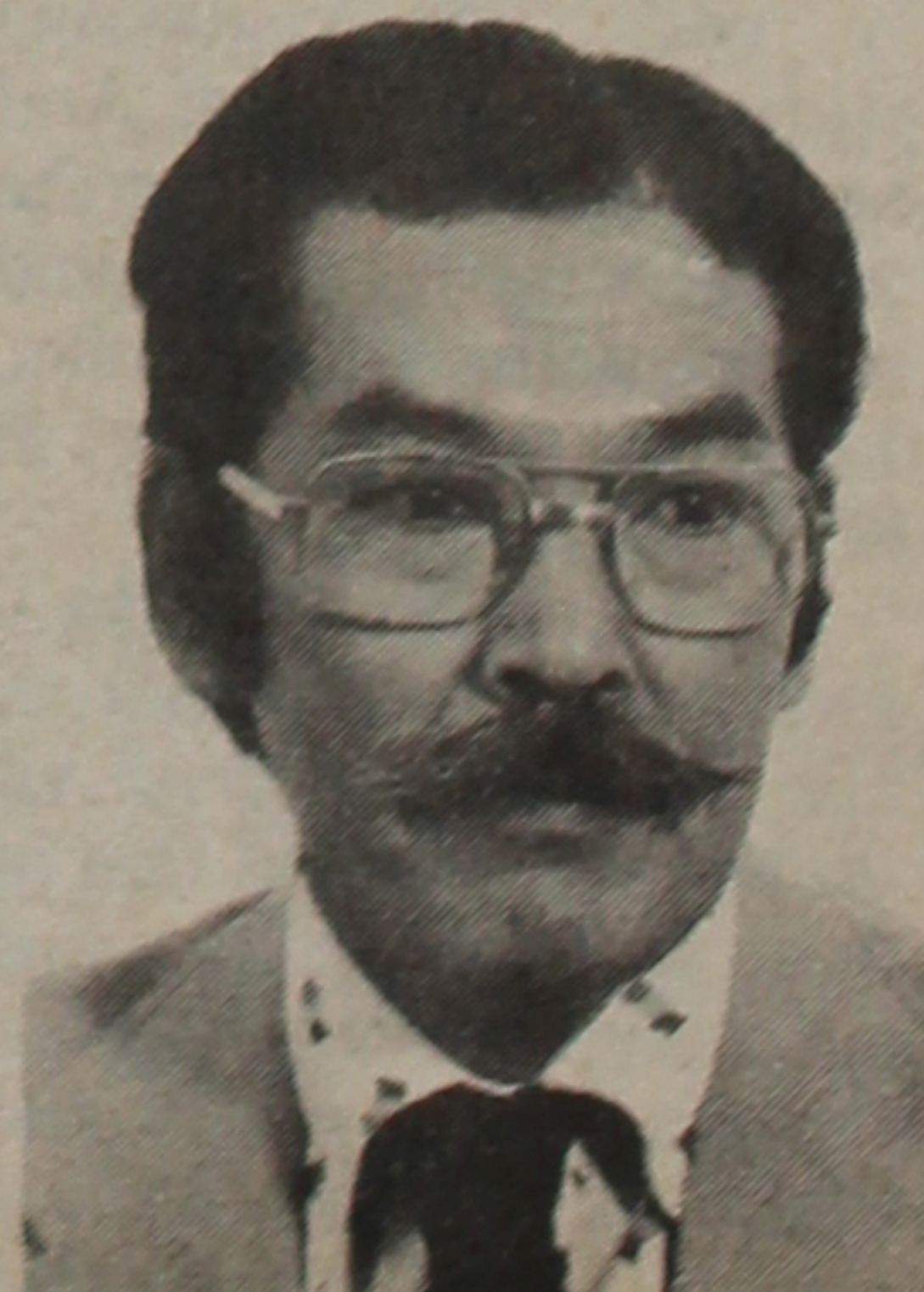
The JAACL, Committee of A-Bomb Survivors, L.A. Japanese American Medical Assn. arranged the U.S. visit. Paul Tsuneishi of Los Angeles was coordinator.

Other team members are: Michio Yamakido, MD; Yasuo Fukunaga, MD; Hiroaki Yamada, Michiko Kuniyama, Takaji Nishizawa and Shogo Goto. #

Asia Society bldg.

New York

Asia Society received \$1 million from the Japanese government for its new headquarters at 70th St. and Park Ave. Gift was formally presented May 4 by Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira and Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda.





Pete Hirokawa 5/11/79

EAST WIND: Bill Marutani



Meanwhile, in Alaska

Philadelphia
WHILE YET IN high school, I worked a couple of summers in a salmon cannery up in Alaska. Packed like so much baggage down in the hole in steorage, a group of young Nisei travelled by freighter up the inland waterways. I vividly recall one hot summer when our accommodations were literally *steorage*: we were bedded down right next to the rudder, and all day and all night long we would hear the hydraulic steam escaping as the pilot made adjustments to the rudder. It's a good thing we were young.

BECAUSE THE CANNERY to which I had been assigned was up in Kodiak Island, I was able to see all the towns along the way as we dropped off workers. On some stops, we even had time to visit. I remember trying to bowl in an alley in Anchorage: the lanes were so bumpy that the bowling ball bounced, trying for the one-three pocket. And I think it was in Ketchikan, where a Japanese American family operated a bakery: that would always be our first stop up and our last stop stop down, and we always visited the bakery.

FOLLOWING THE outbreak of hostilities in the Pacific, some 126 Alaskans of Japanese ancestry—74 men and 52 women—were summarily rounded up and processed at six assembly areas in Alaska. The majority of these folks were shipped to Camp Harmony, a racetrack near Puyallup, Washington. The men were separated from their families and were shipped to Texas and then to New Mexico; only after about six months had

passed were these families reunited.

IT WAS NOT only Alaskans of Japanese ancestry who were moved around: other inhabitants of the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands were removed from those outposts and resettled further inland. The irony of this aspect of the exodus was that many of the Aleuts were resettled into those very areas from which the Japanese Americans and their families had just been ousted. Undoubtedly, this marks one of the few times, if not the only time that some other minority was treated even worse than the Native American.

ON THOSE SUMMER trips to the Alaskan canneries, I took along the camera which I could afford, which means that it wasn't much. And as we laboriously plowed the waters, every so often I would see a sleek destroyer, riding low in the waters, slicing past. And like any red-blooded American youth, I managed to get

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to the Congress, let me know. I want to help you knock on the doors of Congress. I really do. I believe in this Redress, I really do." "Thank you," I responded, "thank you very much."

Hence, I was saddened to read of Judge Hirai's passing in the Pacific Citizen. I had looked forward to calling upon the Judge to join the JAACL delegation when the bill would be introduced. But I know that in a sense, he will be with us. And to Judge Hirai and those who are of his spirit of fair play and dedication—"We're ready". #

Men do not stumble over mountains, but over mole-hills.

—CONFUCIUS

some shots to show the folks back home. I do not have those photos today: in the paranoia and hysteria following December 7, my parents burned those photos.

SINCE THOSE DAYS, I've not been back to Alaska: the one refueling stop made a few years back on the way back to Japan, doesn't count. I'd like to see it all again. I wonder how many Nisei today reside in that huge state. I wonder if any of them operates a bakery in Ketchikan. #

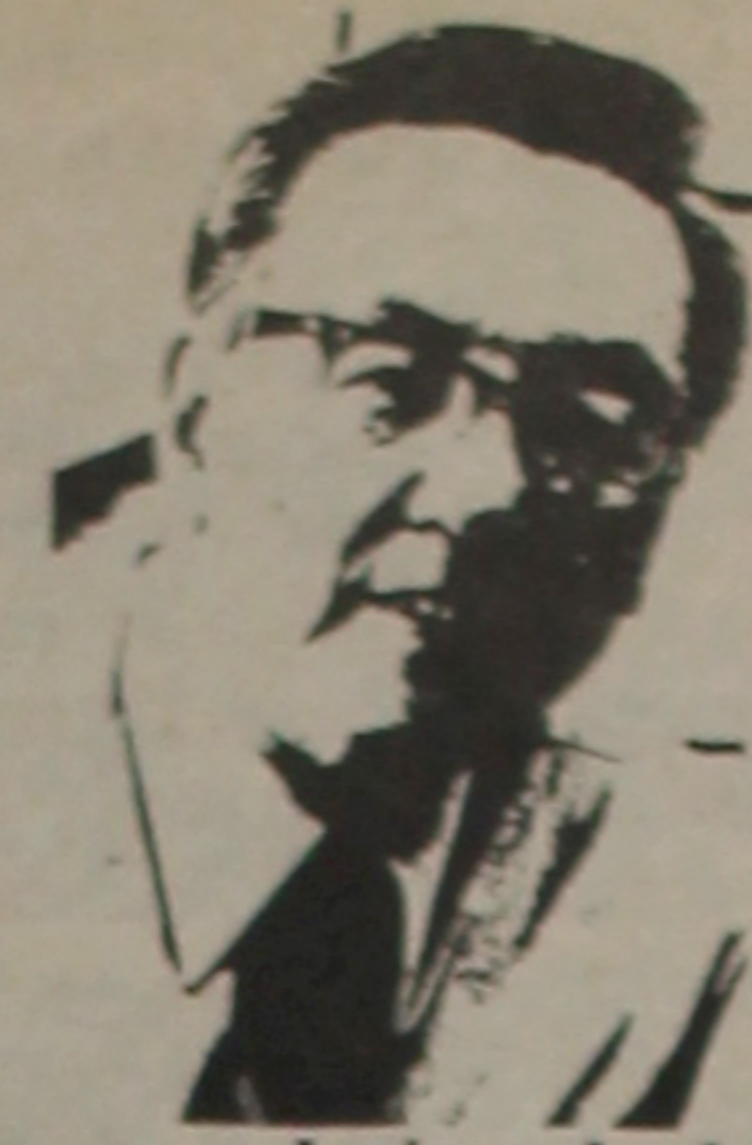
Note: The information relating to Japanese Americans in Alaska at and after the outbreak of the Pacific war is based upon a paper prepared by Prof. Ronald K. Inouye, University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Cal.) of Sacramento delivered the keynote address at the Washington, D.C., JAACL installation dinner Jan. 27 at the Sheraton Potomac Inn, Rockville, Md. His House colleague, Rep. Norman Mineta, was toastmaster at the dinner attended by some 250 persons. The Washington, D.C. JAACL News Note published a somewhat condensed version of this soul-stirring talk on leadership.

... I want to address a ... fundamental matter. A basic issue that strikes at the heart of this country's well-being—leadership.

This country is suffering a critical shortage of confidence, but that shortage of confidence lies not with the people, but with its leadership... By contrast, I sensed a deep feeling of optimism and hope among my freshmen colleagues in taking on... seemingly unsolvable issues.

Commentators and journalists tell us that the people of this nation are in a pessimistic and ugly mood. They are wrong. During my year-long campaign for Congress,



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

'Roots' in Hiroshima

Hiroshima, Japan
It had been 10 years since I had seen my cousin, Michizume Fukeda. He was waiting at the railroad station, and it was obvious he hadn't changed much. But other things had changed indeed. He was accompanied by a daughter-in-law, Yoko, acquired since our last visit. She was tall, comely, outgoing, with a baby strapped to her back and exuding a calm air of reassurance.

Fukeda grew up in the country outside Hiroshima and he has remained a rural at heart, more than a little bewildered by the swift pace of change that has overtaken his nation. He is retired from his job as a minor rice inspector and spends his time puttering around his home, seldom venturing as far as Hiroshima city.

Yoko's brother, Akira, had the day off from his job as a computer programmer, so he had driven his new Honda to the station. Now we loaded the luggage into it, and he took us to the Fukeda farmhouse. The first time I saw it back in 1950, it was a humble little place with thatched roof and bare earthen floor in the kitchen.

Step by step the house was improved. The road in front of it has been paved. There is running water. Tile has replaced thatch. A wing has been added for Fukeda's older son, Tetsuji, his wife Yoko and their baby. The wing has a flush toilet although the facilities in the main house are primitive. Where there was a little rice paddy at the front of the house, there is now a Japanese garden tended meticulously by Fukeda.

The years have been good to the Fukeda family. Fukeda is fortunate that he owned a little land. It has soared in value and has given him a cushion against inflation.

For the occasion of our visit he had invited various cousins, nieces, nephews and other kin. He had sent out for all manner of goodies and there was a wonderful feast at which beer flowed. Afterwards,

as at all good Japanese parties, everyone took turns getting up to sing. Tetsuji has been studying *shigin*, a form of classic ballad as I understand it, and he performed beautifully.

Finally it was my turn. I have never sung in public, hardly ever even in private. Yet it would be a breach of etiquette, a sorry letdown, and I would be a party-pooper to decline to perform. So I said that many, many decades ago, I had learned some Japanese children's songs at my mother's knee, that memory had dimmed and I remembered only snatches and fragments, but I would try to put them all together in an impromptu medley.

They were kind enough not to laugh. There were even a few misty eyes, and I would like to believe it was from the sentiment provoked by the idea of a gray-haired man reaching back over the years to recall childhood ditties, rather than amusement at admittedly ridiculous efforts at song.

Later, we visited the grave where the ashes of my grandfather and grandmother repose. Fukeda said my father had paid for the headstone at the time they died perhaps 55 years ago, and my mother had been responsible for the calligraphy that had been carved into the granite. We placed some flowers and lighted some incense, and said a silent prayer on behalf of my parents whose remains are in the distant land they chose for their home.

Before we departed, Fukeda gave me a painting he had done to illustrate a motto to this effect: Be of patience, lose not your temper, exhibit forbearance and tolerance. Tetsuji laughed about that and said the motto addressed everything his father was not.

Fukeda wept when we parted at the station where the bullet train would carry us swiftly back to the kind of Japan in which he had no interest. He did not know when we would meet next, if ever, and this saddened him. It was good to have seen him again. #

REP. ROBERT MATSUI

Leadership: A Key Against Apathy

I found that they are not pessimistic, they are not cynical, they are not discouraged.

But they are angry. They are frustrated, and they are impatient with the leaders of this nation; leaders who refuse to make tough decisions on tough issues...

I, too, am angry and impatient at these so-called leaders, whose vision is warped by cynicism. I dislike cynicism and its current champions: the politicians who "go with the flow", who look out the window to see which way the crowd is running, and then rush out to lead it.

It is easy to support a constitutional convention to balance the federal budget when a majority of those polled by Gallup want it.

It is easy to support and implement the principles of Proposition 13 when a majority of Californians want it. It is easy to put 120,000 Americans of Japanese descent in internment camps when the majority of Americans want it.

Cynics, even though they may hold public office, cannot be leaders. The politics of these so-called leaders have become the politics of

power and manipulation of public opinion... Politics, imperfect and flawed as it may be, is the forum we must use to resolve our differences and solve our problems.

George Bernard Shaw said, "There are only two proper concerns for mankind—politics and religion—the life of the spirit and the life of one's country."

Why shouldn't we make major policy decisions through the initiative or referendum process... Why not? Because submitting policy questions in the form of an initiative and referendum usually means submitting them in simple, one-dimensional terms, with all the human complexities removed, and because these policy questions immediately become framed in terms of "rights"—right to abortion, or right to life, or right to be a homosexual—framed in emotionally charged moral terms, in carefully worded phrases that invite us not to think, and with no reference to the practical obligations of government and its leaders.

Polls and surveys are important, to be sure. But they

represent merely the starting point for discussion of public policy. Polls and surveys represent the immediate feelings of a group of people. What we need, however, is a long perspective of history and a moral vision of our future. A true leader has such a vision. A jaded and cynical politician does not.

A nation that has no leaders will soon grow lethargic and indifferent. Its national purpose will be less elevated, its aspirations less challenging, its endeavors less strenuous, and its spirits dissipated.

We, as individuals, will become enfeebled.

We've all heard that the definition of politics is the art of the possible. But President John F. Kennedy saw things differently, and he chided an individual who spouted that definition to him. "You're wrong," he told the person. "Politics is not the art of the possible. Rather it is the art of expanding the possible."

Certain individuals, men and women, have had the moral courage to expand the possible, and in so doing,

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BY THE BOARD: Cathy Hironaka

JAYs/JACL of the '80s

Dayton, O.

It seems that many people are taking a seriously or reasonably intense look as to the future direction of JACL. To these people, the road ahead appears to hold many branches: the educational branch, the cultural branch, and even a branch for the political activists. But, the questions which I wish to pose is—Is one of these branches reserved for the youth in JACL?

On several occasions, people have approached me, commenting the JAYs have to exist for they are the future leaders of JACL. Is that what JACL expects from the youth from their local chapters, the NYCC? I hope not because the future of any organization does not lie in the hands of a few people but in the need/cause/purpose which motivates the people to keep pursuing!

Thus, the future of JAYs, and for that matter, JACL, does not/should not lie in the hands of the National Staff, Execom or National Board, but in the hands of the constituency! Although youth are more apt to speak up, the "quiet Americanism" still prevails in many areas.

To make our organization work is going to take the effort of each individual. I realize that many of you—especially the youth—are tired of "knocking your heads against the wall" but

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have changed the course of events and bettered the lives of people throughout this world:

Martin Luther King, Jr. ... Ralph Nader, Mahatma Gandhi, Cesar Chavez ...

This nation has an underlying moral commitment to justice and humanity. But our institutions and particularly our press and television, are creating a vision of society in disruption and decline, and a full range of anti-heroes and anti-leaders, but real and fictional ...

Studies in mass communications have clearly demonstrated that a person's view of him or herself is related to his or her view of others, and that when the media shows us bad news and bad people, we ourselves tend to be less good. Leaders, just like the average citizen, are subject to the same basic human reactions.

The dilemma of a democracy has been, and always will be, this: Does a leader vote his conscience or his constituency?

The answer is clear and unmistakable.

The leaders of today must learn to think beyond their own constituency, for the constituency of this nation embraces not only you and me, but my son, Brian, and your children, and the unborn generations to come.

A government and its leaders can be no better than the public opinion that sustains them. So it is our responsibility to resist that which is only popular and to choose that which is right and just.

Placer County's Asian heritage



This turn-of-the-century photo shows the K. Igarashi Store on Webb Street in Loomis, the only general store for miles around. Picture is part of the Placer County JACL display on view May 6-12 at the Visitors' Information Center in Newcastle in a local observance of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. Live program for May 12 from 10 a.m. culminates the festivities. The Placer County Board of Supervisors declared May 4-10 as A/PA Heritage Week.

Cincinnati

ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER SLATED

Cincinnati JACL's annual potluck dinner was scheduled April 29 at Maple Ridge

- Cleveland—Nisei Memorial Service.
MAY 28 (Memorial Day) Pocatello—Mem Sv, Mountain View Cemetery, 10am.
MAY 29 (Tuesday) San Francisco—Jr Olympic coaches mtg, JACL Hq, 7:30pm.
JUNE 1 (Friday) Nat'l JACL—Bd mtg (3da), JACL Hq, 7pm Fri till Sun noon.
JUNE 2 (Saturday) New York—Schol dnr-dance.
JUNE 3 (Sunday) PSWDC—Nisei Relays, West Los Angeles College.
San Francisco—Jr Olympics, Laney College, Oakland.
Sacramento—Comm picnic, Elk Grove, 11am.
JUNE 5 (Tuesday) NC-WNDC—JACL State Track Comm mtg, JACL Hq, San Francisco, 7:30pm.
JUNE 6 (Wednesday) Chicago—Bd mtg, JACL Office, 7:30pm.
Marysville—Sr Cit trip to Sun-sweet, Yuba City.
JUNE 8 (Friday) Oakland—Bd mtg, Sumitomo Bank, 7:30pm.
Los Angeles—Carnival(3da), Maryknoll School.
JUNE 9 (Saturday) West Los Angeles—Luau, Sawtelle Institute.
Chicago—JASC testim dnr: K Sugimoto, Marriott Hotel, 5pm.
Washington, D.C.—JAS bazaar, Mt Vernon College.
JUNE 10 (Sunday) Puyallup Valley—Grads dnr.
New Mexico—Chapter picnic.
Stockton—Schol Awdrd luncheon.
Marysville—Family outing, Lake Wildwood Rec Area.
Idaho Falls—Summer picnic, Sealander Park.
NC-WNDC—State JACL track meet, Laney College, Oakland.

Lodge. In charge of program were Ginny Fisher, Ruth Takeuchi and Tae Toki.

Contra Costa

MARCH-APRIL BUSY MONTHS, BUT SO'S MAY

Contra Costa JACL calendar for March and April had three highly successful events: Ladies Night on March 10, Family Bowling Night on April 7 at Golden Gate Lanes, and Issei Appreciation and Scholarship Night April 8 at El Cerrito Community Center. Coming up are the chapter golf tournament May 6 at Alameda South, Asian-Paci-

fic American Heritage Week activities in the Richmond-El Cerrito area during the week of May 4-11 (the chapter is showing a series of educational films at the Hilltop Shopping Center from May 7), and Tule Lake Plaque Dedication at the campsite May 27.

George Abbott of the El Cerrito Crime Commission addressed the Ladies Night program on how homes could be protected from burglary.

The feature challenge of the Family Bowling Night between the chapter all-stars and the National JACL staff team ended in a 2-2 draw. The chapter team (Ben Takeshita, John Shinagawa, Mark Shiraiishi, Ron Onizuka, Don Tanamachi) took two of the three games from National (Karl Nobuyuki, J.D. Hokoyama, George Kondo, Lorrie Inagaki and Bev Umamoto) but lost the total game score 2249-2246.

Over 50 Issei were guests at Appreciation Night. Also present were Supervisor Tom Powers, Nancy Fahden and their spouses and Richmond City Councilman Bob Campbell. The Yamada Brothers entertained with Japanese music. Howard Yamamoto, scholarship chairman, announced the four \$200 scholarships were awarded to:

Contra Costa JACL Award—Judith Urabe, daughter of Teiko Urabe; Issei Memorial Scholarship—Martha M. Matsuoka, d of Edward-Eiko Matsuoka; President's Scholarship—Kathryn K. Aoki, d of Yas-Margaret Aoki; Giichi Fujimoto Memorial Scholarship—Gail M. Tsujimoto, d of Harold-Daisy Tsujimoto.

Dayton

DR. UYEDA SPEAKS AT CHAPTER MEETING

Dayton JACL's general meeting April 29 was out of the ordinary with Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national president, as guest speaker. His appearance attracted 160 members and friends. The local newspapers carried interviews the next day, discussing the matter of Redress.

Art necessarily presupposes knowledge.—J.S. MILL

the time has come to pull together and work towards that common goal—the goal that you decide upon. We JAYs still look to the staunch JACLer as our role model, expert, what have you and we do need continual support. But, I still don't understand why—in some areas—an active participatory role hasn't been played: willing to give financial support and "behind the scenes" support is there, but actively talking with the youth for the duration of a workshop/quarterly/convention I have yet to see. For it seems to me that if the average JACLer/leader becomes actively interested in youth, we are coming that one step closer to a stronger organization. So, the future of JAYs/JACL lies with you! Because if you don't take an active role, you'll be left in the dust!

calendar

*A non-JACL event

- MAY 11 (Friday) Oakland—Bd mtg, Sumitomo Bank of Calif., 7:30pm.
San Jose—Bd mtg, JACL Office, 7:30pm.
MAY 12 (Sunday) Hoosier—Interest workshop: Tea ceremony, Woodward res.
Placer County—Heritage Week program, Visitors' Info Ctr, Newcastle, 10am.
Alameda—Bowling Fun Night, Mel's Bowl.
Sacramento—Issei potluck supper, Japanese United Meth Ch, 5:30-8:30pm.
Snake River—Graduates banq, Eastside Cafe, 7:30pm; Dr Clifford Uyeda, spkr.
MAY 13 (Sunday) St Louis—Asian Heritage Week party, Forest Park.
MAY 14 (Monday) Marysville—"Day of Remembrance" display (till May 26), Yuba City College Library.
West Los Angeles—Mtg, Nora Sterry Sch aud, 7:30pm; Atty Jack Nomura, spkr, "Death and Probate Taxes".
MAY 16 (Wednesday) Hoosier—Mtg, Nora Library, Indianapolis, 7:30pm; Susan Jennings, spkr.
Washington, D.C.—Bd mtg, Yuasa res.
MAY 18 (Friday) Orange County—Dnr mtg, China Gate Restaurant, Stanton, 7pm; Lyle Kurisaki, spkr.
San Francisco—Tule Lake Comm cult benefit, Buddhist Ch, 7:30pm; Siu Wai Anderson, Peter Horikoshi, singers; Taiko Drum, Hiroshi Kashiwagi; Ray Okamura, spkr.
MAY 19 (Saturday) Contra Costa—Benefit dance.
San Diego—Asn art & food festival, Balboa Park.
Reno—Gen mtg, Lily Baba's res, 7pm.
Chicago—Panel: Affirmative Action, Truman College, 9:30am.
MAY 20 (Sunday) PSWDC—Qtrly session, Pan-Asian JACL hosts: Bahooka's, 4501 N Rosemead, Rosemead, 9am.
Cleveland—Issei day, Euclid Mall.
Concord—50th anny Gakuen reunion, Diablo JA Club, 301 Treat Blvd, 2pm.
San Diego—UPAC 7th anny dnr, CPO-32nd St, 5:30pm.
Chicago—Schol luncheon, Zum Deutschen Ect Restaurant, 1pm.
MAY 24 (Thursday) PSWDC—Nisei Relays comm, L.A. Japanese Retirement Home, 7:30pm.
MAY 26 (Saturday) Dayton—International Festival (3da), Convention Center.
MAY 27 (Sunday) NC-WNDC—Tule Lake Plaque dedication.
Stockton—Comm picnic, Mickle Grove.

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WW2 relics

Port Moresby Relics from Japanese warships sunk off Papua New Guinea during WW2 and Japanese warplanes left behind in the South Pacific are being salvaged for display at the state museum here.

JACL Okubo-Yamada Fund
At the 1970 National Convention in Chicago, two JACL youth delegates were victims of a brutal and senseless crime. Evelyn Okubo (age 18) was murdered by an unknown assailant and Ranko Carol Yamada (age 17) was near death after being severely assaulted. It was a miracle that she survived. JACL is committed to assist the two Stockton families with legal expenses in their lawsuit against Hilton Hotels, which owns and operates the Palmer House. No funds raised will be used for attorney's fees. Seven years following the tragedy the legal battle continues. Will you join us in support of these families?
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REDRESS PHASE TWO: John Tateishi



'About My Father'

I would like to share something that was sent to me, an essay written by a Sansei at a university I recently spoke at. The essay speaks for itself.—J.T.

He came to talk about America's concentration camps. What I heard, what he talked about was pain.

John Tateishi, Chairman of the Japanese American Citizens League's National Committee for Redress, came to the university to explain why Japanese Americans today are seeking compensation from the United States government for an experience that occurred thirty-seven years ago.

"In the camp experience is our personal tragedy," he said, "but perhaps in a more profound sense, it's an American tragedy. It marks the total failure of the government to protect the rights of individuals, it represents the failure of government and the failure of the Constitution.

"For those of us who experienced the camps, and

especially for your parents and grandparents, it was the tragic recognition that they were being treated less than equal, that they weren't considered good enough to be treated as equals to their fellow Americans. It was a personal tragedy marked by the pain of that recognition. Many are not able to talk about it even after thirty-seven years."

And for the first time, I began to understand my father. He has never discussed the camp experience with me. Whenever I ask him about it, I can see his discomfort. He always looks at me without saying anything, and I realize now that what I see in that look is pain. Instead of answering, he shuffles, away in his slippers to the kitchen.

In talking about this with John later, he had said to me, "We each fight our private battles." And he paused, seeming to struggle with his thoughts. "And we each live with our private guilt and pain." He said that I may never fully understand what my father experienced and what he now feels when he remembers the camps, but

that maybe it's enough that I at least try.

I have often thought about my father. About how he had never finished medical school because of the concentration camp. About how he had volunteered for the army from the camp. About how his own father had given up hope of being free again and had died in camp. About how my father's inner life has been so difficult for him because of all that. And about how he has never talked about any of it with me.

During the past few years, I've come to understand certain things about my father and have learned to admire many of those things. He's a man of great character, a man of integrity and principle, and he's a strong but gentle and kind man. I feel privileged to be a part of his life, but I'm saddened by his suffering.

And standing there in the drizzle talking about my father, I understood for the first time how much the Nisei have gone through, and how much pain my father has lived with.

And for the first time in years, I cried for him.

candidates to represent the chapter in the 39th annual Nisei Week queen contest in August. Past chapter queens have been invited to the Emerald Ball, according to Mable Yoshizaki, queen committee (263-8469).

● Fremont

HERITAGE WEEK FETE AT FREMONT HUB

Fremont City Council recognized Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week May 4-10 with a proclamation entered by Mayor Gene Rhodes. Respective committees, including JACLers, joined the celebration May 6 at Fremont Hub, where a number of cultural and historical items were on display.

● Marysville

LOCAL PAPER RETELLS EVACUATION STORY

Marysville JCL is sponsoring a Day of Remembrance on May 14, but in conjunction is a three-part series appearing in the local newspaper, the Appeal-Democrat, written by staff writer Bill Babcock recalling what Japanese Americans have experienced.

A FULL WEEK OF EVENTS SCHEDULED

Marysville JACL held its Japanese movie benefit on April 20, the regular chapter meeting April 25 at the JACL Room and a family potluck dinner on Saturday, April 28, at the local Buddhist Church multi-purpose room.

Bob Bennette, social science teacher at Yuba City High, spoke at the Saturday dinner on student attitudes toward interracial dating and marriage as based on

data for his master's thesis.

Chapter contacts with various district committees were announced:

Ron Yoshimura, redress; Irene Itamura, cult heritage; Fred Matsui, defamation; and Ray Kyono, employ discrim.

● Orange County

BOARD MEMBERS NAMED TO COMMITTEES

Orange County JACL president Ken Hayashi has assigned board members to head various committees and work toward making the chapter a more viable force in the community. Appointments are:

Program—Dr. Luis Kobashi, JoAnn Kaneshige; Budget, ways & means—Harry Nakamura, Ben Shimazu, Roy Uno, Karen Kaizuka; Youth—Jim Okazaki, Russell Yamaga; Historical—Betty Oka, Hunter Doi, Gloria Julagay.

LYLE KURISAKI SPEAKER FOR MAY 18 MEETING

Orange County JACL's May 18 dinner at the China Gate, 10200 Beach Blvd., Stanton, will feature K. Lyle Kurisaki, executive director of Prisoner Preventers. Dinner, starting at 7 p.m., will be \$7.50 with RSVP through Yasuto Ohta (827-8410), Betty Oka (835-5330) or Ben Shimazu (541-2271).

An Army veteran and Univ. of Utah graduate, he will speak on how he drifted into crime, of his confinement and rehabilitation and the work he currently heads.

● Pasadena

NISEI RELAYS QUEEN CANDIDATE ENTERED

Pasadena JACL has chosen Lynn Furuya, senior class officer at John Muir High, Pasadena, as its candidate for Miss Nisei Relays.

chapter pulse

She plans to study nursing in college.

Mack Yamaguchi, Relays queen committee, reminded other chapters have until this weekend to pick a candidate with a coronation program planned for May 14 (Monday). Ruth Watanabe and Toy Kanegae of West L.A. JACL are assisting with selection of the candidates and queen.

● Pocatello

CARNIVAL REPORT BETTER THAN 1978'S

Pocatello JACL carnival held this year on March 10 was hailed a success by treasurer Marie Proctor who reported the one-day fundraiser netted almost \$5,700 —or \$883 better than 1978's carnival.

● Reno

40 PEOPLE GREET DEBBIE NAKATOMI

Debbie Nakatomi, administrative aide to National Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki at Headquarters, was special guest speaker at the Reno JACL Friendship meeting in March. A group of 35 adults and seven children were present, including oldtimers Ida and Ralph Weiss and Fred Aoyama.

Edna Takuma and Miyoko Carter donated hand-crafted umbrellas, which were later sold with proceeds going toward the rental of the Recreation Center, where the meeting was held.

Chapter meeting May 19, 7 p.m. will be held at the Lily Baba residence.

● San Jose

ELEVEN SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Eleven scholarship winners were announced at San Jose JACL's annual spring potluck dinner held April 21 at the San Jose Buddhist church multi-purpose room. The evening also featured a talk on "The Origins of the Japanese People" by Professor Harris Martin, an expert in Japanese history, who was born and educated in Japan.

Helen Mineta was awarded the JACL Silver Pin in recognition of her many years of Chapter service, particularly as the scholarship chairperson. Tracy Yamamoto of Independence high school, the chapter's representative to the 1979 Presidential Classroom, spoke about her experiences in Washington, D.C. The awardees are:

\$300 San Jose JACL Award—Tish Okabe, Willow Glen High, p; Dr and Mrs. Masayoshi Okabe; \$200 San Jose JACL Award—Harry Freeman, Leigh High, p; the Harry Freemans; \$200 William H. Yamamoto Memorial—Joanne Machida, Branham High, p; the William Machidas; and Michael Shiba, Piedmont Hills High, p; the James Wallace.

\$150 San Jose JACL—Kelly Kimura, Piedmont Hills High, p; the Ben Kimuras; \$150 Lanette Y. Hayakawa Memorial—Elizabeth Mitsunaga, Silver Creek High, p; the Al Mitsunagas; \$150 Mr. & Mrs. Kay K. Mineta Memorial—Greg Takaki, Blackford High, p; the Roy Takakis; \$150 Chieno Kumada Memorial—Donna Tokunaga, Prospect High, p; the Harry Tokunagas. \$100 Toshi H. Taketa Memor-

ial—Meri Mitsuyoshi, Independence High, p; the T. J. Mitsuyoshis; \$100 San Jose VFW Nisei Memorial Post 9970—Jess Graham, Milpitas High, p; the Robert Grahams; \$100 S.J. Nisei Bowling Assn.—Todd Nakano, San Jose High, p; the Jack Nakanos.

Educ-Schol Committee: Sharon Uyeda, ch; Ryusho Matsuda, Tom Taketa, Gail Tagashira, Kathy Tanaka.

—PHIL MATSUMURA

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beneficiaries would be the foreign competitors, who would not worry about U.S. copyright laws and take over foreign businesses from U.S. firms.

As written, the bill is a major departure from the existing concept of copyrights, added Dr. James Early of Fairchild Camera & Instrument of Mountain View, who was also opposed to the bill.

In the opening statement, Jon Baumgarten, general counsel for the U.S. Copyright Office, said his office has concluded that design of semiconductor chips fulfills

the requirements of work qualified for a copyright but technical questions still needed study.

Business Week magazine,

March 12, in a special report, related the quality gap facing the semiconductor industry, noting that Japanese are getting high marks because their products approach "aerospace" reliability at "civilian" prices.

U.S. semiconductor companies have two standards for production: "Aerospace" for components used by the military and aerospace, which are subject to painstaking control; "Civilian" where emphasis is on price and not reliability.

Manufacturers using U.S.-made supplies now realize that it costs much more to replace a failed device than to pay a bit more for a more reliable part, thus some users are willing to pay a premium to get it. But the industry is also discovering Japanese newcomers, such as Nippon Electric, Hitachi and Fujiitsu, are winning toeholds in major U.S. companies, such as Digital Equipment Corp. Ford's first engine-electronics contract went to Toshiba Corp. #

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Suzuki chronicles camp ministries

Berkeley, Ca.
Dr. Lester Suzuki is author of "Ministry in the Assembly Centers and Relocation Centers of World War II" (Yardbird Publishing Co., Berkeley, \$8.95, ppbk), which chronicles the work of Catholic, Protestant and Buddhist clergymen in the internment camps. It has a July publication date.

Suzuki adds a history of Evacuation, history of Japanese ethnic churches in America and his theological analysis and interpretations for righting by church and state a "unique" wrong done upon Japanese Americans.

Religion
United Methodist Church's Hispanic, Asian, Native American Commission will award 11 grants totaling \$112,300 to individuals and institutions in support of its goal to promote higher education for ethnic minority groups. The largest research and development grant given to faculty to do research while teaching is for \$10,000, to Harold Sono, Central Methodist College, Fayette, Mo.

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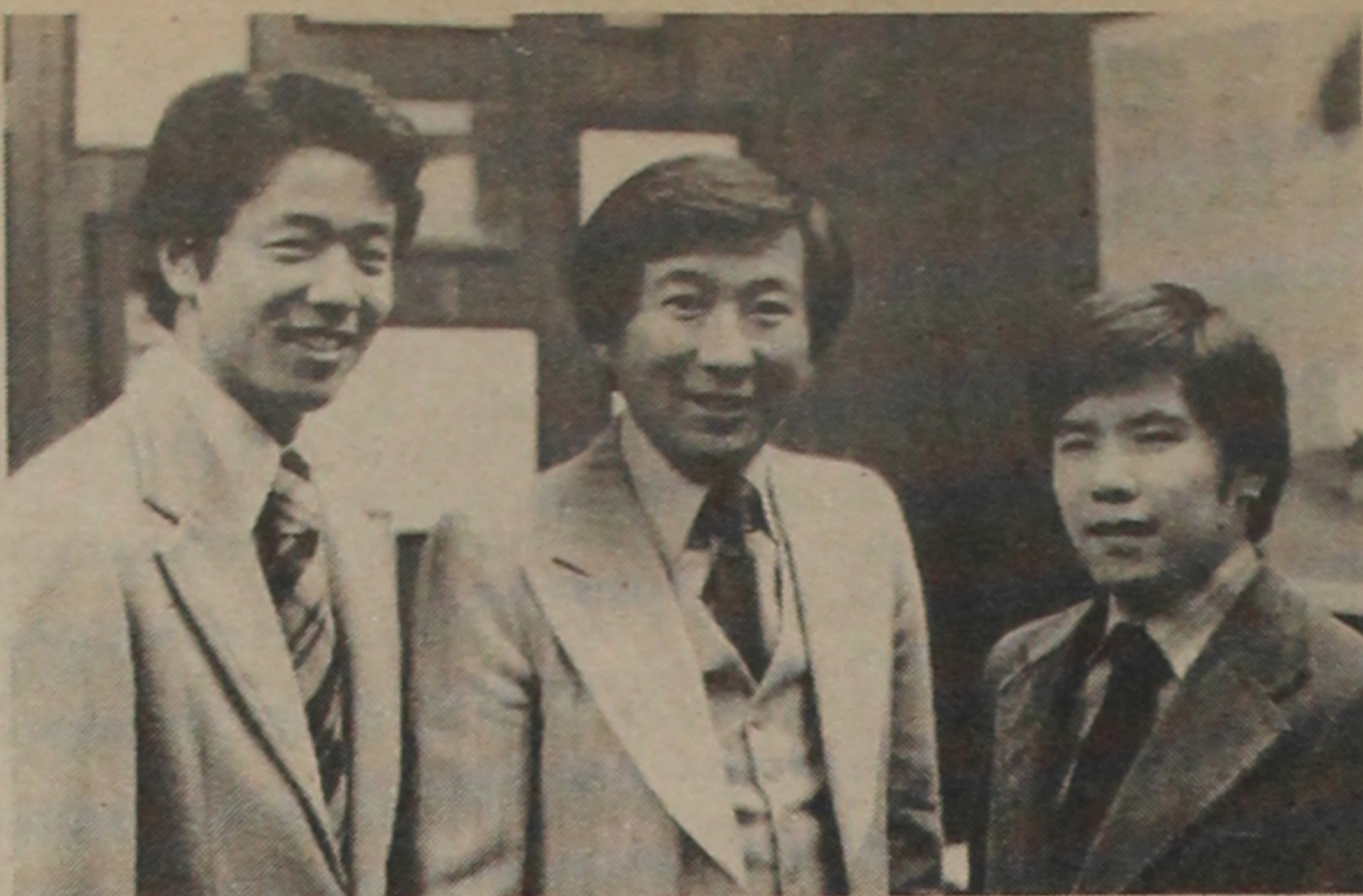
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Gerald Okimoto (left), Assemblyman Floyd Mori, Norbert Kumagai

State Capitol interns help push Asian/Pacific issues

Sacramento
State Capitol interns now serving in the office of Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) are Norbert "Norbie" Kumagai and Gerald Okimoto, who are part of the Nikkei legislator's effort to involve Asian/Pacific Americans in California's legislative and political processes.

Kumagai is a senior majoring in political science at UC Davis. A native of Utah, his family moved in 1969 to Davis, where his father, Dr. Lindy Kumagai is on the faculty of the UCP Medical School and is also widely respected for involvement in Asian community concerns.

Kumagai's internship, arranged through the UCD Political Science Department's public affairs intern program, will enable him to work directly with problem solving of Asian needs and to assist Assemblyman Mori with his legislative efforts, such as appointments of Asian Americans to boards and commissions and alien land legislation.

Gerald Okimoto, son of

Frank Okimoto of Yuba City, is a graduate of the UC Berkeley and currently attends law school at UCD. His internship was arranged through a Davis law school program which enables students to receive academic credit for practical work experience with legislators, lobbyists, legislative committees and state departments.

Okimoto has been assigned responsibilities which include the unitary tax, delivery of social services to Asian Americans, and development of legislative proposals.

Government
Seattle JACL board member Paul Isaki was appointed by Mayor Charles Royer to a task force on city reorganization. Arlene Oki, special assistant to Seattle Mayor Royer, was recognized for her contributions to city government relationships with neighborhood groups by awards from the Seattle Urban League and Seattle Council PTSA.

Health
Dr. Raymond Imatani resigned as medical staff chief of the Brighton (Colo.) Community Hospital. An orthopedic surgeon, the Sansei graduate of the Univ. of Colorado Medical School said he intends to stay in private practice in the Denver area.

Zebraettes win Enchantees meet

San Francisco
San Jose Zebraettes won the San Francisco Enchantees invitational basketball tournament held over the April 28-29 weekend here with a hard-fought 40-39 victory over a talented Los Angeles Unknown Babes. Enchantees were in third place with L.A. in perials the consolation champs.

In the lower division, Gardera FOR Superstars overpowered the Enchantees 46-21 for the "C" title. Individual tournament stars were:

"B"—MVP: Janet Hoshino. Zebraettes: Carrie Yoshida, Celeste Mekata. L.A. Unknowns: Doreen Yoshimi. L.A. Imperials: Debbie Santos. Zebraettes: Allison Fukuda. Enchantees:

"C"—MVP: Patti Jung. FOR: Linda Inouye. Enchantees: Linda Inouye. Annette Yarrashita. Rams: Susan Yarrashita. Kelly Endo. FOR.

Sports

Tennis tournament

San Jose, Ca.
Entries for the fifth annual Summit Bank doubles tennis tournament June 17 are now available from the local sponsor. Entry deadline is May 21. Categories are A, B, C for men and women; and fun group mixed doubles.

Sports
Feisty Univ. of North Dakota goalie Bob Iwabuchi was named to the 1979 Western Collegiate Hockey Assn. first team, an Outstanding Freshman Player and designated one of the Most Valuable Players. He hails from Edmonton, Alta. Some news releases list the Canadian Sansei as "Iwabucci".

ton. Stevenson is artistic director of the Houston company.

Hitachi-TV plant

Compton, Ca.

Hitachi will be making color TV sets in a new plant to be established at Compton, Ca., this summer. About 120 persons are to be employed, according to the Tokyo manufacturer, which will be setting up a \$4-billion subsidiary.

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In China, Nisei with Dixie Mission meet Mao and other Communists

Continuation: Chapter 13

In Hood River, Ore., the Nisei names were put back on the town's Honor Roll, their letters gleaming embarrassingly amid the older, faded paint. A letter from Howard Moss, resting from combat with the 7th Division, mentioned how he missed Frank Hachiya, whose loss, together with those of Harold Nishimura to JICPOA and Min Ichinose to a hospital with jungle rot and other ailments, reduced the effectiveness of his team so much that he had about given up hope of getting a discharge for the ailing Cosma Sakamoto. Arthur Swearingen, a Savage grad, was with the U.S. military government in the Marianas, where he wouldn't be staying much longer. While

Murakami also touched upon a vital item, all the more important because the Japanese language was so difficult—the teaming or pairing of men. "When you get here," he said, "the team often gets broken up, and a weak man can find himself alone. What I have done about it is to encourage new arrivals to get into the interrogation section for the purpose of acquiring experience. It has worked out pretty well for them."

He added the bit of news that Fusao Uchiyama had been in a plane crash but was O.K. and that two of his teammates, Hisashi Nakagawa and Morris Taketa, had done well working with a British unit despite the fact that they'd gotten separated and were not able to pool their strengths.

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lapsed into laughter.

Richard Betsui and Wilbert Kishinami relaxed in New Delhi while part of the group that came over with them went to Burma and part to Kunming, China. Betsui didn't really think of himself as an MIS'er, although he was one. He'd actually been recruited for the OSS while at Camp Shelby by a team from Washington. He got special training in communications, then went to Savage for language training, before heading overseas with the OSS.

On one occasion Betsui got called all the way from New Delhi to Ceylon, where an OSS station thought it had



Koji Ariyoshi with Mao Tse-tung in Yen-an, China in 1945.

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he was there, however, he was enjoying the duty.

TOKYO announced, on March 16, that Iwo Jima had fallen. Gen. Kuribayashi had sent a message that included a paraphrase of Masashige Kusunoki's dying statement, "I will be reborn seven times again, to take up arms against the foe." George Kitajima, on Fred Stanton's team, wrote a pleased letter at how well-balanced his unit of linguists was.

From India came a good sample of the letters so valuable in helping reshape the language course to meet field requirements. The course had already been cut back in length. Speaking was beginning to get priority over writing because it was obvious that great numbers of oral interpreters would be needed, now that Japan was nearly on her knees.

"The student can never have too much of *sosho*," Noboru Murakami wrote. "The average Nisei can pick out the subject and predicate in a sentence, but when he can't read the whole thing he runs into trouble. Spoken language is important, too, and at Savage I didn't particularly lay much stress on it because we spoke the language at home all the time. I talked to some of the boys who returned from the MARS Force, and they said about the same, but they added one more thing. It was the ability to read *names*."

"This is borne out by two of our fellows who were out with a British outfit," Murakami wrote. "One did translation, while the other kept thumbing through the names dictionary until he could quickly come to any name they met. Geography of each theater is also important, but I don't think you have time there to teach that."

When the 40th Division landed on Negros March 29, they encountered stiff fighting, with the Japanese not retreating into the mountains for six weeks. Five Nisei had joined the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment by now and fought on the ground with it. George Kojima suffered a wound to his hand from an enemy grenade. Koshi Ando and James Harada were with him.

Iwao Kawashiri, one of the original Presidio students, landed on Negros with the Americal. He got a POW to pinpoint enemy positions, but they could only talk between salvos because the Americal's artillery opened up in strength, and the pair were right up front so they could see the results of information given by the POW. One noon, Kawashiri thought he was going to lose his head in the chow line to a Filipino machete. Only William S. Hodgson's coming out of the officers' mess tent in time to see what was happening saved his life.

While on the island, Kawashiri delighted a Japanese woman in her sixties by conversing in her own language with her. She spoke three languages—the native dialect, English and Japanese—but hadn't had a chance to speak the last for many years. She came from Japan as a teenager and married an American businessman. Two of her sons stood by during the conversation but waved no machetes. They were members of the Filipino Constabulary, thankful for this favor to their mother.

George Ichikawa was with another advanced ATIS group on Morotai, after a campaign with the 7th Australian Division. The end was now somewhere in sight, and preparations had to be

made for accepting the surrender of enemy garrisons all over the southern area. Lawrence Motogawa completed the first Counterintelligence Corps School class. Japanese-fluent members were going to be needed by the CIC in Japan. Half of Yutaka Masuda's team went back to Hawaii from Iwo Jima, the other half to Saipan.

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On March 30, Steve Yamamoto was awarded the Silver Star for actions on Leyte and Luzon. An Army order of the day listing his decoration included the address of his next of kin. Goichi Yamamoto was in Block 64-4-D of the Poston concentration camp.

By that time, three-quarters of the Japanese merchant fleet was sunk, including three-quarters of its tankers. Automobiles were converted in Japan to run on charcoal, and lubricants for aircraft were being extracted from pine roots.

Nisei were busy in the China-Burma-India theater. Sadao Toyama left the MARS Force with one humorous memory. Some members had found what appeared to be an unexploded bomb, and he'd been called forward to where it lay in a river bed. Ordnance specialists could find no arming mechanism, nor access to a fuse. All they could see was a small metal plate with some Japanese inscription on it.

Holding his breath, Toyama gingerly approached the missile. Very, very carefully he peered at the plate, while friends held their breaths. Then he straightened up, a relieved look on his face. "That plate says 'Dummy,'" he told the others, who col-



Millions of Japanese repatriated from Manchuria and other places had to be screened by

Nisei in intelligence like Leonard Ueki (right), now an active Santa Maria Valley JACLER.

something hot. The item turned out to be an advertisement from a Japanese newspaper that had been used to cover a window. Betsui got sent to Burma with a British unit, to do POW interrogations, and said, "There were some tense moments. Especially when, after an interrogation, POW's with tears pouring out of their eyes would beg us to kill them."

Grant Hirabayashi and Roy Matsumoto, when the Marauders were disbanded, got assigned to an RAF unit, but didn't last long there. Used to the informality of jungle warfare, they forgot to salute a passing general, who took down their names. An understanding colonel transferred the two to Kunming, pronto. They arrived after a scary fight over The Hump in a wheezing Curtiss C-46 Commando, seated on ammunition. It shook Hirabayashi's confidence in his country's military might when, shaky, he emerged from the aircraft and was greeted with, "I see you made it." It seems that was the standard greeting, since so many C-46's either got lost, shot down, or crashed



When Conway Yamamoto, Sam Osato, Mas Doue and Walter Minami took this pleasure cruise, Manila's harbor was strewn with wrecked Japanese warships and merchantmen.

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into cloud-covered mountains.

There was an air raid on Kunming during Hirabayashi's first night there, and his shelter was an above-ground Chinese tomb, around which a trench had been dug. After a while there, Grant got sent to Chungking with Calvin Kubota, Roy Nakada and Jimmy Yamaguchi. He found Chiang's rear echelon capital miserable. "We could only work from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. because of the heat and humidity," he said. "Papers would stick together because I sweated on them. Off-duty it was shower, rest, shower, rest, and then go into town for something to eat at evening time."

Shigeto Mazawa, after fighting in the jungle along with Kachin tribesmen, found out that Tom Chamales, a new leader who came in, was also from Chicago. The pair soon endured a Japanese grenade attack together, and Chamales later confessed to Mazawa that he'd swallowed his chew of tobacco in the excitement. A book, "Never So Few," would be written by Tom Chamales, based on incidents that both men experienced in North Burma. It included the Lewje Incident in which Americans, discovering that Chinese had murdered other Americans, in turn murdered the Chinese, repercussions resounding all the way to Washington.

Mazawa was summoned back from the jungle, got royally chewed out for volunteering to serve in the front lines "when linguists belong in the rear!" and then was assigned to a British organization preparing to invade Singapore.

Kan Tagami and Art Morimitsu participated in the final action of the MARS Force, a battle so furious it

resulted in the award of the theater's only Medal of Honor. A Texan, June Knight, got it posthumously for leading a *banzai* attack on the Japanese position, using the enemy's own tactic against him.

Tagami also had a touching experience of watching a POW die happy at hearing his mother tongue from the mouth of a stranger. The man left Tagami in tears, passing away while talking of his wife and child back in Mie Prefecture. Tagami promised the dying man to try to get all information and belongings back to his Japanese command, or to Japan.

GEORGE Itsuo Nakamura got to India in mid-1944 and shortly went on to China with Shoso Nomura, Kiyoshi Suzukawa and Hiro Fukuyama. He later grabbed off the assignment to North China offered by John Burden.

Nakamura's job, while with the Dixie Mission at Mao Tse Tung's headquarters, was to translate documents and interrogate prisoners who had been captured by the 8th Route Army, the Communists' military arm. To talk to prisoners he first had to get permission from a man named Susumu Okano. That was the alias of Sanzo Nosaka, one of Japan's leading Communists, who would return to Japan and become a member of the House of Councillors

Nakamura got Order of Battle information and, since he had with him a copy of the Pentagon's edition, often got his contribution confirmed as approved within one day. The details Nakamura was able to provide helped MacArthur's and Nimitz's headquarters keep the picture ahead of them in perspective. Sho Nomura came up later to Yen-an, and then Jack Ishii and Toshi Uesato. The Office of War Information team, of which Clarke Kawakami was a member, got to China in early 1945.

November 13, 1944 was a red-letter day for Nakamu-

ra, in more ways than one. Mao Tse Tung attended his 21st birthday party. Nakamura went out on several missions into, for him, totally unknown country from which some messengers frequently did not get back. His most satisfying one was to act as escort for safe return of a wounded U.S. pilot who had been shot down.

The Dixie Mission worked desperately to get Chiang Kai-shek and Mao Tse Tung working together, to fight side-by-side instead of head-to-head. There was talk of Nakamura parachuting with a team into Shangtung, but the Okinawa invasion nixed that, making it obvious the Allies were no longer heading for Formosa and the China Coast.

Teichiro "Timmie" Hirata was making a contribution to the MISLS from India. "I'm sure you would benefit," he wrote Munakata, "if you could somehow be placed on the distribution list for reports made out here in the field. Vocabulary lists and interrogation reports would

be invaluable to the students."

Hirata described his own vocabulary lists as "mounting", as more and new Japanese expressions, many coined for the war alone, came to be discovered. He also remarked on a fringe benefit of being closer to the fighting. He didn't have to undergo formal military inspections. In closing Hirata asked that the *Sensei* keep an eye on his kid brother, Kantaro, and see that he studied hard in school.

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Frank Tokubo flew into Kunming with James Jun Yamada and was told to take over a POW camp. His staff consisted of 10 American GI's, to keep an eye on 3,000 prisoners. Tokubo had the whole place reorganized in two weeks.

He divided all men in the compound into groups and exercised each group in turn to help them keep fit. With Yamada, he improved the food situation considerably. They would take the funds allotted for feeding the prisoners and buy cartloads of food in town, then let the Japanese do their own cooking. As a result the POWs fared much better than they had under ministrations of the Chinese. When Tokubo and Yamada left for Chungking,

there was much bowing, handshaking and weeping among the prisoners.

Tokubo got a fascinating assignment at Chiang's capital—to mingle with Japanese political defectors and sound them out about their beliefs. High command was sure these people would be important in Japanese politics after the war, when they would no longer be refugees. Shigeo Yasutake, Grant Hirabayashi, Jimmy Yamaguchi, Stanley Uno and Tateshi Miyasaki were in Chungking. Tokubo could share with them his impressions of Wataru Kaji, a pacifist totally against war, who lived with an ardent fellow-Socialist woman named Ikeda. Kaji later sat in the Japanese Diet.

KOJI Ariyoshi got to Yen-an and was much impressed by what he learned about the Communists, especially their willingness to work and struggle together, something he and other longshoremen had been doing for years on San Francisco's docks. He sat at the same

ticked off accomplishments and capabilities of the Red peasants, capped by his prediction that, if and when the expected civil war broke out, Chiang Kai-shek would be defeated.

Aghast, Wedemeyer asked Ariyoshi if he would

when Mao's nation was finally admitted.

Nomura never did recover from his surprise at the way the Chinese treated POW's regarding confinement. There was none! POW's could roam about as they pleased. Communist leader-

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repeat this finding to Ambassador Patrick Hurley, who had been made Roosevelt's special emissary to China for the purpose of uniting the two factors. Angry when he couldn't accomplish his mission, Hurley had thrown in his lot with Chiang. He got angrier when, standing in his underwear, socks and a shirt, he listened to Ariyoshi repeat what he had learned in observing Yen-an.

For his efforts, Ariyoshi got Hurley's finger wagged in his face and was told that the Ambassador had all the "true facts" from Chiang's brother-in-law. The ex-longshoreman then could adopt no attitude other than "*shikata ga nai*." After all, he was only a lieutenant and a fairly new one at that. He'd arrived in China a sergeant.

John Burden got to China. He wanted to work in intelligence for the counter-invasion—the Allied landing—that got cancelled. After near-paranoia because of unbelievable things the Army Air Corps did to his luggage on the way from Minnesota, Burden finally got to Chungking but was nixed when he tried to post himself with the Dixie Mission as its medical officer.

At one interpreting session, Burden really got into a circus. First he had Joseph Dickey, whose Japanese was not good. He also had an American with him who spoke the Mandarin dialect, and a Chinese who spoke the Cantonese dialect, but no one around who spoke both. But then Chiang's staff produced a half-Japanese who did speak both dialects.

If Cantonese or Mandarin was spoken, the half-Japanese translated it into Japanese for Burden. He did this if a Cantonese or Mandarin spoke to each other, too. Burden would then translate it into English for Dickey. Like the Kibei-pidgin-English system that Amos Nakamura used in India, it was creaky, but it worked.

Burden's language capability strengthened the American hand in daily conferences with the British and French concerning a new move because he spoke Japanese, and none of the other Allies did. They resented it.

Shoso Nomura got a new boss in Yen-an when Arnold Dadian, formerly with Sheldon Covell's team, showed up there. Nomura did Order of Battle work and got to work with a man who later became the first delegate to the United Nations from the People's Republic of China

ship counted on the local peasantry to contain or recapture them if they fled. He saw POW's attend a Workers and Peasants School and join the Japanese Emancipation League. Many graduates at the school later became Communist leaders in Japan.

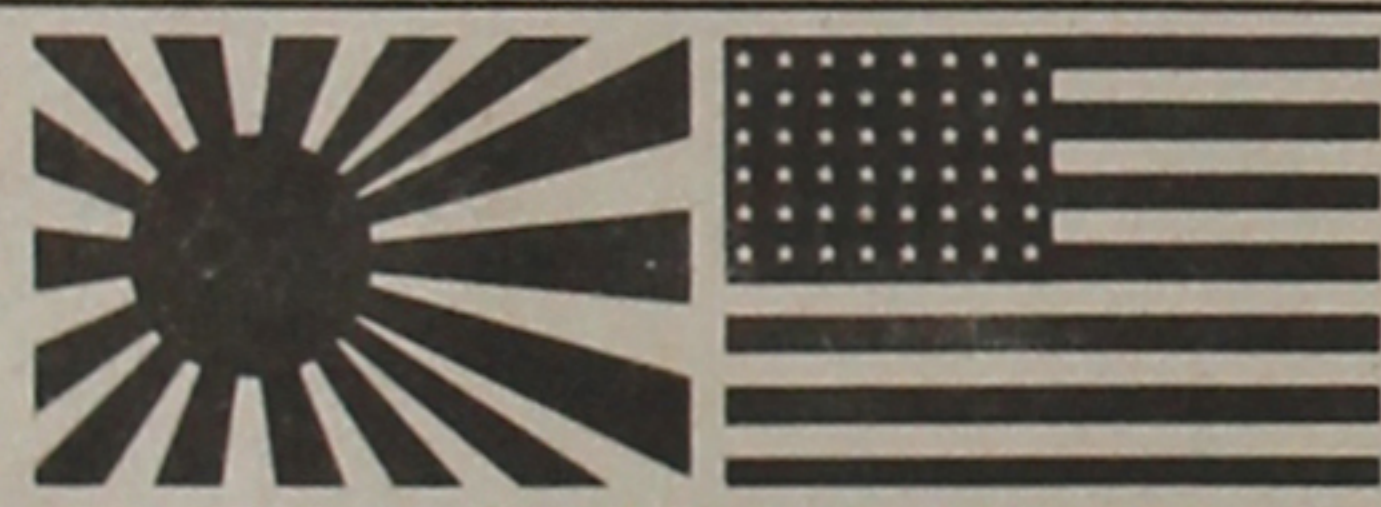
Joe Ikeguchi got commissioned in China at the same time Akiji Yoshimura did. Both were spot-promoted in the field because John Burden couldn't spare them long enough for the trip back to the States and OCS. Nobu Tanabe was one of six Nisei attached to Clair Chennault's 14th Air Force and remarked, "I never enjoyed Army food except when I was in China." A curious thing about Tanabe is that he made four parachute jumps, completed infantry training and served overseas with the OSS, all the while classified 4-F!

John Morozumi got to cover a lot of Chinese landscape, which suited him just fine, he being full of energy and determination. Rather than suffer internment in 1942, John took off for Denver, outside the repatriation zone. He had already ignored the San Francisco curfew and automatically punched anyone who gave him a hard time or called him "Jap," although John was of slight frame.

He visited his parents while they were in the Topaz, Utah, concentration camp, and as he put it, "I got captured!" He didn't intend to hold still for that and at once made plans to escape. Morozumi changed his mind after taking a careful look at the guards. "The Army seemed to have thrown every misfit they had into the task of guarding us," he said, "and these people who would never have made it overseas as fighting men were just itching to prove themselves by 'getting a Jap!'"

John met Akiji Yoshimura when he got to China, but almost in passing because he went on to Honan Province and duty along a "corridor" the Japanese used for funneling troops south. It was John's job to find out if Japanese troops retreating from Malaya and Burma were grouping up in the Canton area against any Nimitz or MacArthur invasion or whether they were continuing north.

Morozumi went out into the field with Chiang's troops but thought of them more as guerrillas than trained fighting men. He



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Part of the 400 crowded into the Senate Caucus Room for the JACL Congressional Reception launching Asian/Pacific Heritage Week.

RECEPTION

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Daniel Akaka of Hawaii and Del. Antonio B. W. Pat of Guam.

Among the foreign dignitaries and U.S. diplomats were Philippines Ambassador to the U.S. Eduardo Romualdez, Korean Ambassador to the U.S. Yong Shik Kim, U.S. Ambassa-

dor to Japan Mike Mansfield and U. Alexis Johnson, former U.S. ambassador to Japan.

Special guest of honor was Prime Minister and Mrs. Masayoshi Ohira of Japan, Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda and others in Washington on a goodwill mission to the United States. They were accompanied by Japanese Ambassador to the U.S. and Mrs. Fumihiko Togo.

Adding to the occasion was the U.S. Air Force Band, opening with playing of the National Anthem and a detail posting the colors.

Formal invitations to the Senate Caucus Room were extended by Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.)

The reception was sponsored by the Japanese American Citizens League, the oldest Asian civil rights organization in the United States. Gerald Yamada chaired the reception. Mike Masaoka was program chairman.

Other committee mem-

bers were:

Ron Ikejiri, Cherry Tsutsumida, Etsu Masaoka, Hideki Hamamoto, planning; Harry Takagi, M/M Hideki Hamamoto, M/M Joe Ichiuji, M/M David Nikaido, Dr/M Ray Murakami, M/M Mike Masaoka, M/M Pat Okura, M/M Mike Suzuki, Sumi Kurihara, Mieko Kosobayashi, Mary Toda, Seiko Wakabayashi, Betty Wakiji, Kiyo Yamada, Nancy Yamada, host/hostess;

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Distinguished guests from the west coast included National Pres. Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Uyeda, Executive Director Karl and Hiromi Nobuyuki. #

Older Americans Day rites set

Los Angeles

The 14th annual Los Angeles County Older American Recognition Day festivities on May 12, 9 a.m., at the Supervisors' hearing room, will see three prominent Japanese Americans honored among the 90 being honored. They are:

Frank Saburo Kashihara, Monterey Park; Seigoro Murakami, North Hollywood; and Charles K. Kamayatsu, Los Angeles.

Wife-rape penalty passes committee

Sacramento, Ca.

Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori's bill, patterned after an Oregon law permitting husbands to be prosecuted and sent to prison for raping their wives, passed the key Assembly Criminal Justice Committee April 23.

After several amendments were accepted, narrowing the scope and lessening its penalties. It was sent to the House floor on a 6-0 committee vote.

YANKEE SAMURAI

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was involved in combat a number of times and still griped 33 years later about not getting a Combat Infantryman's Badge "because the War Department wouldn't admit that we actually had American troops fighting in China. Dammit, that Badge meant five points when they started demobilizing! It would have gotten me out of the Army a few months earlier!"

John had spies with him and spies working against him, although supposedly on his side. It didn't matter. They were circumspect, genteel, and had a live-and-let-live attitude. Once he saw his forces trap a large contingent of Japanese in a valley, then open up a corridor through which the enemy could safely retreat.

He was supposed to be giving tactical advice to the Chinese troops with him, but found it "hard to do when the troops with you have no shoes or vehicles. The entire battalion only had one 60-millimeter mortar," he said, "and sometimes that was held at battalion headquarters, for safekeeping." Boys from age 11 up were drafted, and it was 13-year-olds who usually became sergeants "because they were literate," said Morozumi, "where the older troops weren't."

Karl Yoneda's OWI team got to China, with Ariyoshi leaving it for Yen-an. Chris Ishii continued to do the art work for propaganda leaflets. Karl wasn't too happy that the bulk of work was done by him and other enlisted men, while advertising and magazine men, commissioned directly into the Army, were majors and colonels. Yoneda had to settle for the fact that he was doing his bit to fight fascism.

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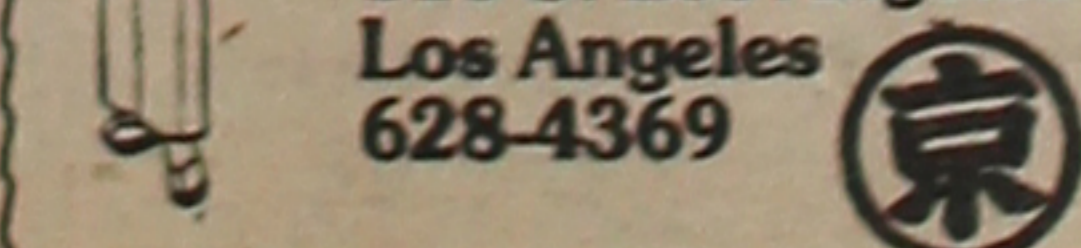


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NISEI IN JAPAN: Barry Saiki

California Revisited

Tokyo
Combining business with pleasure, I spent three delightful weeks in the States, to include several days in Honolulu in April. Time was too short to see many and to do all, so apologies are in order to numerous friends, not met but not forgotten.

The tour served to bring me abreast on some of the latest States-side conditions, by visiting relatives, meeting with more than 50 friends and talking to almost anyone who was willing to share his opinions with me.

The three most common subjects centered on Redress, the inflation and the real estate. Everyone was concerned about the inflation and the prices of real estate. In the San Francisco Bay area and Los Angeles, as

well as Honolulu, the values on premium properties have doubled in the past two to three years. Even less desirable housing has gone up as much as 50 per cent.

Roughly speaking, a three-bedroom home that commands about \$50,000 in hometown Stockton is priced around \$75,000 in San Jose, over \$100,000 in San Francisco and vicinity and \$125,000 in Los Angeles. The differences are based on desirable locations, climate, the cost of land and the wage market. The same housing around Tokyo, for a starter, would be four times higher or half a million.

The credit-triggered economy has caused a trend among college-educated couples to buy three- and

four-bedroom houses in the \$80,000 to \$100,000 class, with plans for paying the \$800 or more monthly payments with salaries earned by both halves. Optimistically, these couples do not seem to worry about possible sickness or death of one of the partners. On pessimistic moment, I wondered what kind of a panic a major depression would cause. I returned to Japan just before I was caught up with the real estate fever.

Credit is now the life's blood of the American society. This was made clear to me when I tried to rent a car at the airport. My valid California driver's license and my American passport were not good enough. My retired Army ID card and my

lifetime California Alumni Association card were also worthless. In fact, without a credit card, I was a nobody. I asked for the manager at the Avis counter. I said that I rented a car two years ago by depositing \$400 in advance, but he said it must have been an error. Luckily, my wife had a Japanese passport and a driver's license. These were sufficient for a foreigner to rent a Hertz, Avis, National or a Budget car. He rented the car to my wife. Since she had never driven a car on the open road, I became the chauffeur for the next two weeks, humbly aware that I was a nonentity in the United States because I owed no money to anyone.

The Pontiac Grand Prix performed quite well for more than a week, keeping up with the Toyotas, Datsuns and Hondas, as it traveled to San Jose, Stockton, Reno (lost \$25, saw MGM and Tony Bennett), Virginia City, Lake Tahoe (regained \$14), San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Cruz and Monterey. Then, after enjoying the 17-mile drive in the late afternoon, it moved us through the twisting Coast Highway No. 1 to Morro Bay. Finding no vacancies, we traveled towards San Luis Obispo when the steering wheel locked. In the crippled vehicle, I managed to find a motel.

Next morning, when the motor under the hood was checked, the mechanic found the pump belt completely off. If the car had lost the bolt along the coast, we would have been swimming in the Pacific Ocean.

Avis found me a replacement vehicle, a Buick Regal that took us on down to Santa Barbara and to Los Angeles, where we slowly moved down Route 405 around 3 p.m. on our way to connect with Interstate 5 and San Diego. Even as we crawled, we were glad that we were not on the northbound 405, where the traffic had backed up for 15 miles.

Returning to Los Angeles

Soka Gakkai head

Tokyo
Daisaku Ikeda, 51, president of Soka Gakkai Buddhist organization, resigned April 24 and was succeeded by Hiroshi Hojo, 55, the fourth president since the sect was founded in 1930.

JACL-South America tourists to meet with Nikkei in Brazil

San Francisco

The JACL-sponsored tour to South America June 23-July 10 offers members a unique opportunity to meet with Nikkei in Brazil, where the largest population of Japanese reside overseas.

Meetings have been scheduled with members of:

Brazil Japanese Cultural Assn.; Brazil Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Japanese Consulate and a tour through the largest Japanese newspaper plant in Brazil at Sao Paulo.

Additional tour attractions of contrasting geographic and cultural settings include:

on the following day, I struggled with the maze of Los Angeles freeways and the "out-of-gas" service stations over the weekend before dropping the car off at the L.A. International Airport on our way to Hawaii. #

Airview of the dense Amazon jungle around Manaus, a cruise to view the "Wedding of the Waters" where the black waters of Rio Negro meet the yellow waters of the mighty Amazon; via Varig to Brasilia, futuristic capital; to Rio de Janeiro and Copacabana, the blue Atlantic, tropical flowers adorning streets and hillsides, mammoth statue of Christ, 130 ft. tall, and relaxing to the local samba beat.

To Iguassu Falls, one of the wonders of the world, and Iguacu River displaying a perpetual rainbow on the rising mist; to Buenos Aires—the Paris of South America and the widest avenue of the world, Avenida 9 de Julio.

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LONE SURVIVOR RETURNED

'Emily' WW2 Japanese seaplane

Norfolk, Va.

"Emily", a WW2 Japanese seaplane which harassed allied forces in the Pacific, was presented to the Tokyo Museum of Maritime Science in ceremonies held April 23 at the Norfolk Naval Air Station, where it had been stored for over 30 years.

Sam Ishikawa of New York, who helped negotiate with the U.S. Navy for the return of the lone copy of the Kawanishi H8K2 to Japan, explained, "It means peace after all these years. It's a symbolic thing like when the last soldier returns."

During the war, the Allies had considerable respect for the Emilys. They carried five cannons and four machine guns and flew slightly faster than the U.S. Navy PB2Y Coronados. The specimen being returned was captured Mar. 1, 1942 after an unsuccessful attack on Oahu. It was brought to the U.S. for testing and the Navy decided to store it here.

Ishikawa said when the Emily returns to Japan, it will be heavily covered by the press. "It's meaningful for many reasons," he said. "There is pride over there that Emily is coming back." #

Japan's naturalization law to be scrutinized

Tokyo

Children born of Japanese women and non-Japanese fathers may in future become Japanese nationals, if a proposed amendment to Japan's Nationality Law now before the Diet is accepted.

The amendment being proposed by a Socialist Diet woman also seeks an end to other Nationality Law regulations that border on sexual discrimination.

Takako Doi, who sponsored a bill for the amendment, admitted, however, it was uncertain whether the bill would win Diet approval in the current session ending on May 20.

The bill was presented to the Lower House Judicial Affairs Committee in late February.

Under Article 2 of the Nationality Law, Japanese nationality is granted at birth in the following cases only.

—At the time of birth, the child must be fathered by a Japanese national.

—The father if deceased prior to the child's birth was a Japanese national.

—The mother is a Japanese national and the father is either unknown or has no nationality.

—The child was born in Japan but neither of the parents is

known or neither has any nationality.

Out of the four instances, Doi seeks to have the first to read that the child may be a Japanese national where either of the parents, at the time of birth, have Japanese nationality.

This will enable a mixed couple to apply for Japanese nationality for their child if they so desire, Doi said.

The bill also seeks to relax the naturalization conditions for foreigners married to Japanese women to the same level as that of foreign women married to Japanese.

Under the proposed amendment, an alien aged 18 or over who is the husband

Chinese language

Kobe

The Kobe Commercial High School became the first public prep school in Japan to offer courses in Chinese as an elective this semester. #

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Some of the conditions set at present are that one has to live in Japan for five or more years consecutively and has to be over 20 years of age.

Doi, an initiator of the amendments, said in an interview with The Japan Times that such amendments of the Japanese Nationality Law should have been made long ago.

Many Japanese women, who are married to aliens, are suffering from unequal rights prescribed in the present Japanese Nationality Law, Miss Doi said.

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