

## U.S. commission streamlines internment credit procedure

### Washington

Slight changes were announced in December by the U.S. Civil Service Commission to simplify the procedure for verification and recomputation of credit for time spent by federal civil service workers who were detained in the WW2 internment camps for Japanese Americans.

Ron K. Ikejiri, JACL Washington representative, reminded the process is for certain federal workers, current or retired, and not state, county or municipal civil service personnel.

Current federal employees should contact their agency personnel office for information and forms.

Those retired or survivors of deceased annuitants or employees should write to the U.S. Civil Service Commission, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415 to have their annuities recomputed to include retirement credit, without deposit, for periods of internment.

To verify period of internment, the full name of the individual, date of birth, name of camp and dates of internment must be provided. Verification will be obtained by the agency or Commission from the National Archives. However, any individual who has previously obtained verification directly from the Archives should submit this with request for credit. #

## Cal-vet benefits sought for out-of-state WRA camp-born

### Sacramento, Ca.

Assemblyman Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) introduced AB 148 on Dec. 20 to remedy an inequity in the definition which determines eligibility for Cal-Vet benefits.

Under the current rules and regulations of the De-

partment of Veterans Affairs, a person must be a native of California or a resident of California at the time of enlistment in order to qualify for state veterans benefits.

"This legislation will establish Cal-Vet provisions to cover the Japanese Americans who served in the armed forces, but were born outside of California because of a federal mandate and who enlisted from states other than California," Mori added.

During World War II, all Americans of Japanese ancestry, mainly Californians, were uprooted from their homes and relocated, mostly in out-of-state detention camps. A number of children were born in these camps during those years of confinement and

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## Yanagisawa named new PSW director

### Los Angeles

John K. Yanagisawa, 32, of West Los Angeles, was appointed this week JACL regional director here by Pacific Southwest District Governor Paul Tsuneishi.

The DC board of directors at the same time unanimously voted to waive the usual probationary period to give him permanent status. Action was taken upon recommendation of the Office Personnel Advisory Committee based on Yanagisawa's outstanding performance reporting Sept. 1.

A native of Chicago, Yanagisawa is a graduate of the Univ. of Hawaii, majoring in sociology. He is presently doing graduate work in Asian American history at UCLA. He was previously employed by the Social Security Administration, from which he resigned because it lacked the challenge offered by the present position.

(Report of Tsuneishi's resignation as district governor in the Jan. 5-12 PC was "premature" and we regret any inconvenience the announcement may have stirred.—Editor.)

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## CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

# CHP drops 5 ft.-6 height standard

### Sacramento, Ca.

The Calif. Personnel Board voted (Jan. 10) to abolish the minimum height requirement of 5 ft.-6 for state traffic officer-cadets after a hearing on Jan. 9. Testimony before the board was predominantly in favor of abolishing the height restriction.

Among the people present was Assemblyman Floyd Mori, who testified for the elimination. The JACL was represented by Don Ito, president of Sacramento JACL who also testified in favor of abolishing the height restriction. Ito indicated that there was no conclusive evidence that the height restriction was related to job performance and served only to impermissibly exclude most minorities and women from serving as highway patrol officers. A state personnel analyst also recommended the height restriction be abolished.

Major proponent of the restriction was the Calif. Hwy. Patrol, which cited a CHP 1978 study, indicating that officers of shorter height have a more restricted field of vision and would be susceptible to injury and accident.

Second reason cited by CHP was that officers of shorter height had diffi-

culty operating the department shotgun and departmental motorcycle. However, the CHP did say their study was inconclusive since its test duration was less than a year, the number of officers was small and no officers less than 5

ft.-6 were considered.

Testimony from others disputed the findings of the study and stated that accident data did not support the contention that shorter officers have more injuries. It was also pointed out that motorcycle duty was not a requirement and was assigned on

a voluntary basis.

The JACL's involvement in this was prompted by Dr. Nancy Wey, who has been concerned with the inequities of the height restriction. After investigation by National Headquarters, the Sacramento JACL took the lead in pursuing the issue. #

## White House seeks Asians

### Washington

The White House is again considering Asian Americans for high level positions within the Administration, it was revealed this week by JACL Washington Representative Ronald K. Ikejiri.

A two-hour meeting was concluded Jan. 4 with Arnie Miller, director of the Office of Presidential Appointments, and his assistant, Gloria Molina, who indicated the White House willingness as President Carter moves into Phase II of his term in office.

Ikejiri said the need for a comprehensive registry of Asian Americans became evident during the meeting. JACL at the present time is working on its first Japanese American Resource Registry, a data bank listing individuals for career and advisory positions in all levels of government. #

## MEET DEBBIE:

## Assistant to Exec. Director

### San Francisco

Familiar with political and legislative life that surrounds her hometown of Sacramento, Ca., Debbie T. Nakatomi, was appointed recently as assistant to the JACL national executive director. The announcement was made Jan. 3 by Headquarters.

Her duties with JACL include giving administrative support for the executive director and working with various JACL national committees.

Daughter of Jim and Bette Nakatomi of Sacramento, the 25-year-old Sansei hails from Sacramento, a graduate with a BA degree from CSU-Sacramento, and most recently with Assemblyman Floyd Mori's office in Sacramento where she worked as an administrative assistant and legislative aide, engaged in general research and given constituent-related responsibilities.

Previously, she had been with the Secretary of State staff, assisting Secretary March Fong Eu in her role as California's chief proto-



Debbie Nakatomi

col officer serving members of the diplomatic corps.

Ms. Nakatomi's service in politics stems from the Sen. John Tunney campaign in 1976, acting as a state coordinator in Los Angeles and San Francisco, working with steering committees in the Asian Pacific communities to raise funds and promote voter interest. She also coordinated press conferences and a tour for Sen. Tunney and Sen. Daniel Inouye.

## JACL invited to 1980 census bureau advisory committee

### Washington

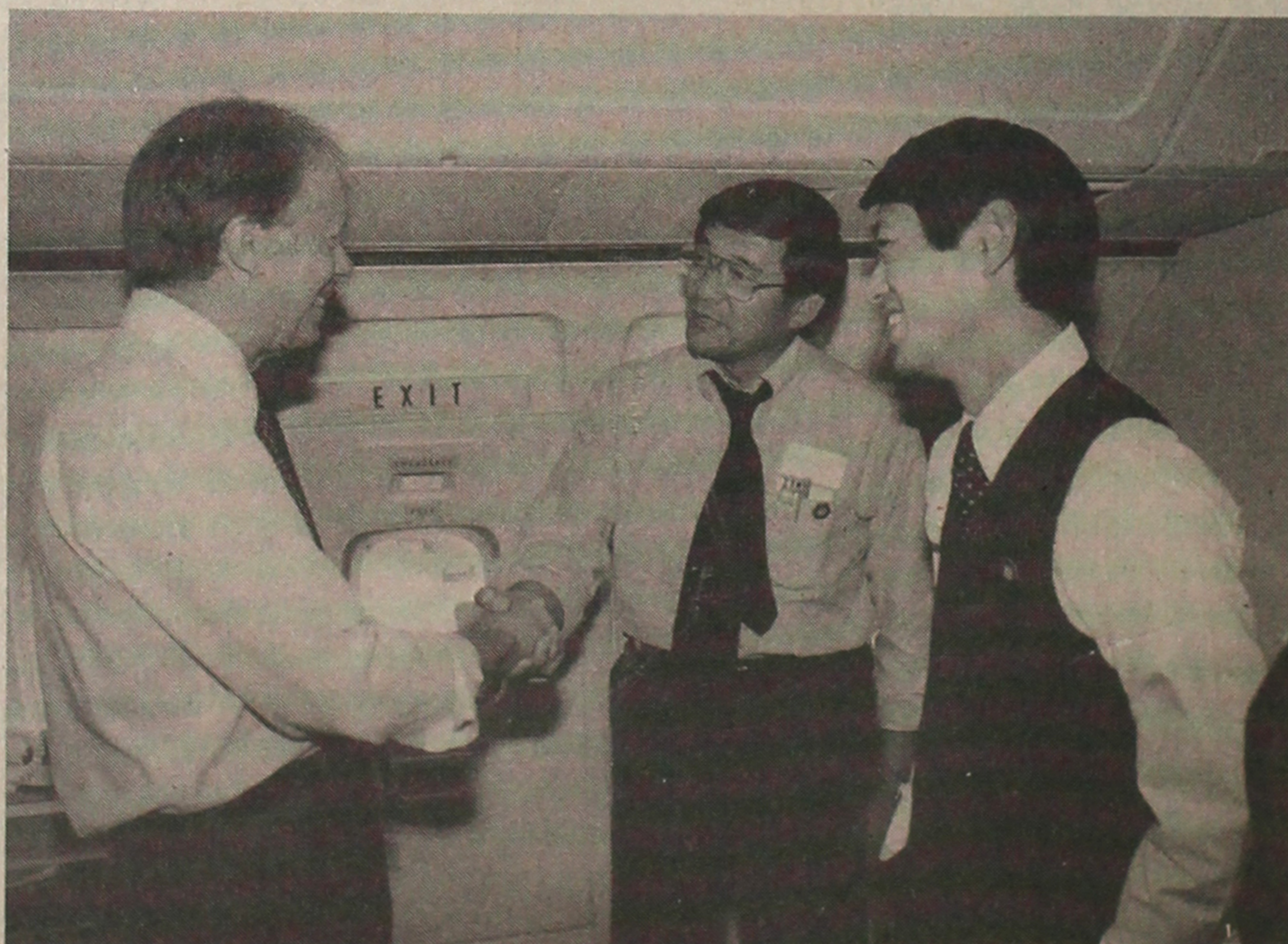
The Japanese American Citizens League was invited by the Secretary of Commerce, Juanita M. Kreps, this past week (Jan. 8) to join the 1980 Census Advisory Committee on the Asian and Pacific American Populations.

"The committee has the important task to help improve the quality of census data on the Asian and Pacific American populations," Secretary Kreps said in a letter to Ron Ikejiri, JACL Washington

Representative.

The committee advises the director of the Census Bureau in planning and improving the 1978 count, recommending subject count of particular use to Asian/Pacific populations and expanding use and usefulness of the census results.

The committee is expected to meet twice a year. Its 21-member panel will select a chairperson and chairperson-elect for a one-year term. #



**SOME FAMILIAR FACES**—California Congressmen Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui share an informal exchange with President Jimmy Carter aboard Air Force I. The two Congressmen will share the spotlight during the 33rd Annual Washington D.C. Chapter Installation dinner dance on Jan. 27.



## Local JACL chapters to screen applicants for nat'l scholarship

### San Francisco

Applications for the 1979 National JACL scholarship program are now available, it was announced this week by Helen Mineta, national scholarship chairman, and J.D. Hokoyama, assistant national director. Application forms and brochures have been sent to all JACL chapter presidents, regional offices, and Japanese American Youth (JAYs) presidents.

Scholarships averaging \$500 will be awarded to graduating high school seniors as well as one junior college transfer, and several graduate students. Through the generosity of many individuals as well as the California First Bank and the Sumitomo Bank of California, the program will award in excess of \$10,000 to students this year.

The national scholarship program, now in its 33rd year, recognizes many outstanding students of Japanese ancestry and reaffirms the value instilled by pioneers who stressed the importance of education.

The scholarships are

open to members of JACL, their children, JAYs' members, and all persons of Japanese ancestry. Applicants will be judged on academic aptitude.

Each JACL chapter, or regional office closest to the residence of the applicant where there is no JACL chapter, will screen and submit the applications of those deemed the top three. The local area will be responsible for determining financial need. All things being equal, financial need will be considered.

Students must complete the applications, submit one letter of recommendation, and an official transcript. Fall semester grades as well as work in progress for the spring semester must be included on the transcript.

With local JACL screening applications for the national competition, it is imperative students observe deadline dates in order to qualify. High school applicants for the national scholarship program must qualify for the local JACL competition. These appli-

cations must be postmarked no later than April 1, 1979.

Applications for junior college transfer and graduate scholarships must be submitted directly to National Headquarters.

All applications in the three categories—high school, junior college, and graduate level—must be postmarked no later than May 1, 1979, in order to qualify for the national scholarship program. Awards will be announced the latter part of May. For additional information contact:

J.D. Hokoyama, Assistant National Director, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115.

### L.A. Dateliner

A topping ceremony for the 5-story Japanese American Cultural and Community Center under construction in Little Tokyo is scheduled Jan. 23.

Friends of the Little Tokyo Bookmobile presented \$1,000 to the city library to purchase more books in the Japanese language. The bookmobile stops on Saturdays, 2:30-4:40 p.m., at the Higashi Honganji parking lot.

## JACK SOO (Goro Suzuki), 63:

## TV mourns loss of trouper from Topaz

### Los Angeles

Nikkei actor Jack Soo, who played Nick Yemana on television's Barney Miller show, died of cancer Jan. 11 at UCLA Medical Center.

Soo had suffered the past year and was hospitalized for the past six weeks to try a new kind of immunotherapy for his cancer of the esophagus.

"As Yemana... Jack had achieved the identity he long sought, playing a Japanese American," a spokeswoman for the ABC-TV series said.

Soo was born in Oakland, 63 years ago, as Goro Suzuki. After internment at Topaz, Utah, during WW2, he first used the name Soo at a Chinese nightclub in Cleveland. He worked as a straightman for Joey Bishop in 1949, but won fame as Sammy Fong in the Rodgers-Hammerstein musical, "Flower Drum Song"

and appeared in the movies, "The Green Berets" and "Who's Been Sleeping in My Bed?"

He would have completed his fifth year with Barney Miller on Jan. 25. Executive producer Danny Arnold, and Soo's friend for more than 35 years, said a tribute will be paid the actor-comedian in a special episode to climax the season. Series star Hal Linden, who has the title role, said Soo was "really proud" of his real name and heritage.

"He never really became an open crusader, but he didn't like the way Japanese people were treated in the movies," said Steve Landesberg, a regular on the series.

Prewar, he won a JACL oratorical contest in San Francisco, his younger brother Michio (Mike), now in Washington, recalled.

Soo is survived by his wife,

former model Jan Zdelar, d Jayne, s James, Richard and two grandchildren.



Jack Soo

## Family killed as car rammed over bridge

### Seattle, Wa.

Mitsuo Tachikawa, 38, and his family died Jan. 5 when their car was struck by another car and rammed over a concrete wall and through a guard rail of the ice-coated Interstate 5 bridge over Salmon Creek in Clark County (3 miles north of Vancouver, Wa.) Car landed in the shallow water, upside down with its top caved in.

Tachikawa was a Sumitomo Bank Ltd. executive at the Seattle office, having lived here less than two years. Other family victims were wife Shuko, 35, and daughters, Motoko, 10, and Junko, 6.

## PC Directory: 1979 Memberships

Membership fee (after name of chapter) reflects the 1979 rate for Single and Couple. Thousand Club members contribute \$50 and up, but their spouse (x) may enroll at the special rate as shown; otherwise, the Single member rate applies. Student dues (y) do not include PC subscription but such members may subscribe at the JACL rate (\$7). Dues are payable and remitted to the JACL Chapter of the individual's choice. z—Retired sr citizens

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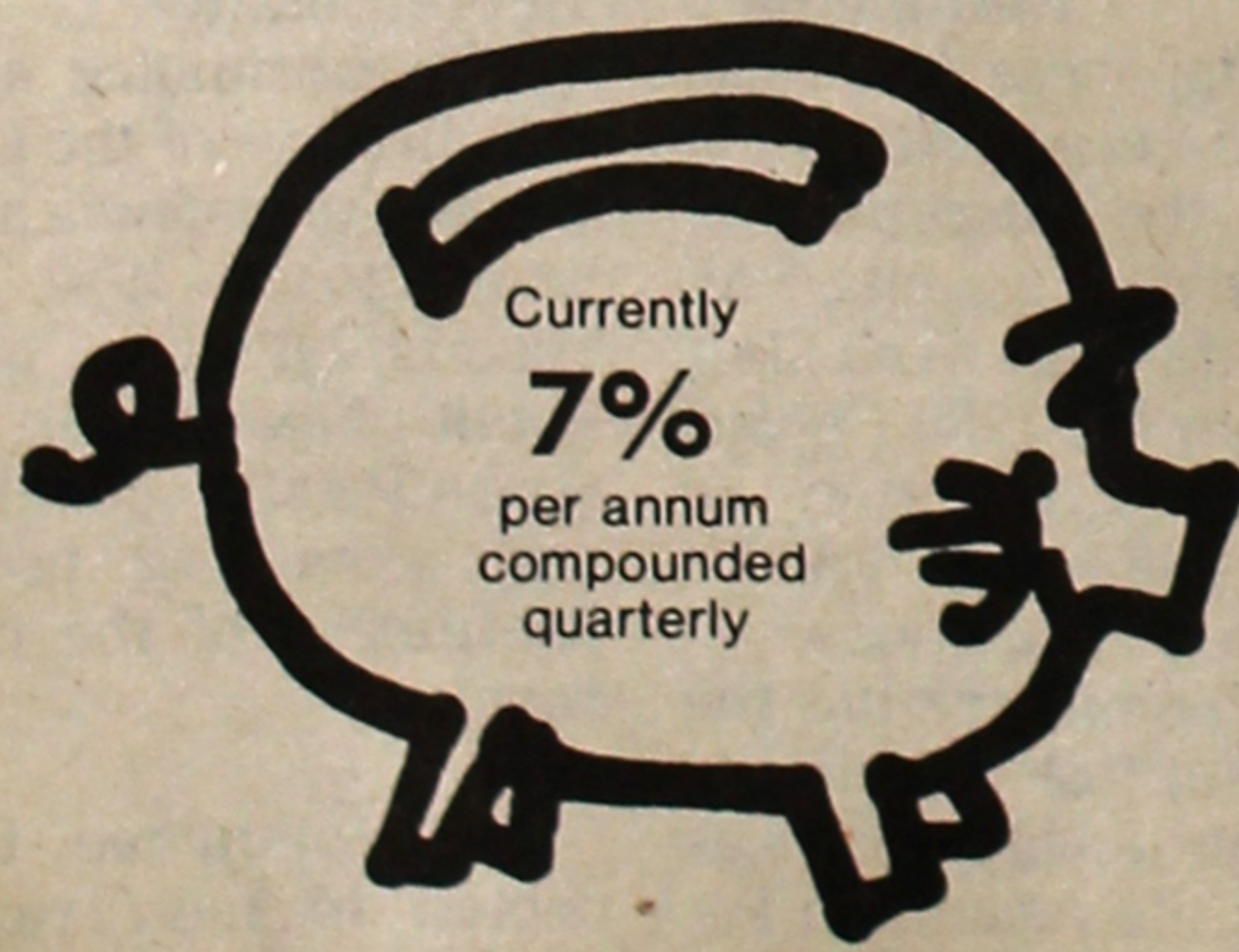
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## Whales

Dr. Paul Spong, the world's foremost authority on Orca ("killer whale"), stopped by the other evening. He will be in Hawaii shortly.

"The humpbacks are returning there for the winter," he said.

These are the intelligent acoustic creatures that produce underwater "songs"—complex sequences of repeated phrases with which they communicate over miles of ocean.

In nearly a decade of involvement in whale conservation, four years of it as chairman of the JACL National Whale Issue Committee, one of the most rewarding aspects has been in the contacts one makes. Conservationists, environmentalists, musicians, scientists, politicians—the goal is to prevent the wanton destruction of our environment for short term comfort and profits. Diminishing whales are a symbol of this ruthless destructive force at work. Man is capable of destroying all living beings, including himself.

We opposed boycott as a tactic to save the whales because aside from being an ineffective tool, it unleashed a vicious racism not only against Japanese people but Japanese Americans also became targets. Predictably hostile responses were generated amongst the very people whose cooperation is vital to saving the whales.

The latter half of 1977 saw most major American conservation organizations withdrawing their support of the boycott. This paved a way for American and Japanese conservationists to cooperate and work together to save the environment and the whales.

The Committee attempted to keep Japanese Americans informed about whales and whale issues because awareness is the key to all human activities. Without awareness there is no learning, no growth and no action.

Dr. Harry Hatasaka of Palo Alto has taken over as chairman of the JACL Whale Issue Committee. It is one of the most rewarding committee chairs. #

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## Bumper Stickers

It's really an old story but a good one never dies ... at least in the PC. This comes from the Chicago JACL newsletter (Nov. 1978), revealing the good works of Dr. Frank Sakamoto and Joe Sagami—seeing that 100,000 offensive bumper stickers to be distributed by a communications workers union were quietly stashed away and stay unused.

Action begins when a patient tells Frank (an optometrist by profession) his union plans to issue bumper stickers reading: "Don't buy Jap goods." Alarmed, the patient wanted to alert JACL. Frank asked if he could attend the next union meeting to explain. The patient agreed to arrange this. It was February 1978 when Frank and his sidekick Joe Sagami got to the local. Frank suggested a positive message for the sticker, "Buy American" and noted the offensive sticker was an injustice to many Japanese Americans who were also union members.

While nothing was settled at the meeting, Joe and Frank invited them to talk further after the meeting at the bar. They came "and that was when I was able to get them to hold off issuing the offensive stickers," Frank beamed. Besides that, Sakamoto and Sagami agreed to replace the expended funds for the stickers ... and with that, all parties shook hands. The JACLers were confident the offensive stickers would not be used. Nine months after the meeting—when the story broke in the Chicago JACL newsletters—their confidence was still firm. No signs of the bum bumper sticker.

Apparently, the Sakamoto-Sagami meeting at the bar worked—"expeditiously negotiated" is the way diplomats might put it, thus averting an incident before it reached embarrassing proportions. Despite this being an old story, we are finally recognizing a style of JACL diplomacy that happens often but seldom gets mentioned in print so explicitly. #

# Comment, letters, features

## Redress—Pro and Con

Editor:

I would like to address myself to an issue that goes to the roots of many problems in our society today. It is especially pertinent to the redress movement.

There may be many pros and cons regarding the redress movement, which I want to see succeed, but the crux of the matter deals with the question of what really happened to us as a group and as individuals. I was incarcerated in the camps as a boy of nine, and the debilitating effects of the camps lasted long after the war was over and the camps were closed. There is no need to go into details. All of us who went to the camps experienced in varying degrees the spiritual numbness that overtook us and to which we reacted in different ways. Suffice it to say that we need to look at the experience of the camps from our own unique perspective and arrive at some kind of understanding that would make sense out of the whole sordid episode. We need a touchstone to test our interpretation of our unique experience in this society. So far, we have none.

As a novelist, I am vitally interested in the problem of a touchstone of reality. I believe we have been looking at the problem of racial prejudice and oppression from the shopworn perspectives of the majority and minority attitudes regarding the relative nature of power. We tend to view our experiences either from the point of view of the white middle-class American or the "underdog" Japanese American. I put the word in quotes, because we are not underdogs; we would be misleading ourselves if we thought so. But neither point of view is viable or will answer our needs, our true needs. Modelling ourselves

after the white American will not work for us. It has been proven it will not. Holding forever to the status of the minority will prevent us growing psychologically and psychologically as individuals. And growing to be individuals, entities who are unique because of their unique experiences, is precisely the question. The time to be individuals, proud and unafraid, is now. Unless we allow ourselves the liberty to explore our own potential as individuals, we cannot say we are free, and we would be of little value either to ourselves or to others. Exploring our own potential, facing our hang-ups, and even questioning the sacrosanct premises of this society does not imply anarchy. It simply means we would be exercising our rights as individuals in what will hopefully be an enduring democracy.

As Japanese Americans, we are proud, cheerful and

persevering. But our rights have been trampled on and vitiated. Our resources as human beings have been wasted by prejudice. We were psychologically emasculated. Because of our patience and wisdom, we have important things to contribute to this society to make this country—our home—a better place for everyone to live in. We must extrapolate from our experiences. Such an extrapolation has led me to the concept and belief in enlightened individualism, and this is an area that needs redefinition today. It goes to the heart of today's problems.

I hope the redress movement succeeds and someone has the courage to sponsor the bill. I, for one, refuse to be spoonfed tidbits of legislation aimed primarily at sugarcoating the bitter pill of our experience. Good luck JACL!

ROBERT H. KONO  
Eugene, Ore.

## Use of 'Jpn'

Editor:

Regarding the press controversy in England concerning the world "Jap" (PC, Nov. 3), the word "JPN" has been adopted as the official abbreviation for Japan and Japanese.

To the best of my knowledge this abbreviation is to be used throughout the U.S. government service.

In U.S. Army Japan we use this abbreviation whenever appropriate with great success. The suggestor of this word was awarded \$50 for his idea. He works for the U.S. Army in Japan.

Perhaps this note can be of assistance in putting an end to this word which strikes most Japanese as derogatory and degrading.

KIYOSHI TAKANO  
Tokyo

Editor:

The adoption of either Jpn. or Jpse. or both, or possibly even Jpnse. as an official abbreviation for Japanese and actually using it, is an important aspect of the welfare of Japanese community.

The world's news media insist on the use of the epithet "Jap" and naively insist that it is the only and proper abbreviation for Japanese. This is usually followed with vigorous protests and emotionalisms from Japanese groups, such as JACL and others.

The significant point is that protesting groups have never pointed out the correct abbreviation, as interpreted by the Japanese, to the media.

People say what they read in the news. When this occurs, the usage of Jap is again protested with no apparent attempt by the protesting group to correct the abbreviation. So, the vicious cycle goes on and on, year after year and more to come in the future.

With the adoption of any abbreviation besides Jap., we can use it to correct the news media.

The adoption of a proper abbreviation for Japanese and actually using it, is an

important step to expurgate the epithet "Jap" completely from the world of language.

G.N. ASAWA  
Anaheim, Calif.

Editor:

Re your 11/3/78 editorial "Why Not Nikkei", no matter how you slice it, we'll still get the short end of the stick as Niks or Nik Americans.

We have two too many "icks", Mick and Spic, in the language already, so let's keep it Japanese as it has more daikon to it.

ROY IWAKI  
New York

## Yen or Trade

Editor:

Strong Yen or Restricted Trade?

It is difficult to restrain comments when columnists on the subject of yen versus the dollar, as for example Frank Fukazawa, disregard the fundamentals of foreign trade economics. Japan finds itself with excess U.S. dollars which cannot be traded with Canada, Germany, or even OPEC countries, but only with the U.S. The other countries have U.S. dollars which they prefer to trade with the United States in order to protect their own markets.

The inflation of the dollar with respect to the yen, is similar to inflation of the dollar in the U.S. with respect to goods—too many dollars in exchange for yen, and in the U.S., too many dollars for available U.S. goods and services.

Washington does not have any magic wand to "strengthen the dollar". The primary issue is the trade imbalance which is not solvable by money manipulation or other gimmicks. A balance of trade or at least an equivalent confidence is required. Japan must reduce trade barriers, and Japanese importers must reduce the prices of imported goods to their customers. On the other hand, in order to make U.S. products more attractive to Japanese, U.S. suppliers must employ Japanese marketing techniques, and package their goods accordingly.

It is understood that Japan has political and economic problems to solve before offering free trade. There are no quick answers. Like our inflation problems, the trade problems must be recognized and then treated. There is no publically recognized activity.

HARVEY EVERETT  
Washington D.C. JACler

## Intermarriage issue

Editor:

To me, one of the most important things Dr. Nakashima's letter (PC, Nov. 24) pointed out was that many Japanese Americans have married and are marrying Caucasians and other people of non-Japanese ancestry. I think it would be very beneficial to all Japanese Americans if the Pacific Citizen wrote about this "phenomenon" overtaking our young—and our not so young. I've read that in a few more generations there may be no more "pure" Japanese in the United States (except the ones who've recently moved here, of course).

I am married to a non-Japanese man. I must say, for a

people who have some very bad recollections of being prejudiced against, a lot of Japanese Americans don't like this kind of "contamination". I feel a lot of prejudice from Japanese Americans because I married a non-Japanese. Sometimes I think they dislike interracial marriages more than any other group of people.

Anyway, the point is, many of us are marrying non-Japanese so I think the PC should give more importance to this topic. Maybe one of your reporters could look into why interracial marriages among us is so popular. Is it because we feel inferior because we are Japanese, and so want to "fit in" by marrying a non-Japanese? Do we find each other unattractive? What is causing this phenomenon to happen? Are there reasons behind it that should be investigated and talked about? I hope you realize that such a discussion could be very beneficial to all of us.

CHERYL WATAMURA  
MARTINEZ  
El Cerrito, Ca.

## 35 YEARS AGO

Jan. 8, 1944

Dec. 17—Minneapolis Nisei (Thomas Sasaki, 17) gets a job as street-car conductor (probably a Mainland first).

Dec. 20—Time Magazine describes anti-Japanese agitation in California as "most violent" since Yellow Peril pioneer days.

Dec. 25—War Dept. executives proud of Nisei war record; Drew Pearson column quotes Undersecretary Patterson and Asst. Sec. McCloy.

Dec. 25—Six barracks used as warehouses in Poston destroyed in fire.

Dec. 27—U.S. war correspondent (AP's Don Whitehead) says all-Nisei 100th Infantry fighting some of the hardest battles in Italy; Maj. John Johnson of Kauai takes over command as Lt. Col. Farrant Turner of Honolulu reassigned.

Dec. 30—WRA decides to drop resettlement of 600-acre tract south of Hamburg, Iowa (about 60 miles S of Council Bluffs) because of local opposition.

Jan. 1—Tackle Jim Kishi of Univ. of Texas plays in Cotton Bowl 7-7 game against Randolph Field Flyers; LSU's quarterback

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN  
Jim Nagata stars in 19-14 victory over TCU at Orange Bowl game.

Jan. 2—Eight evacuees teaching Army cadets Japanese language at Univ. of Chicago.

Jan. 3—War Dept. executives proud of Nisei war record; Drew Pearson column quotes Undersecretary Patterson and Asst. Sec. McCloy.

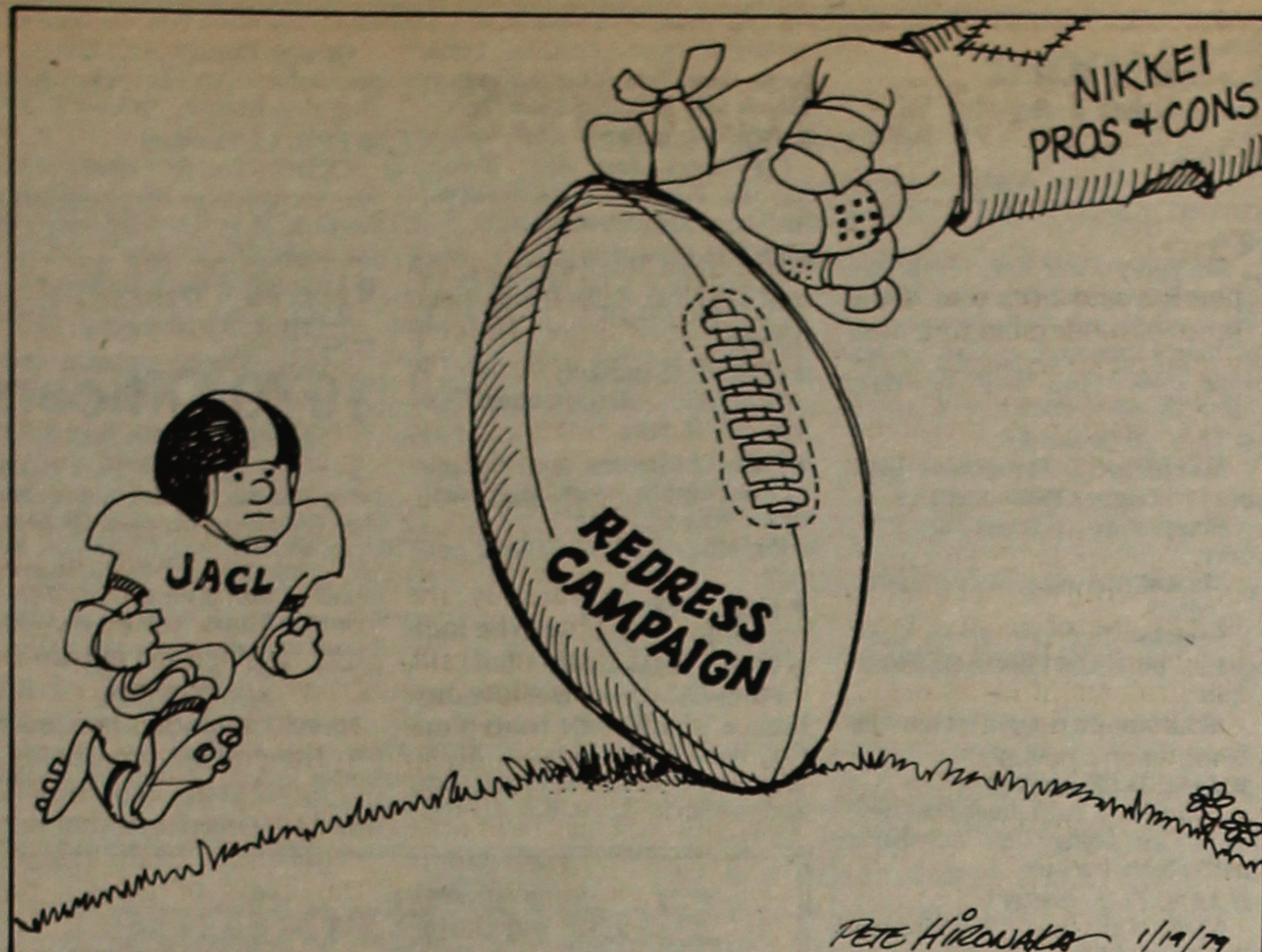
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Jan. 3—U.S. Sen. Happy Chandler (D-Ky.) criticizes WRA relocation program in speech at Long Beach, Calif.

Jan. 9—State of Washington AFL building trades oppose return of evacuees.

Jan. 11—WRA denies evacuees buying choice farm land in western (Adams and Mesa Counties) Colorado; Grand Junction groups appeal for anti-Nikkei land laws. Similar push noted in northern Utah's Davis county and in Idaho around Pocatello area.

Jan. 11—Evacuee boilermen, janitors end six-day strike inside Minidoka camp; strike called when project director sought 24-hour shifts, workers (\$16 a month for 44-hour week) sought more help and were refused.





EAST WIND: Bill Marutani



## The Korean Key

Philadelphia  
UNDOUBTEDLY not unlike many other Nisei, I was exposed to anti-Korean prejudice in my early days. That wasn't quite all that I was exposed to: a number of other ethnic groups, races, religions, and economic groups were included. This last category was one that I could not comprehend: I figured that no one could be more economically deprived than we appear to be.

THAT MY ISSEI parents considered Koreans as being of a "lower class" was evident. But this, too, I didn't quite comprehend: first, I had figured we were pretty close to the bottom

of the heap and I couldn't see much room for anyone else being beneath us; secondly, I had never (knowingly, that is) met a Korean so I wasn't quite sure what or why I was supposed to despise. I did know, however, that if I (slyly) asked my Issei parents how I could be sure that I was not somehow part-Korean, I would be met with a very sharp no-nonsense response.

ALL THAT WAS a few years back, and in between a little bit of learning was gained and perhaps a smidgen of wisdom may have seeped through here and there. At any rate, whatever racial prejudice that I was supposed to absorb against Koreans didn't take. The first Korean that I knew was one who lived nearby while I was attending college in Chicago; he certainly didn't see to be anyone to be despised. And about ten years ago I "rapped" with Korean-Japanese—of whom there are some 600,000 in Japan—who were engaged in a hunger-protest in Tokyo. That doesn't qualify me as an expert on anti-Korean prejudice, but then neither did it confirm that such prejudice had taken.

THE HISTORICAL background of Korea and its people hold great fascination for me. Consider this peninsular nation, adjoining the mighty land mass that is China through thousands of years; consider that more recently, it had been under Japanese colonial subjugation for several decades. And through it all, the nation and more particularly its people have maintained their own distinct speaking and written language, their own customs and attire, their own foods. I am deeply curious to find the key, to find how these peninsular people were able to withstand all this pressure and

retain their own distinct identity. (The Japanese insular nation, culturally speaking, became just another province of China. But not so the hardy people of the Korean peninsula.)

FOR SUCH PEOPLE I have great admiration. For some years I have been seeking out authoritative books on the beginnings of ancient Korea, its development and its sustenance. I have inquired of history teachers of Korean ancestry. I have yet to find a source that may lead me in the direction of the key that I seek.

If there be any readers of this column who might provide guidance in this search of mine, I would welcome it. For I shall keep searching. #

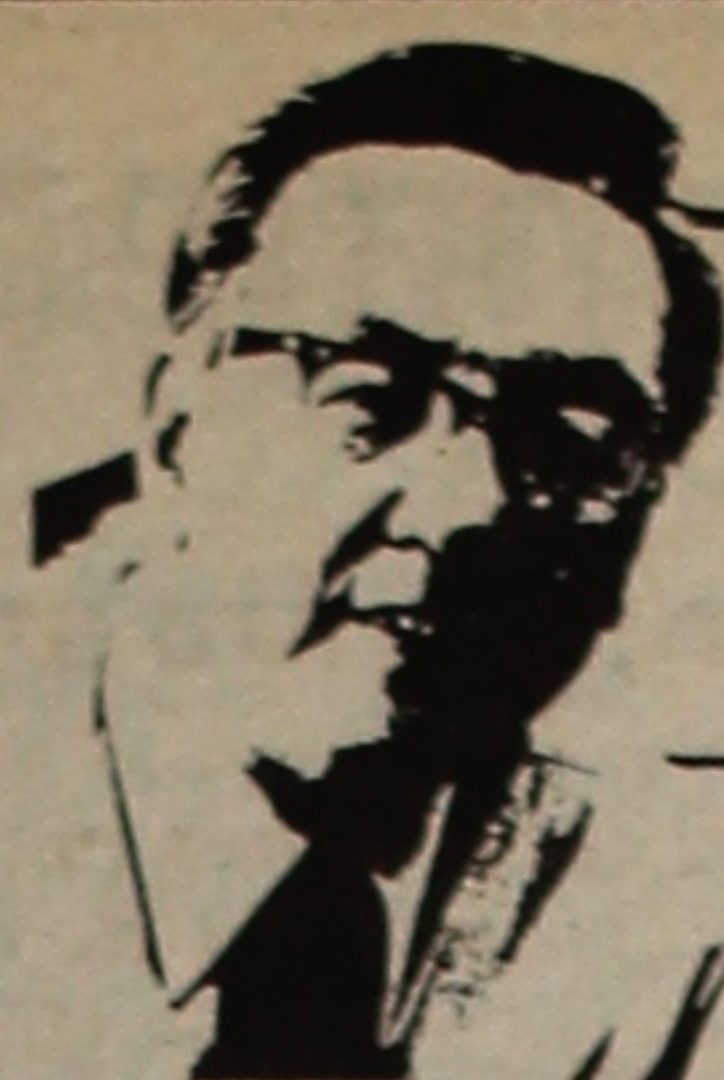
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While employed with the Social Security Administration, he was responsible for that federal agency beginning work within the Asian communities with bilingual staff and outreach contacts. He sought equal representation of qualified Asians to serve within various job levels in the Dept. of Health Education & Welfare. He was involved in social research and social work as a pre-med student. He is qualified as instructor-trainer in first aid emergencies and CPR. #

## For the Record

Our apologies to Dr. Mike Hoshiko, of Carbondale, Ill., whose article, "Konnyaku Bakudan", appeared on this page last week, for having committed a cardinal sin in journalism and we ask his forgiveness. Writer of the article was inadvertently identified as Mike Hoshide.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

## The Date in Dayton

Dayton, Ohio

WHAT DO YOU do when you have a banquet room full of people for a JACL installation and the speaker is snowbound somewhere between Dayton and Chicago, or maybe it's between Dayton and Denver? If you're in charge, like Vicky Mikesell, you worry a lot.

If you're the chapter president, like Charles Pace, you grab Vicky's husband, Bob, and hurry down to the airport as soon as you hear the speaker is airborne and settle down for a tense, uneasy wait.

If you're the master of ceremonies, like Dr. Kaz Kimura, you do your damndest to keep everybody happy, and you're particularly grateful that volunteers step up to entertain the folks and do a fine job of it.

And if you're one of the audience, you just settle back patiently and get acquainted with people you hardly knew, and this is particularly true if you've come up from Cincinnati for the event.

Eventually, the speaker gets there about 11:30 p.m., and everything turns out okay. \* \* \*

THE DAYTON JACL chapter got its start soon after World War II. Folks from various camps had relocated in this southern Ohio community. Someone suggested it might be a good idea for Japanese Americans to get together in a JACL chapter, so one was established. For a long time Dayton JACL was one of the smallest. Now there are some 200 members, many of whom joined recently to take part in a projected charter flight to Japan. (The chapter probably is one of the few to have the entire membership list, with addresses and other details, on a computer printout.)

The chapter's resurgence coincided with the arrival of some new people several years ago. Charles Pace, for example, and his Japan-born wife Teruko. Pace had been with the military in Japan. He brought his bride back to Washington, D.C., became interested in JACL and served as Washington chapter president. His employer, Newsweek Magazine, sent him to Dayton. He joined JACL and became chapter president a second time.

Sometimes Pace, from an old Virginia family, represents JACL at international cultural meetings and confuses everyone by professing to represent the Japanese Americans.

Another relatively newcomer is Vicky Mikesell who was born in California. Her father, whom she describes as "a tiger who refused to be caged," put his family in a car just before the Evacuation and headed for Utah, singing defiantly as he left his home. Vicky grew up near Ogden, married a fellow she got to know in school, lived in various parts of the country including Denver, and became acquainted with JACL only after the Mikesells became friends with the Paces. Bob Mikesell works for IBM.

One of the newest Daytonians is Dr. Kaz Kimura, professor of pharmacology and medicine at Wright State University medical school. Kimura grew up in Sheridan, Wyo., and was attending the University of Washington in Seattle when the war broke out. He was allowed to complete the work necessary for his diploma at Washington State at Pullman, then headed back to Sheridan to find a job so he could get his mother and brother out of the assembly center at Puyallup.

The only work he could find was as a railroad section hand. So the youth, who by reason of race was too dangerous to be on the West Coast, watched trainloads of troops, military vehicles and weapons traveling over the rails that he helped to keep in repair. Dr. Kimura moved to Dayton from the Washington, D.C. area about a year ago.

ONE OF THE oldtimers here is Pete Hironaka, a Sacramento-born commercial artist running his own business who has been Pacific Citizen editorial cartoonist since 1957. Some time ago Pete became aware of the dwindling ranks of the Issei and felt he ought to do something to perpetuate their memory. In what little spare time he had, he worked on a painting depicting their history.

The result is a striking commemorative poster. He had a limited number printed and is selling them by mail, hoping to make expenses. You can order one through Graphic Concept Center, Box 267, Wright Bros. Branch, Dayton, Ohio 45409. Price is \$30. #

## Comment No. 6

By Stanleigh Arnold, San Francisco Examiner-Chronicle

YOU MAY have seen a newspaper story recently about a nationwide campaign by the Japanese American Citizens League to seek redress for the treatment of some 120,000 Japanese Americans received from their government in World War II. More as a gesture of atonement from their fellow citizens than for the money itself, JACL claims, it is asking \$25,000 for each of the men, women and children who were uprooted from their West Coast homes and incarcerated in inland camps for a large part of the war.

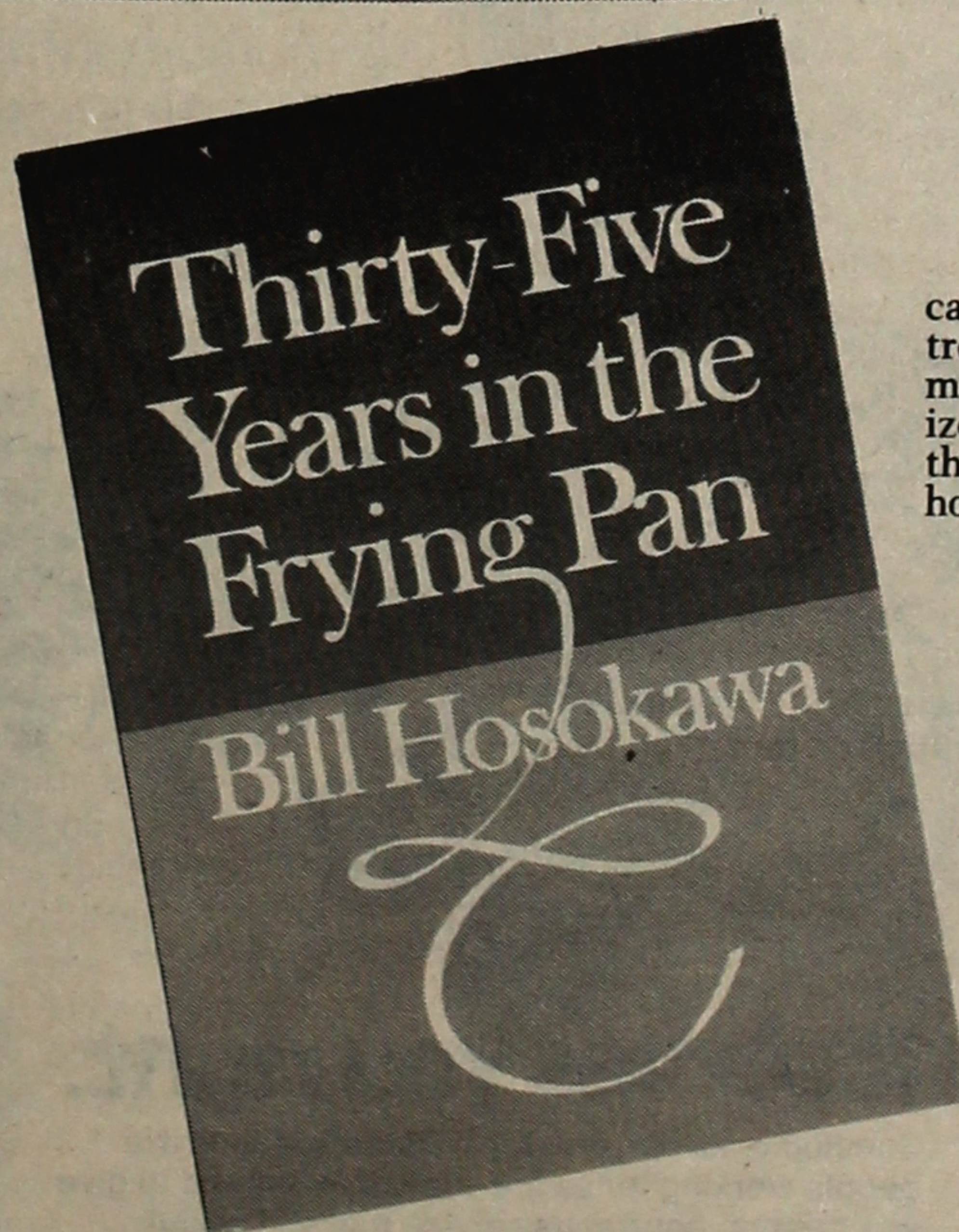
The story made special mention of Bill Hosokawa, a Nisei, and the editorial page editor of the Denver Post. Hosokawa is against JACL's move, first because money cannot compensate for the "injustice and indignity of the evacuation" and second, because the attempt at redress would split the Japanese American community.

A reading of Hosokawa's new book, "Thirty Five Years in the Frying Pan," makes it fairly obvious that he could not have felt otherwise. A calm, intelligent, reasoning man of humor and determination, Hosokawa has no room in his makeup for grudge or vengeance, though he has had reason to hold the one and seek the other.

For 35 years, first through the infamous days of relocation and then through the post-war years, Hosokawa had chronicled the thoughts and experiences of Japanese Americans, those of his father and mother, his wife and himself, his children, his friends.

Those 35 years represent a substantial slice of the time that folk of Japanese ancestry have lived in this country. For that period, Hosokawa's book is a valuable record of Japanese fears and aspirations, encounters with ignorance and prejudice, and the seeking and the finding of a place in the American sun.

Sad to say, California and "the California mind" come off very poorly, and so does that figure of enlightenment and liberalism, Earl Warren, who, as Attorney General of California, was a powerful advocate of evacuation and, later, an opponent of Japanese American resettlement in this state. #



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# Calendar, pulse

REDRESS PHASE TWO: John Tateishi

## Quo Vadis?

The task of the National Committee for Redress in Phase II of the campaign is two-fold: to educate the American public about the Evacuation and incarceration, and secondly, to work towards passage of a Redress bill in Congress.

Education of the American public about the injustice we suffered during WW2 is one of the primary aims of the entire campaign. The majority of Americans today are completely unaware of our wartime travails, and our experience is something which should no longer be ignored as a part of the history of this country.

The educational campaign has gotten underway and has begun to build momentum, both as a consequence of our effort and of the media's interest in the issue. Gradually, and for the first time since those difficult days of 1942, the American public in general is beginning to learn about the Evacuation and incarceration of Japanese Americans.

Due to AP and UPI wire service articles, the story of our experiences is being told to people throughout the country, and editorials and feature articles have appeared in a number of major newspapers.

ABC's "20/20" filmed a segment of the Camp Harmony pilgrimage which will air later this month on the network. Ellen Endo, media subcommittee chair, and I have both made contact with CBS "60 Minutes" and we are anticipating a segment on Redress to be filmed in the next few months. Additionally, JACLers have appeared on local TV and radio programs throughout the West Coast and in areas such as Boise, Chicago, and Milwaukee. CBS Evening News is doing a story on Redress, the first national network news program to do a piece on the issue.

All JACL chapter presidents have been asked to secure resolutions from their local and state governments to declare February 19th (the date of the signing and rescission of Executive Order 9066) as a Day of Remembrance. If we are generally successful in this, if resolutions are secured by chapters across the country, it can have a major impact on the public and on the media.

To aid further in this effort, a pilgrimage is scheduled on Feb. 17 to the Portland, Ore., wartime assembly center. Similar pilgrimages are under consideration to Tanforan (San Francisco), Walerga (Sacramento) and Santa Anita or Pomona (Los Angeles). These pilgrimages will be covered by the local media.

Amid all this activity, Ellen Endo has been developing a video tape on the Evacuation with her L.A.-based committee of media people to give an historical account of the experience. It will answer some of the questions about Redress, and is intended for the use of JACL chapters. Copies of this tape will probably be available to chapters sometime in February.

Result of all this appears to be mounting support for our cause, as witnessed by the number of letters from non-Japanese Americans to newspapers throughout the country and to JACL Headquarters. We shall continue this all-out effort to educate the public. Phase II is only the beginning stage of a long and difficult struggle. #



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### Sumitomo Bank names new head

San Francisco

With the resignation of Yoshio Tada last week as president of the Sumitomo Bank of California for a new position with the parent firm in Japan, Nimei Akamatsu, 49, was named as successor Jan. 10. For the past 3½ years, the new president has been based at Los Angeles as executive vice president of Sumitomo's Southern California operation.

Under Tada's three-year tenure, the bank had its greatest growth, expanding its network from 23 to 42 offices statewide. Assets and deposits are over \$1 billion.

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## New Mexico to host DC

Albuquerque

The Mountain-Plains JACL District Council, which covers the biggest area in the U.S., will hold its next meeting in New Mexico Mar. 30-Apr. 1 at the Airport Marina Hotel here, it was announced by Charlie Kobayashi, chapter president.

Bulk of the district agenda will be covered during the Saturday session starting at 9 a.m. with two workshops in the early afternoon and a tour of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in the late afternoon scheduled.

Registration fee is \$25 per delegate. Approximately 40 out-of-state delegates from Colorado, Nebraska and Texas are expected.

### JACL Hq bowlers win first half

San Francisco

At midseason of the 32-week Wednesday night league at Japantown Bowl, the JACLers were No. 1 with a 45-19 record, sporting league highs of a 916 game, 2578 series. Individual averages at mid-season were:

Loirre Inagaki, 96 (most improved); J.D. Hokoyama, 186; George Kondo, 141; Brenda Jones, 115; Karl Nobuyuki, 130; Bev Umamoto, 163; Frances Fujimoto, 162; and Chas Tamanaha, 174.

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## Calendar

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**JAN. 19 (Friday)**  
Contra Costa—Nishida koto concert, King Jr High, Berkeley, 8pm.

**Berkeley**—Inst dnr, Hs Lordships Restaurant, Berkeley Marina, 7pm; Wendy Tokuda, spkr.  
\*San Francisco—SFCJAS mtg, Pine UMC, 8pm; Nikki Bridges, spkr, "Visit to Cuba".

**JAN. 20 (Saturday)**  
Monterey Peninsula—Inst dnr, Outrigger Restaurant.  
Marysville—Nishida koto concert.

**Milwaukee**—Inst dnr, Country Gardens.

**Seattle**—Inst dnr, Bush Gardens, 7pm; Capt Ellison Onizuka, spkr.

**St Louis**—Inst dnr, Clayton Inn, 6pm; Bill Yoshino, spkr.

**JAN. 25 (Thursday)**  
\*Gardena—Adventure Dist Boy Scout dnr, Gung Hay, 7pm; Kenneth Hahn, honoree.

**JAN. 27 (Saturday)**  
EDC—Qtr sess, Washington DC JACL hosts.

**Washington, D.C.**—Inst dnr, Sheraton Potomac, Rockville, Md; Rep Bob Matsui, spkr.

\*Los Angeles—442nd Assn inst dnr, Proud Bird, Restaurant, 7:30 pm.

**Nat'l JACL—EXECOM** mtg (2 day), Hq, San Francisco.

**JAN. 28 (Sunday)**  
Pasadena—Inst dnr, Limehouse Restaurant, L.A., 5pm.

**JAN. 29 (Monday)**  
Tulare County—Gen mtg, Chinese Pagoda, Visalia, 7pm; Karl Nobuyuki, spkr.

**FEB. 3 (Saturday)**  
Contra Costa—Inst dnr, Berkeley Marina Marriott Hotel, 7:30pm; Yori Wada, spkr.

**San Mateo**—Inst dnr, Black Angus Restaurant, 7pm.

**Riverside**—Inst dnr, CSC-San Bernardino, 7pm; Dr Harry H.L. Kitano, spkr.

\*Los Angeles—City AAEmpl Assn dnr, Golden Palace Restaurant, 6:30pm; Judge Robert Takasugi, honoree.

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\*Washington—APAFEC Lunar New Year reception, Rayburn House Off Bldg Gold Rm, 8pm.

**FEB. 4 (Sunday)**  
Cleveland—Inst dnr, Tokyo Garden, Fairview Park, 6:30pm; Dr Toaru Ishiyama, spkr.

**FEB. 5 (Monday)**  
NC-WNDC—Cult Herit comm dnr, Blue Dolphin, S Leandro, 7:30pm.

**FEB. 10 (Saturday)**  
\*Riverside—International Festival, UCR, 8pm.

**FEB. 11 (Sunday)**  
Philadelphia—Gen mtg, Jeffersonville CC, 3pm.

**Puyallup Valley**—Memb potluck.

**FEB. 16 (Friday)**  
\*San Francisco—SFCJAS mtg.

**FEB. 17 (Saturday)**  
Portland—Day of Remembrance, Multnomah County Expo Ctr, West Hall, 12n regis, 2-3:30 program, 3:45-4:15 entertainment, 5pm potluck; Rowe Sumida, mc.

**Orange County**—Inst dnr-disco, Saddleback Inn, Norwalk, 7:30pm; Rep Bob Matsui, spkr.

**FEB. 18 (Sunday)**  
CCDC—Tulare County JACL hosts: Qrtly sess, Marco Polo Restaurant, Hwy 198-Linwood, Visalia, noon.

**FEB. 19 (Wash'n Birthday)**  
JACL—Day of Remembrance resolutions.

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### ● Berkeley

#### TV PERSONALITY TO ADDRESS INAUGURAL

Wendy Tokuda, personable and articulate Sansei TV newscaster anchoring the evening news on KPIX, will be guest speaker at the Berkeley JACL installation dinner Jan. 19, 7 p.m., at Hs Lordships Restaurant, Berkeley Marina, it was announced by Paul Takata, outgoing president.

Debbie Nakatomi, recently appointed assistant to the National JACL Executive Director, will swear in Gordy Kono and Mary Fukayama, newly-elected presidents of the Berkeley JACL and Berkeley JAYS, respectively, their officers and board members. Gordy Yamamoto is dinner chairman. Tickets are \$10 per person.

### ● Pan-Asian

#### KATHY CHONO HEADS YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Kathy Chono, erstwhile PSW regional office secretary, was installed new chapter president of Pan-Asian JACL Jan. 13 at Changsha Restaurant in Chinatown, L.A. Though based on the eastside, the chapter members are mostly young adults living throughout the county.

Membership dues are \$20 single, \$38 couple, payable to the chapter and mailed to Karen Kishi, P.O. Box 189, Monterey Park, Ca 91754.

### ● Fremont

#### NAKAYAMA THE BANKER AT HELM

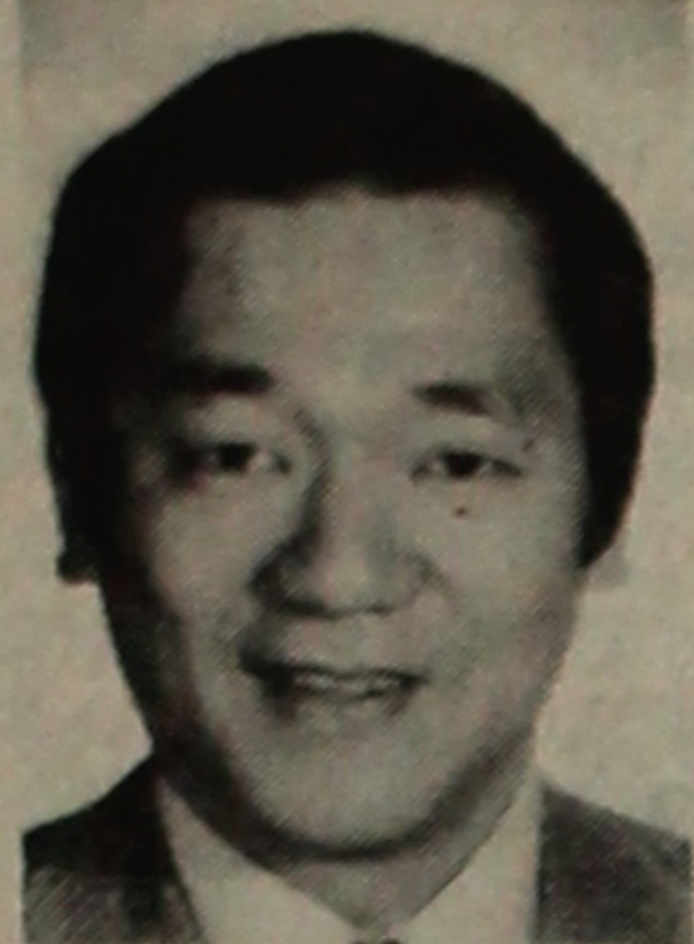
Fremont JACL held its installation dinner combined with Issei Pioneer Appreciation Night at the Lum Yuen, on Dec. 2, installing Ronald Nakayama as 1979 president. Several Issei were special guests, as were:

Mayor Rhodes of Fremont; Mayor Kitayama of Union City; Eden JACL president Tomi Miyamoto, Tri-Valley president Ben Morimoto; Don Fong of Organization of Chinese Americans; and NCWN District Council governor Charles Kubokawa, who did the installing honors.

Guest speaker was national JACL president Dr. Clifford Uyeda, who spoke on Redress. Nikkei should not be timid concerning the issue, he said, and his reading of letters of support from various non-Nikkei people was encouraging.

Out-going president Dr. Walter Hashimoto gave special recognition awards to:

Ron Nakayama (sister city); Joyce Tahira and Carole Yamaguchi (spearheading scholarship awards charge petition); Dr. Jim Yamaguchi (Fireworks sale); Ted Sato and Harry Tanouye (Hub Mall Food Sale yearly coordinators); Yoko Young (cultural ambassador to schools).



Chapter president Nakayama (inset) is a vice-president and general manager of Sumitomo Bank of California's Fremont Office. He has served as chapter publicity/p.r. chairman and Sister City research committee chairman in 1978, as well as newsletter editor. Previously, he has served on the board and newsletter of the San Francisco chapter for six years between 1966 and 1972.

Native of Honolulu, Hawaii, the new president finished at Iolani School and was graduated from Northwestern, Chicago, majoring in journalism in 1959. Nakayama served in the United States Navy, emerging as Lt. (jg) in communications in 1963. He immediately joined Sumitomo Bank and has held various positions at its headquarters. He is a member of the Fremont Dawnbreakers Lions Club, serving his second term as treasurer, and active in the Fremont Chamber of Commerce economic activities committee. Married and father of a 10-year-old girl, Nakayama is a resident of San Anselmo.

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### ● St. Louis

#### REGIONAL DIRECTOR TO BE KEYNOTER

William Yoshino, Midwest JACL regional director, will be guest speaker at the St. Louis JACL inaugural dinner Jan. 20, 6 p.m., at the Clayton Inn.

Mae Marshall will be toastmistress. Lee Durham is the outgoing chapter board chairman.

### ● Seattle

#### EX-STATE EXECUTIVE TO HEAD CHAPTER

Mitch Matsudaira, president of Mich's Men Shop, a Seattle clothing store, will be sworn in as Seattle JACL president during the inaugural dinner Jan. 20 at Bush Garden. He was the first executive director of the State of Washington Commission of Asian American Affairs.

A former employee at Boeing who went into government work and now in the haberdashery business, Matsudaira is past chairman of the Human Rights Commission at Renton, member of Seattle Mayor Royer's small busi-

ness task force, and a U.S. Census advisory committee member.

### ● Washington, D.C.

#### MATSUI KEYNOTER, REP. MINETA EMCEE

Newly-elected California Congressman Robert T. Matsui will be the keynote speaker at the Washington, D.C. Chapter 33rd annual Installation Dinner Dance. Master of Ceremonies for the event to be held at the Sheraton Potomac Inn, Rockville, Md., on Jan. 27 will be three-times elected Congressman from California, Norman Mineta. A 6:30 champagne reception precedes the dinner.

Honorary Committee for

the dinner includes Sen. and Mrs. Daniel K. Inouye, Sen. and Mrs. Spark M. Matsunaga, Sen. and Mrs. S.I. Hayakawa, former Congresswoman Patsy Mink and Mr. Mink, and Federal Judge and Mrs. Shiro Kashiwa.

Special invitations have been sent to the congressmen and senators from D.C., Maryland and Virginia. JACL scholarship winners will also be invited.

Co-chairpersons of the event are Judy Iura and Mo Marumoto. Current D.C. Chapter president is David Nikaido. The installation will dovetail with the EDC JACL meeting which will also be meeting in Rockville that weekend. #

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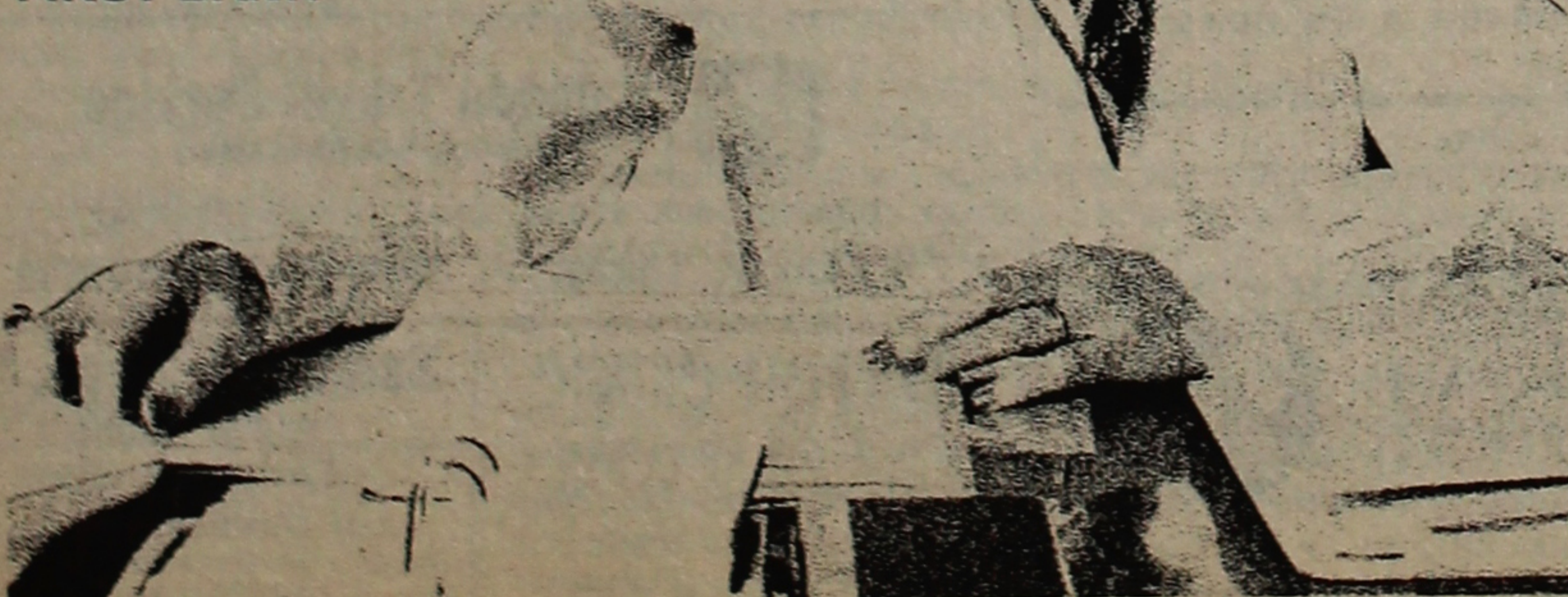
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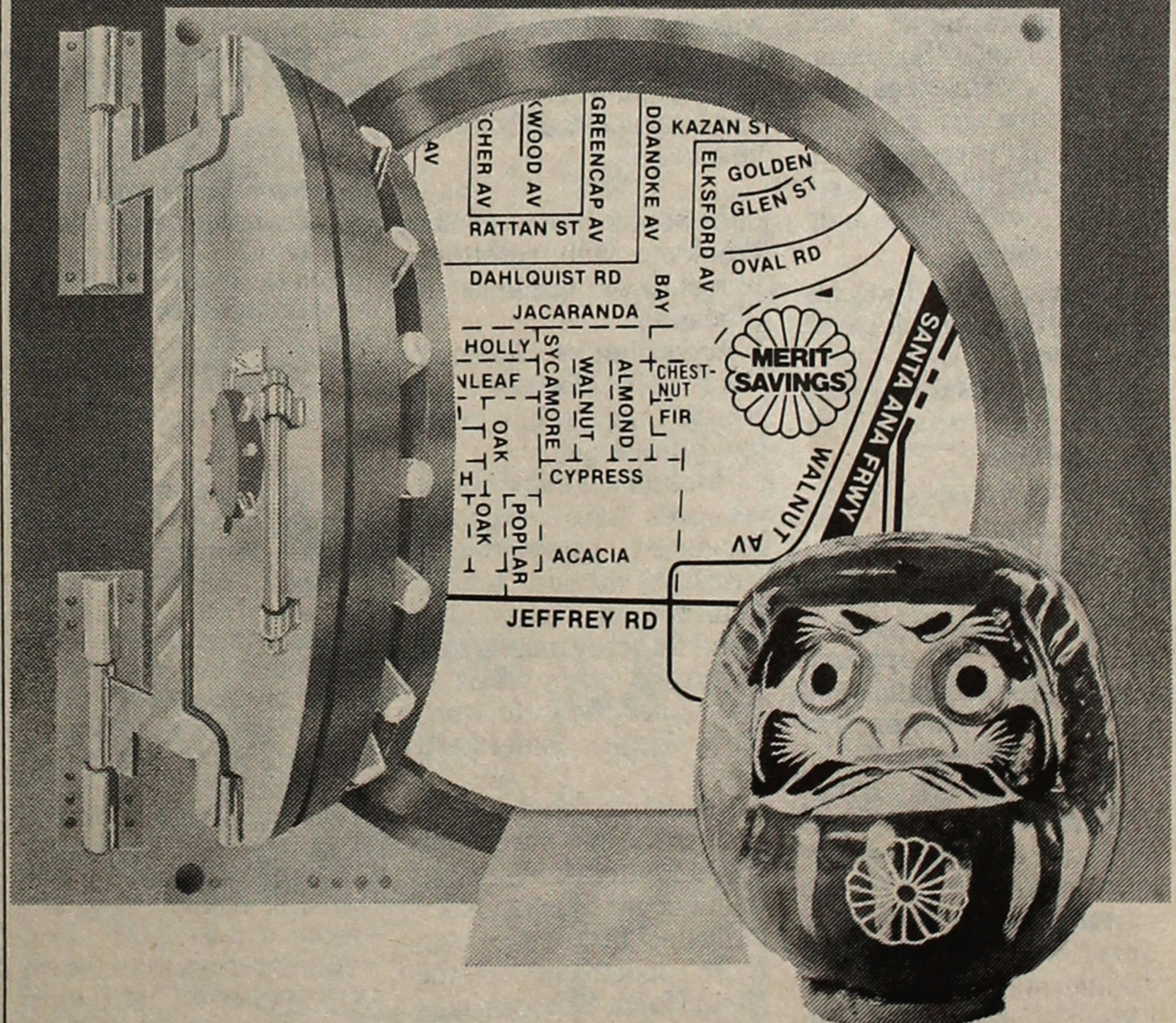
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## Redress: Might rekindle Nikkei backlash

The pamphlet, *the Japanese American Incarceration: A Case For Redress*, states that the JACL's objectives of the Redress Program is "to acknowledge the mistake by providing proper redress for the victims of the injustice, and thereby make such injustice less likely to recur."

I am not against redress, I am against the JACL's Redress Program.

First, I do not feel that the proposed program will provide "proper redress". Secondly, it is my belief that any Redress legislation which results from the program will not make "such injustices less likely to recur". Finally, I question the manner in which the JACL would like the "mistake acknowledged".

The grounds for redress seem to be legitimate. The Federal Government did take specific actions (the Evacuation) which denied Constitutional rights to a group of people identified solely by race. This action resulted in economic loss and personal suffering.

What exactly is to be redressed? Money can compensate for economic loss; but how can anyone assign a monetary value to redress the personal suffering?

The economic loss is twofold. First, there was the immense

By JOHN TANI  
(Chicago JACL)

### SPEAKING OUT

John Tani is a member of the Chicago JACL Board. This article deals with his opposition to the form of Redress being undertaken by JACL.

property loss. But, perhaps more important, there was the loss of economic opportunity. This loss represents the income lost while being in the camps as well as the costs involved in re-establishing businesses and professions—often in hostile or unfamiliar environments.

What is "proper redress" for these economic losses? Taking inflation and past efforts of reparation into account, \$25,000 is only a fraction of the loss suffered by most (or all) of the evacuees.

Of course it is not possible to determine what the actual economic losses were on either an individual basis or en masse. But, as long as the JACL is picking an arbitrary number, why not pick one which more accurately reflects a just reparation? I think \$100,000 represents a far more equitable sum. How much money do you feel would compensate for your own losses?

The personal suffering included loss of freedom, physical hardships, extreme mental and emotional stress, and personal humiliation. These are merely words. The actual torment is locked in each evacuee's own story.

I cannot add to George Kodama's sentiments when he asks, will it "erase the humiliation?" (Pacific Citizen Sept. 9, 1978). Or to those of Bill Hosokawa who states that injustices and indignities cannot be compensated for with money. "Asking for money is crass."

I would have an empty feeling in my gut if anyone were to comment that, "It's a terrible thing that happened to your parents during the war, but they were certainly compensated for it by the \$25,000 redress!" Not that I couldn't be bought—but not for a mere pittance. I would certainly consider supporting a program asking for \$1,000,000 per evacuee (a moderate sum, considering the damage awards in many defamation of character law suits). It may not take away the hurt, but it would be a good start.

Even if the U.S. Government "compensates" everyone who was evacuated with \$1,000 or \$1,000,000, what lesson will be learned? And by whom? Yes, it may be an admission by the government that there was an injustice. Who denies that now?

It is my opinion (and that is all I can offer) that such financial arrangements and the accompanying publicity will NOT caution the American public against racial prejudice. And more important, it would NOT temper a government to respond to public sentiments in a similar situation in the future. Rather, other forces have come into play which serve as a much more effective precaution against mass racial incarceration.

The Japanese Americans have come a long way since World War II, but so have all the American people. The theme of the American social/political history of the past three decades has been "equal rights". The government cannot legislate against prejudice, but it has made an effort to combat discrimination. It seems evident that the anti-discrimination movement is merely reflecting the changing attitudes and prejudices of the public, and not vice-versa.

It is this current mood of "human rights" which will prevent any recurrence of another Evacuation. Again, from the *Japanese American Incarceration: A Case For Redress*, "such a massive injustice could not have occurred without the prior history of prejudice and legal discrimination."

Any form of financial redress will do nothing to prevent future injustices. It is the absence of intense prejudice and legal discrimination against the Japanese which is our insurance. And it is for this that we will forever be in debt to the efforts of the JACL and the Nisei generation.

What does the JACL mean by "acknowledging the mistake"? And, again, by whom?

The JACL does claim that "the issue is not to recover what cannot be recovered". The aim of the redress program is to educate the public of the grave injustices suffered by the Japanese Americans. But in all discussions of redress, I have detected a tone which reflects feelings such as, "We need to punish THEM", "We have to make it hurt THEM", and "THEY owe it to us".

Who are THEY? It is time to change our way of thinking. It is no longer US versus THEM.

We are Americans. And "First Class Citizens" at that. Is there any question or doubt? The Japanese Americans no longer have to feel as if we have to "win" the faith and trust of other Americans. Does the JACL feel that America has to earn the faith and trust of the Japanese American community?

There is still prejudice. And Pearl Harbor jokes. And stereotypes. And yes, Mom, there are, and always will be, people who are ignorant (and others who are merely uninformed). But for all intents and purposes, we are a vital part of the American mainstream.

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### SOUTHEAST ASIANS:

## How the Midwest looks to refugees of '75 exodus

By ANNA PETERSON  
(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

Poet Walt Whitman once referred to America not as a nation but "a teeming nation of nations." Chicago is a city of nations, and one of those mini-nations is comprised of Indochinese refugees.

As with other U.S. cities, Chicago didn't have a significant Indochinese population before 1975. With the fall of South Vietnam and the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Southeast Asia, the exodus began. Its result is the arrival to this country of nearly a quarter of a million Indochinese refugees with thousands more to come.

Today, 5,000 Indochinese refugees are located throughout Illinois with more than 4,000 of them found in the metropolitan Chicago area.

The Governor's Information Center for Asian Assistance in Chicago estimates the city's Indochinese refugee population breakdown as approximately 200 Cambodians, 50 Laos, 300-400 Hmong, and 3,350 Vietnamese.

Church and non-sectarian agencies alike are heavily involved in the resettlement efforts. Catholic Charities, Lutheran Family Services, Travelers Aid/Immigrant Service League (TA/ISL), and Jewish Employment Vocational Services form a resettlement consortium for funding and informational purposes.

Funding of resettlement efforts has come from several sources. HEW has given monies to the Chicago consortium for the past several years to provide

English training and job assistance.

Steve Voss, resettlement staff person with the TA/ISL, indicates that the 1978 HEW allocation was about \$344,000.

"Monies were allocated for job counselors, testing, training, and job placement of the Indochinese refugees," said Voss.

"In addition, in cooperation with the Governor's office, an allocation of \$301,000 in federal funds was obtained this year to hire resettlement staff including three Vietnamese, one Lao, and one Hmong," he added.

What are some of the problems with resettling Indochinese refugees in Chicago?

According to Virginia Koch, job counselor at TA/ISL, an obvious problem is the weather.

"Most of our Indochinese refugees have never experienced harsh winter weather," she said. "It's difficult to make them understand that they must save a portion of their funds to buy winter coats, etc. when they don't understand why."

Another difficulty in Chicago is the relatively high cost and limited availability of decent housing. Koch indicates that a two-bedroom apartment on the Near North Side can rent for as much as \$300 per month.

"The resettlement agency receives \$250 per head in federal funds to resettle the refugees," said Koch. "For a family of four, \$1,000 doesn't stretch very far when paying first month's rent, a security deposit,

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## Still making news yet on Dec. 7

William Hohri, a former member of the Chicago JACL Board, was interviewed on the Chicago CBS Television Affiliate on December 7, 1978. The topic of discussion was relocation. This article contains his impression of the interview.

By WILLIAM HOHRI

Chicago

"The Japanese have attacked Pearl Harbor!" began the Noonbreak show in Chicago. As the words boomed forth, Lee Phillip was seen interviewing William Hohri, announced as "a board member of the Japanese American Citizens League." Thus began an adventuresome, surprising, even gutsy commemoration of Pearl Harbor Day on the CBS affiliate in Chicago. The thrust of the interview, following a ten-minute news-weather report, were the experiences of Japanese

Americans on December 7 and during the war. It concluded with a rebuttal to Milton Eisenhower, first director of the WRA, and a pitch for the reparations campaign.

I was struck with the informality of a TV production. I practically walked in from the street, waiting only at the reception desk, directly into the studio where I was greeted by Lee Phillip with a cheery, "Hi, Mr. Hohri! Come over here," as though we were old friends. No makeup. No intermediaries. I signed a release and walked over to the area where Lee was rehearsing her introduction to the interview segment. We introduced ourselves and then spent a good 30 minutes discussing my experiences and the "story line" of the interview. The producer would interrupt a few times. Bob

Wallace, the other interviewer and the newscaster, was nowhere to be seen.

Lee began by saying something about having talked about doing this kind of topic with her hairdresser, Fifi Nakamura. I talked about my father's arrest on the evening of December 7. She asked when I first saw the posted notices of the exclusion order. I explained that I did not see them, probably because there were so few Japanese families in our community of North Hollywood. The story line had to

be changed. There were lots of questions and answers. Then she asked if there was something I wanted especially to say. I mentioned the Manzanar riot and reparations. The riot was too complicated so it was reparations.

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## CHIAROSCURO:

## A Pocatello Perspective

"Chiaroscuro" is reserved for JACL chapter presidents.—Editor

by MASA TSUKAMOTO  
(Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL)

When Kae asked for my message in the newsletter, I began reminiscing over the years of involvement in the Pocatello Nisei League and the JACL. Surprisingly it goes back nearly forty years. How time flies.

In the late thirties it was basketball and socials. Then the organization of JACL in Idaho. As I recall, it started with a Nisei League Convention held in Idaho Falls when National JACL President Walter Tsukamoto spoke to us for organizing some JACL Chapters in Idaho. JACL seemed to me like some

foreign entity with a fancy name. There was lost of controversy about it among the Issei.

In November of 1941 the first IDC District Convention was held at the Student Union Building of University of Idaho Southern Branch in Pocatello. Sure was a lot of strangers from Utah and clear from California.

Next thing was Pearl Harbor. Couldn't believe it. Evacuation was a remote distant thing until the volunteer evacuees started to arrive. Couldn't believe this was happening either. It was then the involvement in JACL became serious and important. I

remember many meetings in the old Japanese Hall on North Fourth ... then the government closed the Hall and we began meeting in the County Court House. Also, there were many trips to National Meetings in Salt Lake. Financing the National Headquarters was a major problem, so we spent many days and nights collecting donations.

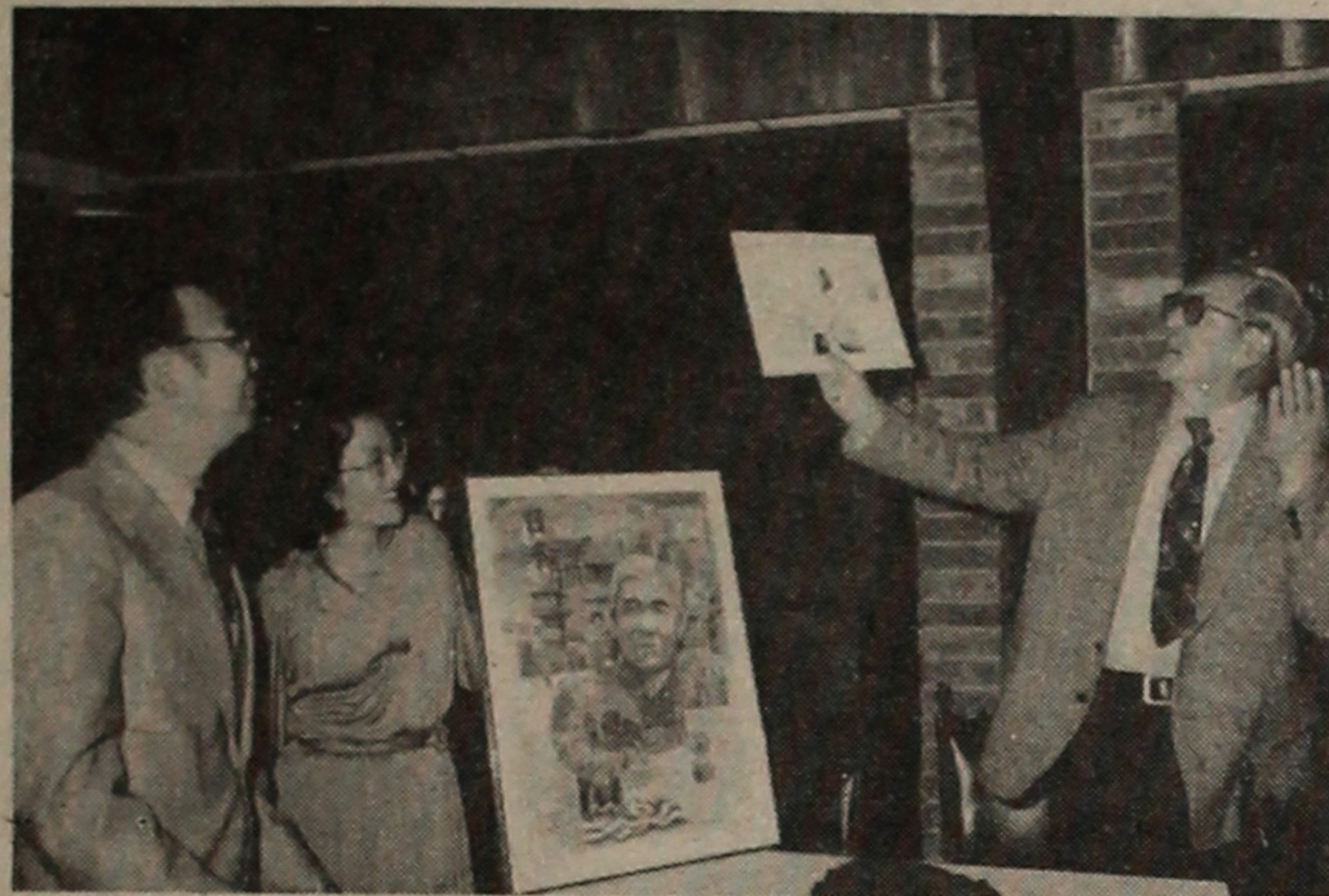
In reminiscing, it's surprising how vividly one can recall events and people—Minidoka Camp, the evacuee workers from the camps and the socials of those days of more girls than boys; the 442 combat team and the heart rendering memorial services.

After WW II we were into evacuation claims, repeal of the Alien Land Law, Naturalization of Issei and

the beginning of the new hall building fund with the sugar beet field project and the carnival. Locally I recall installing a furnace in the old Hall was a major issue, also very controversial was the location of the proposed new Hall. In 1962 we built our Hall and went deeply in debt. There were ties when the burden became overwhelming but after 16 years I feel we have something to be very proud of.

After all these many years with JACL, I have nothing but good feelings about our organization, but by the same token, I feel the need to take a more reticent role and let new changes take over for the JACL to keep up with the needs of the times. I thank everyone for putting up with me for so many years and also allow me to remain in the background for a while.

A Pocatello JACLer since 1941, Tsukamoto has been farming in Idaho since 1953, belongs to a number of organizations including the Elks, serves as state director of the Idaho Water Users Assn., Potato Growers of Idaho, and has been a chapter mainstay since its founding in 1941. He has chaired a number of major chapter and district JACL projects, the latest being the Minidoka Project.



**DATE IN DAYTON**—Pete Hironaka (left) and Vicky Mike-sell, who's holding up the commemorative Issei poster mentioned in the *Frying Pan* column this week, watch the Dayton-Cincinnati JACL installation dinner speaker Bill Hosokawa trying to re-enact the PC cartoon (Nov. 10) publicizing his book, "Thirty Five Years in the Frying Pan".

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As such, Punishment or Redress seem out of place. There are new problems, and whether they concern inflation, human rights, or the balance of payments with Japan, they are our problems because they are America's problems.

The American people are a family. As each member must strive to retain his own identity, each has to take responsibilities for the whole. The Relocation was an American experience. Now, the American people have opened their arms—perhaps not as a gesture of "redress", but with sincere appreciation.

The humiliation remains. Bribes and appeasements do not undo wrongs. And as any husband or wife knows, the only remedy for humiliation and hurt is to swallow some pride and FORGIVE.

Let us not forget. But it is time to forgive.

All this does not mean that I am afraid of "rocking the boat" or of a "backlash". I am concerned about a rekindling of resentment and racism—not from the American public, but from the Japanese American community. Let us unleash our energies in a more positive direction.

I feel "proper redress" should take the form of a funded foundation to support all activities related to educating the public of the Japanese American experience. The purpose would be two-fold.

First, the Japanese heritage and the Relocation experience have greatly influenced the attitudes of Japanese Americans. By understanding these influences, people will be more sensitive toward the concerns of the Japanese Americans. Secondly, an act of mass discrimination such as the Relocation is a result of prejudice, and prejudice is merely a product of ignorance. Educating the American people of our heritage and experience is our best assurance against prejudice, and thus, against future acts of mass discrimination.

There are several programs which I would like to see supported by such a foundation:

(1) Increased academic research, (2) Publication of books, (3) Production of movies, (4) Production of television documentaries, (5) A bureau of public speakers, (6) A campaign to ensure that the Japanese American experience is sufficiently and accurately included in our schools' curriculums, (7) Promotion of cultural fairs and exhibits.

I am proud to be an American of Japanese descent. I am proud of my Issei grandparents who endured the hardships of immigration. And I am proud of my parents who did not succumb to bitterness and hatred but rather lived lives of dignity, and above all else, love.

Let us honor them — not compensate them. #

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I was told that part of a WRA film would be shown, including a statement of the government's position by Milton Eisenhower, and that I would have about 20 seconds for rebuttal. In my memory, these pre-show discussions and the actual show, which was live, merge, except for the rebuttal and some surprise questions.

There was about 10 minutes before the show in which to relax. Lee had to talk to some students who were our audience.

I introduced myself to the weatherman and Bob Wallace, who finally did arrive. Bob is very relaxed. He did the newscast very well. And during the interview, I found his questions a change of pace.

"Did you have much trouble packing?"

"No, because we were told we could take only what we could carry. But the rest of it was a real problem ..."

I felt fairly relaxed. I was talking about my recollections and about the "logic" of detention as being consistent with a history of discrimination (permanent alien status for two brothers and a sister, the inability to own land and job discrimination). It went quickly. Then Milton Eisen-

hower appeared on the monitor (black and white, not color) articulating all the old rationalizations and innuendos. The rebuttals poured into my mind. I picked three. The Japanese were there before the military installations; it was ridiculous to say we were well cared for, and I noticed he said nothing about the United States Constitution. And then my mind went blank. Number three. Finally, there was not a single instance of sabotage committed by Japanese Americans. Lee talked about reparations.

I defined reparations as making amends for crimes committed by a government against individuals, 110,000 persons ... and Bob Wallace said we were out of time.

Wow! What a way to "Remember Pearl Harbor!" #

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FROM THE DUST PAN: Tomi, the Gomi

## For Twins Only

Dear Editor:

Since writing my column (Nov. 17) on twins (Tama the Jama and Tomi the Gomi), I became curious as to how many other twins there are who are readers of the PC.

It would be interesting to

see if they would write in to you and express their views on twinhood, their age, sex, and whether they are identical or not.

In the twenties when my sister and I were born, the Japanese frowned on multiple births since they thought only animals had more than one baby at

a time. We were told that my poor mom cried when notified that two babies had arrived instead of only one which she expected.

I did not ask what my two older sisters and one brother thought of us when we were born, but they must have thought "Double-Trouble!" I was the copycat so whatever my sister did, I copied her. My mom said we pulled off all the beautiful silk tassels off the parlor lampshade.

Also at age one we were playing outside when my sister found an ax and immediately proceeded to try it on my head for size. Luckily, my brother had earlier pounded the ax on the sidewalk so it was blunt. But head wounds produce more blood than the gravity of the wound so my mom thought she lost me for sure. She had to run to the front of the house and around the fence to get to us on the other side. To this day I have a scar on my scalp and on my eyelid as souvenir of this incident.

Perhaps other twins could write more "Twin Grins" anecdotes for one and all to enjoy reading.

## MORI

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are not considered by the Cal-Vet Department to be natives of California.

"It is time for California to recognize the injustice suffered by the Japanese Americans and to rectify it by at least granting them their due military service benefits," Mori stated.

Prior to 1961, Japanese Americans who enlisted directly from the out-of-state relocation camps were not entitled to Cal-Vet benefits, even though they were residents of California before they were interned.

In 1961, the California Legislature enacted a special eligibility provision for the Japanese Americans who enlisted from these relocation camps, thereby granting them full benefits as established by the State of California.

"I believe the 1961 Legislature overlooked the problems of the immediate descendants born in the relocation camps and, therefore, introduced AB 148 in an effort to bring this particular group somewhat into parity with all other veterans," Mori concluded.

## Japanese TV show in L.A. changes

Los Angeles

United Television Broadcasting, producers of the first Japanese language program to be aired in the Los Angeles area, ended its seven-year association with KWHY-TV and moved to KSCI (18) effective Jan. 15.

Their programs air Sundays 6:30-8 p.m.; Monday 9:30-11:30 p.m. and Fridays 9:30-12 p.m.

## Bookshelf

## ● A Telemaque Tale

Based on the author's own memories of her Midwest girlhood, Eleanor Wong Telemaque's *IT'S CRAZY TO STAY CHINESE IN MINNESOTA* (New York: Thomas Nelson, \$6.95) offers a light-hearted glimpse into the life of a Chinese American family—the only one in a small town on the Iowa-Minnesota border—who run a restaurant. One wonders how many others who happen to be the only Asian American growing up in a tiny town will empathize with Ching Wing, heroine of the 118-page book? As the only daughter, she waits on tables, takes cash and moons over movie magazines. Yearning to be wholly American, she means to start life away from the restaurant—through the university in the fall. But it's also the summer she sees the culture of old China flower in Midwest America.

The author has written several screenplays and books, numerous short stories and articles. She is presently with the U.S. Commis-

## Book, stage &amp; film

## An ever-inquisitive author stirs fact and fancy to entertain

The name of Vaughn M. Greene's book, *ASTRONAUTS OF ANCIENT JAPAN* (Merlin Engine Works, Box 169, Millbrae, Ca. 94030—price unlisted), should be a tip-off to what the San Francisco JACler presents in a jam-packed, 150-page paperback, dealing with the occult, mysterious and ancient civilizations.

He mentions UFOs and astronauts, constantly raising questions about what we meekly regard as scientific fact, and with a steady

## New musical detail at East West

Los Angeles

East West Players premiere a new musical, Philip Gotanda's "The Avocado Kid or Zen in the Art of Guacamole", Jan. 25—to play weekends till March 4.

A contemporary musical odyssey, "The Kid" is loosely based on the traditional folk tale character, Momotaro. The kid is born from the womb of an avocado who seeks the meaning of life and makes friends with Bigfoot and Dodo Bird.

sion on Human Rights, living with her husband and daughter in New York City.—H.H.

focus on things Japanese in a heady introduction. He wonders why the Ainu were original inhabitants and where they came from. If Japan is a land of mountains jutting out of the sea, is the submerged part the drowned continent once called Lemuria? He notes the people of the Jomon era living in Japan at least 12,000 years ago and then the discovery of Jomon pottery over 5,000 years old in Peru. How did the pottery get there, he asks, but more amazing to him is that pottery looks like a modern space suits, down to quick release harnesses and rivets. What was their model?

Continuing with the introduction, Greene proceeds to describe the people of Yamato—the third group inhabiting Japan

who are led by Jimmu Tenno.

He wonders why the Japanese language is unlike any other, why some people climbing Mt. Fuji disappear, is there a link between ancients of Japan and the ancients of America (Incans, Aztecs, etc.), why did the Egyptians, Incans, Japanese and other sun-disc worshippers all practice intermarriage of the royal family (to protect the sky-god blood?) . . . and 15 chapters follow with speculative answers and more questions-and-answers that pop as he explores the subject further.

Mixing fact and fiction, myth and mystery can be entertaining—as far out as the mind will allow. Greene remains inquisitive, coming up with a final question in closing a kind of "believe it or not" compendium of his own: Can it be that the mysterious gods that prevailed in ancient Japan are back as a war-devastated nation makes its comeback—far richer than ever dreamed of by the bandit-generals?—H.H.

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# pc's people

## ● Architect

International architect **Raymond Moriama** of Toronto was named architect planner with architect Harold Hanen to redevelop Calgary's civic square under a \$360,000 contract now under negotiation. Moriama recently designed a \$30-million Metro Toronto Library and the Japanese Canadian Culture Centre. His firm also completed a major redevelopment project in Miami, Fla.

## ● Business

**Yoshi Tsurumi**, director of UCLA's Pacific Basin Economic Study Center, told a recent conference studying the 1979 dollar situation that "once the dollar begins to depreciate, its fall will be rather steep", below the 180-yen mark. He blamed the failure on U.S. businesses being unable to take advantage of all export opportunities which would add momentum to the decline of the dollar.

**Yosh Inadomi**, president of JonSons Markets, serving the East Los Angeles area over 30 years, was elected president of the California Grocers Assn. for 1979. **Shirley Togami**, a Sansei member of New Mexico JACL, was named an "outstanding employee" at Albuquerque National Bank's No. 4th St. branch—the prize being an all-expense paid trip to Tahiti. Close to 1,000 employees competed for the honors and seven were selected. The daughter of the Art Togamis has been a bank employee for 4½ years.

Active West Los Angeles JACler, **Arnold Maeda**, Cal-Western Life, has been awarded the CLU (Chartered Life Underwriter) diploma and professional designation by The American College of Bryn Mawr. The award was made at the College's 51st Annual National Conference Exercises held Oct. 17 in San Diego. Los Angeles insurance executive **George Y. Hirano**, C.L.U., was named to national sales leadership honors in October by Franklin Life Insurance Co.

**Kaoru Murakami** has been named vice president and manager of California First Bank's Trade and Investment Service office in the Japanese Corporate Dept. in San Francisco. He has served with California First Bank for 35 years.

## ● Courtroom

**Leonard Obokata**, 30, of London, Ont., became the youngest and only Japanese Canadian justice of the peace to assume his post in the Middlesex County courthouse on Nov. 20. A former newsman with Radio CFPL and civil servant with the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Affairs, he has had no formal legal training but was otherwise qualified for the lifetime position.

## ● Government

**Echo Goto**, a South Los Angeles businesswoman, was appointed by County Supervisor **Kenneth Hahn** to the Martin Luther King Jr. General Hospital Authority Commission. She formerly served on the regional library council. **Calif. Assemblyman Paul Bannai** was reappointed to the Assembly Rules Committee and Committee on Crim-

inal Justice. "Crime has always been one of my chief areas of concerns," the Gardena Nisei stated. He was first elected to the rules committee last October by his colleagues in the Republican Caucus.

**Kyle Maetani** was selected as an intern for The White House press staff, working in the Office of Media Liaison and giving The White House points of perspective. Currently in a governmental masters program at USC, he was a former student body vice president at UCLA, and has interned for the National Student Lobby in Washington D.C. and the L.A. County, CAO, Justice Division.

West Los Angeles JACler **Jean M. Ushijima**, city clerk for Beverly Hills, Ca., was designated a Certified Municipal Clerk by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. She was secretary to the city attorney and public works director when she joined the City Hall staff in 1970 until appointed to her present post in 1973. The wife of Tad Ushijima, the couple have two daughters. **Ruby Midori Eaves**, former Las Vegas JACL president, is chief caseworker on the Washington office staff of Sen. Paul Laxalt (R-Nev.).

**Dennis Tsujimoto**, branch chief examiner for the IRS in Seattle, said he would check why a Greyhound bus driver and his wife, a nurse, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Lester, got another directive (their 21st audit) to appear with last year's records. Only mistake uncovered thus far has been one worth \$180, which the Lesters said was made by their accountant.

Little Tokyo accountant **Howard Nishimura** was elected treasurer of the L.A. Community Redevelopment Agency from

Jan. 1, 1979. Appointed to the board by Mayor Bradley early last year, he had chaired the Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee for four years before accepting the CRA position.

**Evelyn S. Ohki**, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. S.W. Nakamura of Berkeley, Calif., was appointed a director in the Social Security Administration in Baltimore. She had been on the policy council staff as a member of the Social Security Secretariat.

## ● Honors

The **Tom Tsuda** clan was reunited recently to mark the 100th birthday celebration of the Cheyenne, Wyo., patriarch, who spent close to 50 years in railroading till he was fired by the Union Pacific in February, 1942, because of his alienage. While his wife passed away in 1954, the four children (Susie Ichijui of Washington, D.C.; Margaret Matsumoto of Whittier, Calif.; Rose Tanaka of Anchorage; Tom and George, both of Cheyenne) and their families gathered for the occasion.

## ● Politics

Orange County JACler **George Takeyasu** was elected president of the Japanese American Republicans. A flower grower-nurseryman who recently moved from Orange County to Oxnard, he succeeds **Ethel Kohashi**. **Ruby Chow**, Seattle restaurateur who has been on the King County Council the past five years was elected chairwoman for 1979. She had been vice-chairwoman this past year.

## ● Radio-TV

**Matuo Uwate**, whose "Radio Li'l Tokyo" has been airing for 25 years on Sunday mornings, has packaged a 30-min. Sunday a.m. show, "Yorokobi no Otozure", which began Jan. 14 for the FM audience over KBRG (105.3) from 8:30.

## ● Military



**Brig. Gen. Theodore Kanamine**, 47, U.S. Provost Marshal in Europe, is the ranking Japanese American on active duty in the military today. Addressing a recent Army conference in Germany, Kanamine noted property security was the No. 1 problem with about 1,000 cases a month in the U.S. Army Europe theater. Drug abuse was down at 700 cases per month. He hails from Los Angeles, evacuated to Jerome, Ark., and was graduated in law from Univ. of Nebraska in 1954.

## ● Sports

Major **Paul K. Maruyama**, judo coach and chief of intramural athletics at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado, has been named coach of the 1979 U.S. National Judo Team. Maruyama, an alumnus of San Jose State College, is a four-time national collegiate champion, an international golf medalist, and this country's first Grand Champion. He will continue his duties at the Academy.

## Tule Lake plaque rites add directory for time capsule

Sacramento

Were you ever in Tule Lake?

The JACL-Tule Lake Historical Plaque dedication committee would like to hear from former Tule Lakers for a directory now being compiled by Mary Tsukamoto, 6815 Florin-Perkins Rd., Sacramento, Ca 95828 (916-383-3906).

Directory will be used to inform former residents of the dedication plans and program now set for Sunday, May 27, at the wartime campsite.

Mrs. Tsukamoto also requests, if possible, the complete list of family members, where they are today (with ZIP codes), WRA identification number, and the identity and addresses of other Tule Lake camp residents.

The directory must be completed in time for placement in a capsule to be incorporated at the Tule Lake monument, now being contemplated, according to Mrs. Tsukamoto.

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## Venue changed for Asakawa case

San Diego, Ca.

Trial of Ronnie Lee Beverly, 23, accused of kidnapping murder of Jo Ann Asakawa, has been moved from San Diego to Los Angeles, according to the San Diego Union, since she had been secretary for the past two U.S. attorneys here and in that capacity had frequent contact with the court and its staff.

Documents filed in the U.S. district court indicate Beverly had "confessed in detail" to the Oct. 21 incident.



## Countrymen exploit 'new' immigrants, say U.S. sociologists

### Houston, Tex.

"New immigrants" who in the last 15 years have come to the U.S. from Cuba, Mexico, Southeast Asia and Korea are being exploited by their fellow countrymen who came here before them, according to Dr. Edna Bonacich of Univ. of California-Riverside, who was attending the 145th national meeting of the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science here Jan. 4.

(Dr. Bonacich has surveyed JACL-JARP data in a study of Issei-Nisei business enterprise and survival of the J.A. community.)

"In many cases, the new immigrants are given jobs inside their ethnic communities," Dr. Bonacich said. "But the jobs pay very low wages and involve working in some real sweatshops," she said.

Sociologists studying immigrants who have come to the United States since the immigration laws were liberalized in 1965 found that many were better off working for native American employers than for employers who shared their heritage.

A study by Dr. Robert L. Bach of the State University of New York at Binghamton found that Cubans and Mexicans who found jobs outside their ethnic communities were paid more than those who chose to work for Cuban and Mexican employers.

"Mexicans who are employed by white Americans made \$142 a month more than their counterparts in ethnic jobs," Bach said. "Mexicans who worked in firms hiring mostly white Americans where they were minori-

ties made \$155 a month more than their counterparts," he said.

Bach followed 822 Mexican men and 592 Cuban men who came to the United States in the fall of 1973 and the spring of 1974. His study was financed by the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Mental Health.

Most of the immigrants found similar jobs near the bottom of the labor market no matter who hired them. They worked in low-skill positions in restaurants, hospitals, hotels and laundries. Those who worked for ethnic employers fared less well than those who did not.

"We see it in the Korean and Cambodian communities in Los Angeles," Bonacich said. "The pay scale offered by ethnic employers is almost always lower than it is outside the ethnic community."

Bonacich said that many immigrants stay in their own ethnic labor market for the sense of "belonging" it gives them. They are also able to find jobs more quickly inside their ethnic communities, she said.

"Immigrants can't go on welfare so they have to find jobs," Bonacich said. "And the people most will-

### 'Waka' by Oxnard farmer honored

#### Tokyo

An Oxnard (Calif.) farmer, Himechika Yamashita, 60, was among 11 announced by the Imperial Household Agency being invited to read their winning "Waka" entry in the annual New Year's Imperial Poetry recital Jan. 12.

There were 31,431 entries, including 291 from persons in the United States, Brazil, Canada and other foreign countries. Theme for 1979 was "oka" (hill).

ing to give them jobs are their own kind, which is a positive force."

A panel of eight sociologists agreed that the most studied immigrants are

### English test eased in naturalization

#### Washington

President Carter signed legislation in November that eases English language requirements for naturalization, announced Mark Tajima, Washington Coordinator for the Pacific/Asian Coalition (PAC).

The new law (Public Law 95-579) provides that petitioners who are 50 years of age or older with 20 years lawful permanent residence in the United States are exempt from English literacy requirements for naturalization. #

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food and clothing.

"It usually takes several weeks to get the refugees signed up for their federally-subsidized welfare program, and sometimes the money runs pretty thin before the refugees begin receiving cash assistance checks," she added.

Chicago is only one case of what resettlement agencies throughout the country are undergoing to aid the massive number of Indochinese refugees entering this country. They are to be commended for their commitment to the program.

However, the resettlement efforts in Chicago have had the benefit of HEW funds and the Governor's office has assisted in obtaining other funding. Other cities have not been as lucky.

Next case: In Missouri.

the Mexicans and Cubans. Next are Colombians, then Koreans and Cambodians. Vietnamese immigrants are the least studied, for reasons that are unclear.

"The Vietnamese are an

understudied group, no question about it," Bonacich said. "The reason might be the fact that they are scattered across the country while most of the other new immigrants have concentrated in a few large cities which makes them easier to follow." #

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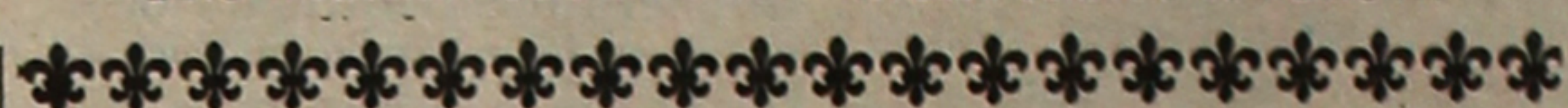
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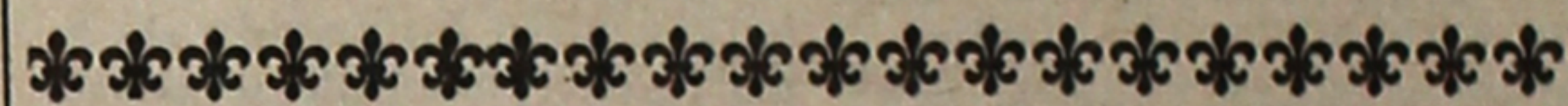
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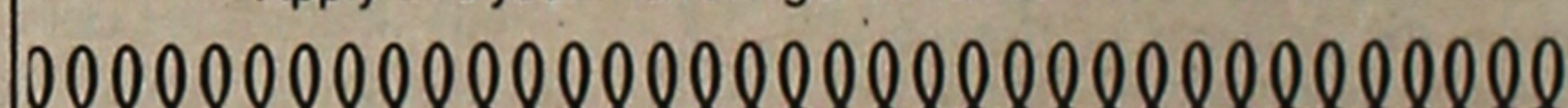
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