

First PSWDC trust fund disbursements announced

Rosemead, Ca.

The first six recipients of grants from the new \$107,000 Pacific Southwest District Trust Fund were announced by Dr. Roy Nishikawa, trust fund chairman, at the PSWDC spring quarterly session hosted by the Pan Asian JACL here May 20 at the Bahooka's Restaurant. They are:

- 1-JACL Nisei Relays Committee, \$750;
- 2-Okinawa Project, \$525;
- 3-Japanese Welfare Rights Organization, \$500;
- 4-Koreisha Chushoku-Kai, \$500;
- 5-Nisei Senior Citizens Project, \$500; and
- 6-Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors, \$500.

The first disbursements were made late last year to the JWRO and Koreisha Chushoku-Kai for their respective Holiday Cheer projects.

The Nisei Relays Committee received a total of \$1,500 from the district council, \$750 from the trust fund and \$750 from the district council treasury, to help meet travel expenses sending up Nisei

Relays qualifiers to the JACL California state track championships June 10 at Oakland.

About \$5,000 will be available for a given year, it was explained by Dr. Nishikawa, who said application forms are available through John J. Saito, PSWDC regional director, JACL Office, 125 N. Central Ave., Los Angeles, 626-4471. Grants are made for charitable causes to established community groups, especially as seed money to launch new projects, Dr. Nishikawa explained.

All applications are considered initially by the regional director to see if the main requirements are met, then by the district council executive board, the district council and finally the trust fund trustees. The trustees are:

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, chmn; Wiley Higuchi, PSW governor; Mike Nishikawa, past PSW gov.; Mas Dobashi, PSW vice-gov.; Frances Kitagawa, sec.-treas.; Hiroshi Shimizu and Stuart Tsujimoto.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Spring cleaning clears office debt

By HARRY HONDA

Rosemead, Ca.

Lighter-than-usual Sunday traffic on the freeway suggested the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council meeting here May 20 would encounter quorum problems. But 13 chapters were present and held to be a sufficient majority of the 17 chapters in good standing as of the date of the quarterly session.

Upon query of San Diego delegate Mas Hironaka (he gassed up in Tijuana before coming up Interstate 5 to Los Angeles), a quorum was determined from the number of chapters in good standing rather than the number of chapters chartered (32) in the district, according to Cary Nishimoto, DC legal counsel.

It was attorney Wiley Higuchi's first meeting where-in he presided as district governor, stepping up from vice governor after past governor Paul Tsuneishi resigned. It was John J. Saito's first meeting as the new regional director, reporting that he had spent a week at Headquarters to secure an update of JACL programs and an orientation on JACL administrative practices.

"To give Saito a clean start," as one delegate commented, the district council authorized \$3,500 to pay outstanding office bills incurred by the regional office over the past several quarters.

Other allocations were made, including \$1,500 (with \$750 from the district trust fund) to Nisei Relays Committee to help send a team to the JACL-California state track meet in Oakland June 10, a special \$20 reimbursement to PSWDC executive board members who must drive 100 miles or more to attend the executive board meetings during the gasoline crunch, and a \$2,500 kickoff contribution to be recom-

mended to the A. L. Wirin Memorial Foundation to support a summer intern program. The JACL goal is \$10,000.

Chris Naito of Pan Asian reported on the recent Tri-District Conference meeting at Fresno, reminding that it was Pacific Southwest's turn next in 1981. Kathy Chono, Pan Asian chapter president and till recently the PSW office secretary, reported on the 1978 Holiday Cheer.

Phil Shigekuni, PSW redress committee chair, reported the \$12,500 national budget for redress campaign this year has been expanded and it was now necessary to launch a fund-drive to continue the campaign.

Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, reporting on Little Tokyo Towers,

of which the PSWDC-JACL is a sponsoring corporate member, said in the three years of its operation, about 20 changeovers have occurred in the 300-unit senior citizen apartment, while the wait-list exceeds 400. He does not envision any additions to Little Tokyo Towers in the foreseeable future.

PC Board member Jim Seippel of Selanoco said the board met during the Tri-District at Fresno in April to spell out the role of the board members and also approved acquisition of the Linoterm to improve PC's in-house production facilities.

Dennis Kunisaki urged JACL establish a county-wide blood bank and revealed plans to have a Red Cross

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Wendy files with Cal supreme court

San Francisco

Wendy Yoshimura has filed an appeal asking the California Supreme Court to overthrow her conviction on weapons charges. The State Public Defender's Office, which filed the appeal, contended the appellate court should have barred certain evidence introduced by the prosecution plus evidence of criminal offenses by others should not have been admitted.

Yoshimura, 35, was convicted in 1977. A fugitive, she was arrested with Patricia Hearst in a San Francisco apartment in 1975.

Addabbo Law (PL 95-507) amended, Asians renamed among 'minorities'

Washington

Asian Americans have been reinstated as a "minority" under the definition for "socially and economically disadvantaged" in Public Law 95-507—the former Addabbo bill which allows preferential treatment to federally designated minorities in awarding government contracts.

The House of Representatives this past week (May 22) approved without objection by voice vote an amendment (HR 4011) introduced by Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Cal.)

to put back Asian Americans in the law.

In its original form, the Addabbo bill had listed blacks, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans and Asian Americans but when it was passed and signed, Asian Americans were omitted. The oversight was not apparent until regulations were published for implementation (Apr. 20 PC).

The measure now goes to the Senate.

Mineta said he offered the amendment because of his concern that actions taken during the

last Congress to exclude Asian/Pacific Americans from the programs were "extremely hasty and with a potentially disastrous effect on the development of Asian businesses... Asian Americans have participated in the minority small business development program for the past 10 years—since the program began. Until last year, the Administration determined the minorities eligible for the program, and there was never any question of the fact that Asians are a socially disadvantaged minority. Yet, when the last Congress made the first designation of minorities eligible for minority business programs, Asian/Pacific Americans were the only minority struck from the list who had been eligible in the past."

JACL POSITION STATEMENT:

Hayakawa Comment on Price of Gas

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) last week (May 21) announced its position on Senator Hayakawa's recent comments related to the price of gasoline and its impact upon the poor.

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Senator Hayakawa's remarks are thoughtless, cruel and insulting. Any responsible public official would be well aware of the need for all classes of American society to share equally in the resources of this nation. In particular, the poor and elderly are in need of gasoline to seek employment, attend church, obtain health services in hospitals and community centers.

This comment is but one of a rash of poorly conceived and thoughtless remarks made by Senator Hayakawa that is clearly reflective of his lack of compas-

sion for the well-being of people. He has condemned the struggle of minority communities in seeking equity as a *minority hustle* and in so doing has defamed the efforts of civil libertarians of American history. As a semantacist, his comments are unusually cruel. As a public official, his comments are irresponsible.

In this time of American history, the public is looking to its elected officials to assume the responsibility that is demanded of public office. The American public does not need verbiage or arrogance. The American public seeks responsible leadership. Senator Hayakawa's recent remarks amount to an abdication of leadership. Senator Hayakawa owes an apology to the American public and in particular the poor people of California.

—KARL NOBUYUKI
National Executive Director

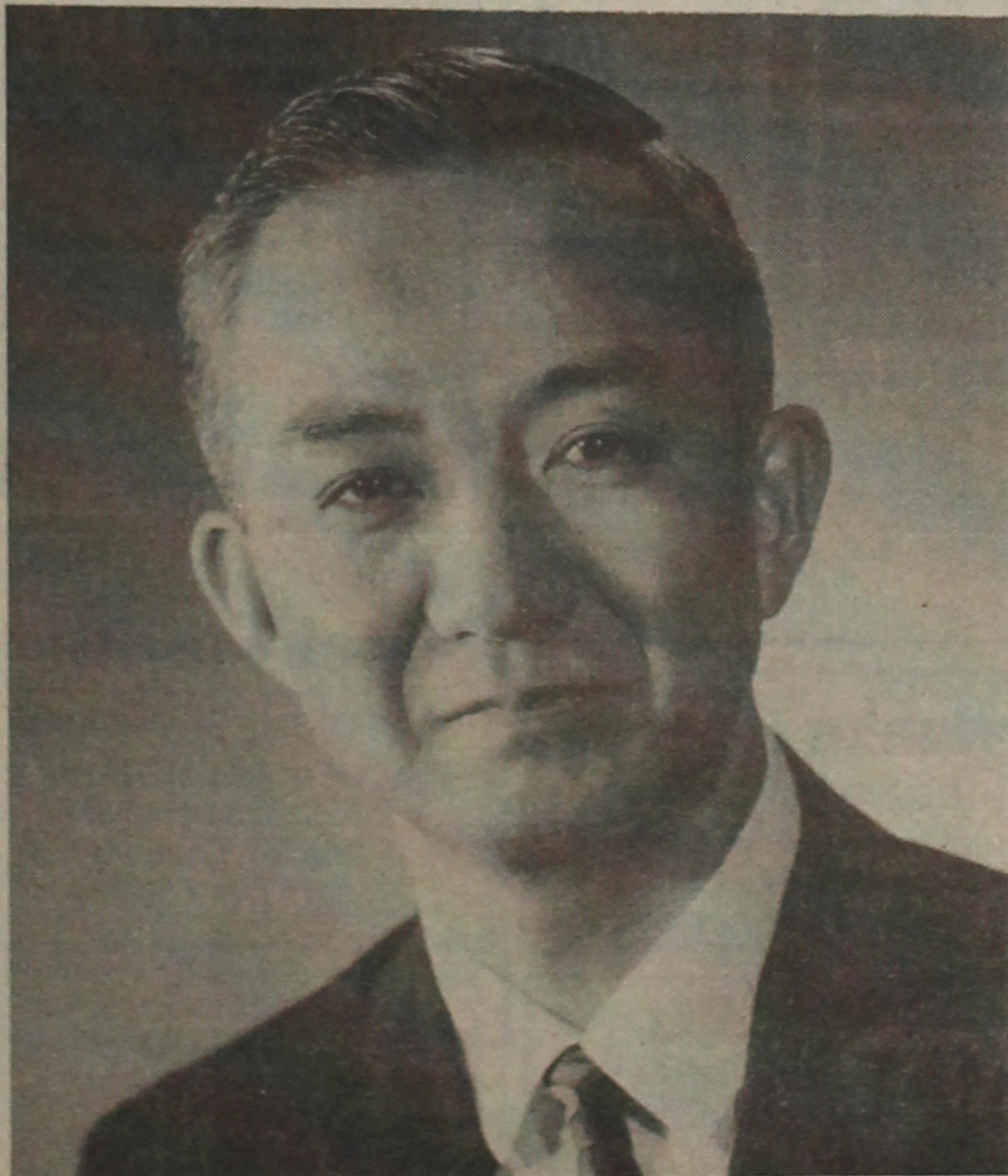
Harvey Itano: first Nisei named to Nat'l Academy of Sciences

San Diego, Ca.

Dr. Harvey A. Itano, professor of pathology at the Univ. of California, San Diego, became the first Nikkei to be elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences last April at its 116th annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Itano is known best for his work with sickle cell anemia, a hereditary anemia afflicting mostly black people. He was co-discoverer, with Drs. Linus Pauling and Jonathan Singer, of the inherited abnormal hemoglobin "S", which causes sickle cell anemia, and also is co-discoverer of hemoglobins "C" and "E," and discoverer of hemoglobin "D."

For his discoveries, National JACL honored Itano in 1954 with a Special Award of Distinguished Achievement. In 1972, Itano received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Achievement Award from the Philadelphia Chap-



Dr. Harvey Itano

ter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, also for his contributions in sickle cell anemia research.

He was graduated from the Univ. of California at Berkeley in 1942 with the highest scholastic record of his graduating class but was unable to attend graduation ceremonies because Evacuation of Nikkei had begun, and Itano was in the Sacramento (Walerga) Assembly Center. He received his M.D. in 1945 from St. Louis University and Ph.D. in 1950 from the California Institute of Technology.

In 1970, Itano retired from the U.S. Public Health Service with the rank of medical director after 20 years of service. He had been senior assistant surgeon to the medical director at the National Institutes of Health and visiting professor at the Institute of Protein Research at Osaka University in Japan.

More recently, Itano has been studying the mechanism of chemically-induced Heinz body hemolytic anemia.

He and his wife, Rose, are active San Diego JACLers.

Three other Asian Americans were among the 60 elected to the National Academy of Sciences for their achievements in original research:

1—Aki, Keiiti, professor of geophysics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

2—Chang, Kwang-Chihm, professor of anthropology, Harvard University.

3—Lee, Yuan, T., professor of chemistry, Univ. of California, Berkeley.

Support for redress

Oakland, Ca.

The Office and Professional Employees Union Local 29, AFL-CIO at its May 16 meeting here passed a resolution submitted by Elaine Yoneda to support passage of a Redress-Reparation bill.

Tule Lake Plaque Dedication

San Francisco

The JACL Tule Lake Plaque Dedication Committee, which had increased its goal from the original \$10,000 to \$15,000 because of increased cost to construct the monument at the Tule Lake camp site to accommodate the plaque and time capsule, was grateful in the generous support of its project from nearly 700 donors who had contributed 98.8 per cent of the goal 10 days prior to the dedication, which was May 27.

The recent donors were:
No. 13—May 9, 1979

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Satow Fund

San Francisco

Nine more contributions during the month of March plus some interest recorded at the end of March 31 have boosted the JACL-Mas & Chiz Satow Memorial Fund to \$35,203.63, it was announced by Tad Hirota, fund treasurer.

Proceeds of the funds go toward research and writing the JACL History by Denver Post associate editor Bill Hosokawa and key distribution of the book when finished. Latest donors are:

#11—As of March 31, 1979

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FUND SUMMARY

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Deaths

Torao Fuchigami, 52, of Long Beach, Ca., died May 14. His sister-in-law Yuki Fuchigami is travel coordinator at JACL Headquarters. Surviving are w Mitsuko, s Steve, d Cheryl, Geraldine Abejon.

John Kaichiro Inadomi, 81, founder of the JonSon's market chain in eastside Los Angeles, died May 23 at his Whittier home. Active in community work, he was decorated with the Order of Sacred Treasure, 5th Class, in 1976. Surviving are w Mitsuyo, s Yoshi, Manuel, d Tazuko, Chiyeko Chen, Grace Naruse, Lilly Sasaki, 16 gc, br Manuel.

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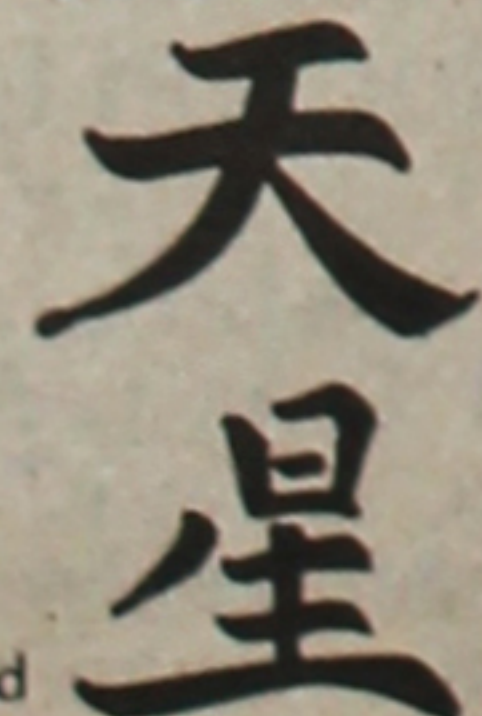
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\$50 and up—Roy Y Murano, Monterey Park.
Total this report (50)\$865

FUND SUMMARY

May 3 Total	586	
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No. 13 Report	36	900
No. 14 Report	50	865
May 16 Total	672	\$14,828

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bloodmobile posted during Nisei Week in Little Tokyo. At least 60 donors are needed to request a bloodmobile.

Question of which chapter would take up the PSWDC bid to host the 1982 National Convention was tabled. None of the chapters present showed the slightest inclination.

George Kodama, national JACL treasurer, in studying the latest national membership figures, sees a \$100,000 shortfall for 1979, which can be eased if chapters work for 100% membership renewals and 7% more. A cutback in operation may come as he said he didn't think JACL should borrow to continue operations. He also lauded the \$3,000 contribution from Fishing Processors given to National JACL with no strings attached except a report on how the contribution was utilized.

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THE CHILLING FACT IS THE SAME:

Nikkei and Jews both interned by their own nations for only one reason — Ancestry!

This appeared in the Honolulu Star Bulletin-Advertiser for Sunday, May 20, and was also scheduled for the Washington Post "ed-op" page.—Ed.

BY DANIEL K. INOUE
United States Senator
Washington

In the years of World War II, a tragic page was written in American history, one that is given little attention in most textbooks. While soldiers fought overseas to protect the human liberties promised in our Constitution, those same liberties were being trampled by official government actions.

This was a time in which the American government turned against 70,000 of its own citizens, with mass arrests and incarceration without trial. Guilt was determined quickly, simply and without appeal, based on one's racial ancestry.

The December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese panicked the U.S. populace and provided officials with a convenient justification for the arrests and internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans on the suspicion that they may be aiding the enemy. It should be noted that no Japanese American was ever convicted or even charged with espionage or sabotage. There were no similar mass arrest in Hawaii, where Japanese Americans were a large part of the pop-

ulation and contributed importantly to the military defense effort. Nor were there any mass arrests of Americans of German or Italian ancestry, although these nations were as much enemies as Japan.

Public ignorance, economic greed, and the failure of our highest public officials to successfully challenge a vigorous anti-Japanese campaign, led to this ill-considered action by the U.S. government.

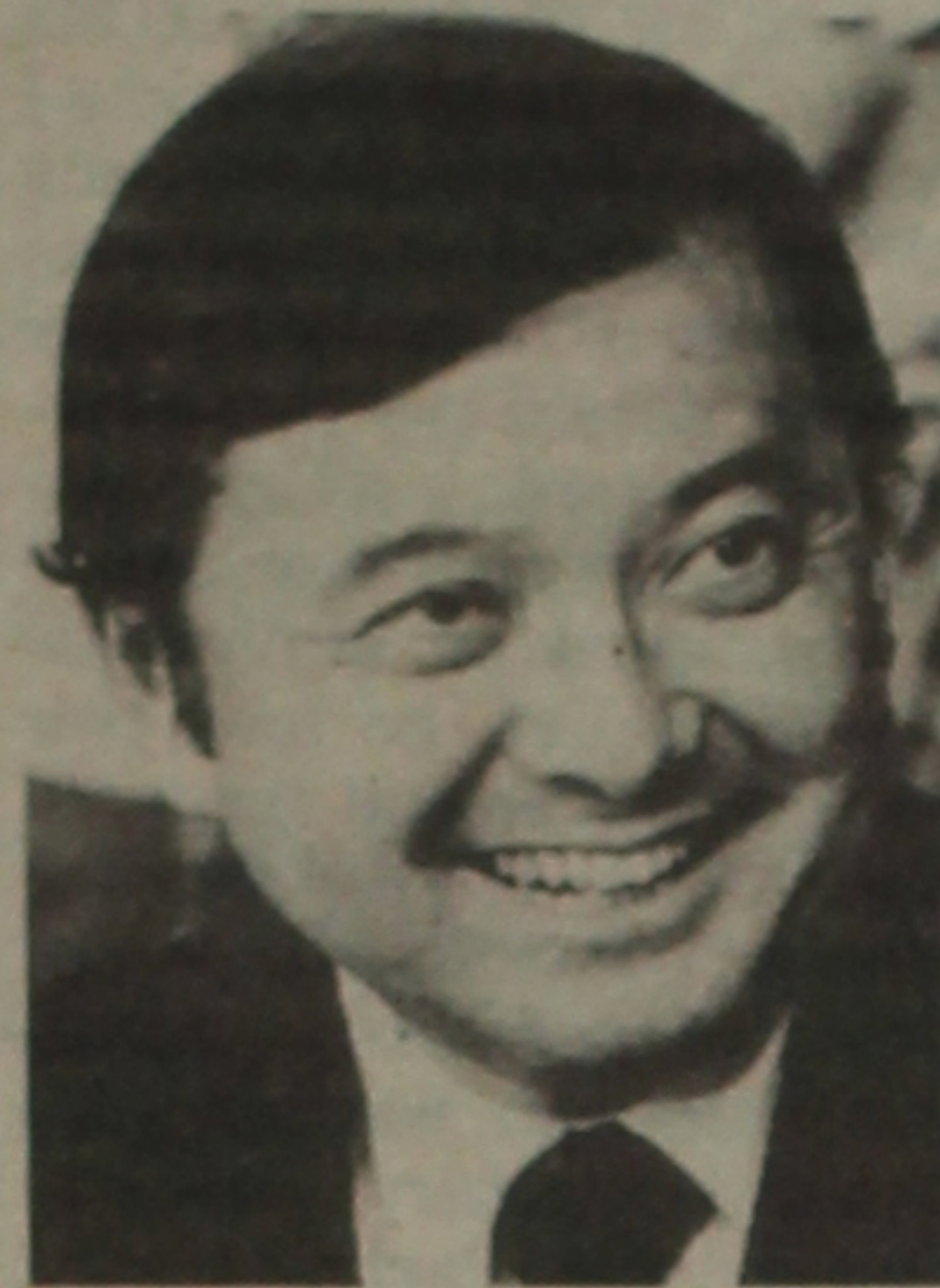
The proclamation of May 4-11 as Pacific/Asian American Heritage Week came at a particularly significant time, when Congress is preparing to consider legislation that may help those who suffered from the internments.

First, some background. The immigration of Japanese to the United States and Hawaii in the 1880s resulted from the pleadings to a reluctant Japan government to allow some of its citizens to work in Hawaii's sugar fields and the West Coast's fruit and vegetable farms. By 1900, there were an estimated 61,000 in Hawaii and 24,000 on the West Coast.

These immigrants soon moved from the fields to develop their own small farms, turning unwanted land into fertile, productive acres through sheer toil. Large agricultural farmers on the West Coast, who had formerly eagerly sought these laborers, now saw them as serious economic competitors. This resentment escalated into mob violence and forced evictions of some Japanese Americans, who were also denied citizenship (although their children were born as citizens) and barred from certain occupations. Their children spoke English and were culturally as American as anyone else, but were prohibited from some public schools and socially isolated.

The West Coast news media portrayed the Japanese Americans as a "yellow peril", furthering public ignorance and fears. Aggressive military actions by Japan in Asia during the 1930s aggravated tensions. Japanese Americans became linked in the public mind with this warring nation, although immigrants to the U.S. had severed their ties to Japan, and their children knew little of their ancestors' home.

Reports by the State Dept., FBI and Navy Intelligence prior to the Pearl Harbor attack certified that Japanese Americans were extraordinarily loyal to the American government and posed no threat of subversion. But these reports



Sen. Daniel Inouye

were ignored or quickly forgotten by high-ranking government and military officials amid public pressure in the days following the attack.

Over the objections of the Attorney General and FBI Director, President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Feb. 19, 1942, issued Executive Order 9066, which authorized any military commander to exclude any person from any U.S. area. General John DeWitt, military commander of the Western Defense Command, then set in motion a series of military orders moving 120,000 Japanese Americans—two thirds of them U.S. citizens—out of their homes on the West Coast. They were provided only a few days' notice to sell homes, businesses and personal possessions, and allowed to take only what they could carry.

The San Francisco Federal Reserve Board has estimated that \$400 million worth of property was lost by Japanese Americans as they were forced to sell at a fraction of actual values.

It is hard to imagine what it was like in the 10 mass detention camps built by the U.S. government in isolated inland areas of the Western states. Barbed wire fences, armed guards, sentry watchtowers—all against a people known for their law-abiding and patriotic nature.

Babies, orphans, adopted children, the ill and the aged—anyone who possessed even a drop of Japanese blood—all were included in the detention orders aimed at protecting against saboteurs and spies.

As a resident of Hawaii, I was not affected by the West Coast internments, but I participated in a 442nd Regt. Combat Team program which allowed a 24-hour visit with friends or relatives in the camps. In this heavily guarded, dusty, crowded prison

camp in Rohwer, Ark., 24 hours seemed like an eternity. I feel a genuine sympathy for lives and families that were forever ruined in what must have appeared to be a hopeless situation that lasted up to four years.

Dozens of internees were shot and wounded by guards. Eight were killed. Some others committed suicide out of despair, went insane, or died in poor medical facilities.

Despite these camps, hundreds of eligible young men volunteered for the war as interpreters or combat troops, distinguishing themselves in combat while their families were held captive by the Nation for which they fought.

After the war, the internees returned to their West Coast homes to find their jobs filled by others, and their homes, farms and property long since taken over by others. College careers were disrupted, perhaps never to be resumed if there were families to feed.

Many have never recovered from the psychological trauma caused by the internments, and some families never reunited after children drifted apart in the communal atmosphere of the camps.

The 5th and 14th Amendments to the Constitution guarantee that life, liberty and property shall not be deprived

anyone without due process of law. One of the saddest aspects of this episode was the failure of the American government—the Executive Branch through Congress through the Supreme Court—to prevent or even protest the mass arrests and incarceration.

Three decades may seem a long time in which to correct an error, but the record shows pitifully little in the way of compensation to 120,000 persons against whom a drastic wrong was committed.

- The Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 provided Japanese Americans with about 8% of their actual total losses estimated at \$400 million.

- Congress has enacted legislation providing former internees with credit for civil service and social security retirement lost during the camps.

- It was only in 1976, some 34 years since the day of its issue, that Executive Order 9066 was officially rescinded by President Gerald Ford, who stated, "We now know what we should have known then—not only was the Evacuation wrong, but Japanese Americans were and are loyal Americans."

The American government, then, has yet to compensate internees adequately for the property they lost; to study the psychological effects of this traumatic period on internees; or to pay for the pain and suffering caused by the

unjustified actions.

It is ironic that West Germany is making a restitution payment, at the insistence of the allied nations, of some \$35 billion to \$40 billion to Jews and Jewish institutions persecuted during the war. I do not assume to compare the murders of millions of Jews to the wartime situation in the United States, but the chilling fact is the same: both were imprisoned by their own countries for only one reason—ancestry.

The Japanese American Citizens League is working with members of Congress on legislation which would establish a commission to study the matter of reparations to former internees. This commission would be composed of impartial individuals who would conduct hearings and listen to those affected by the internments. It would make recommendations to Congress on any further compensation that may be appropriate.

Honor is very important to the Japanese Americans. It is this sense of honor that brought my family to Hawaii, in hopes of repaying a debt to my ancestral village damaged by a fire. It is this same sense of honor that obliges the American government to write a fittingly just conclusion to a sad episode in our history. #

Trib Eastbay poll against reparation

Oakland, Ca.

On the question, "Should Japanese American citizens who were interned during World War II receive reparations?", raised May 13 in the Oakland Sunday Tribune "Citizen say-so" feature, the Trib Eastbay poll showed:

37% Yes, 59% No, 4% No Opinion (116 readers).

Those who said yes commented generally "their rights were violated" while those opposed held the "action was justified".

In Los Angeles, the principle of redress for Japanese Americans interned during World War II was supported by the ACLU/So. Calif. board of directors at its May 16 meeting here. "We recognize that the redress sought is not for property losses, but for the violation of civil rights, wrongful imprisonment, loss of income, and psychological, social and cultural damages," the resolution declared.

ATTENTION!

To All Former Inmates of Block 23, Canal Camp, Gila River Relocation Ctr, Rivers, Ariz.

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Non-westerners



Seventy-five percent of the total JACL membership resides in California. Another 5 percent are in Oregon and Washington. Of the 109 chapters, 70 percent are on the West Coast. By sheer number, the West Coast dominates JACL. This has been one of the problems, especially if one lives away from the West Coast.

It is difficult to avoid contacts with Japanese Americans on the West Coast. Ethnicity is a matter of daily experience. For the rest of America that stretches three thousand miles eastward, JACL is a unique ethnic experience. Many travel long distances to attend JACL meetings and functions.

In California one of the greatest incentives to joining JACL is the group health insurance. Travel privileges, though significant, is a distant second. If these two reasons for joining JACL were not present, the West Coast membership might fall drastically.

Looking at it another way, JACLers away from the West Coast are mostly motivated people, committed to the purpose for which JACL stands. This is their reason for joining. Though hopelessly outnumbered by West Coast members, their sincerity and zeal are both impressive and contagious. How to effectively harness this energy and talent is the major task.

The voices from beyond the Rockies are mostly muted by the time they reach the West Coast. Here we see JACL issues are primarily West Coast issues affecting West Coast Japanese Americans.

Because of their scattered population and because their primary contacts are non-Japanese Americans, east of the Rockies JACLers seem to view our problems in a wider perspective. Politically their congressional representatives outnumber the West Coast by several times. How can their views be heard and be given serious consideration?

Our method might be the strengthening of the District Offices. Another is to increase our Washington, D.C. staff. In an area recognized by every major organization as the key office, our Washington Representative, Attorney Ron Ikejiri, has only one receptionist to help him. Whenever he enters his office, a stack of telephone messages await him. How he manages to do all the things he does is beyond belief.

DOWN TO EARTH: Karl Nobuyuki

Enchantment in Albuquerque



I just returned from my first visit to the Mountain Plains District Council meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The conference and the scheduled workshops went smoothly and everyone seemed to have gained a better sense of involvement with JACL. "Hats-off" to the New Mexico Chapter and their president, Charles Kobayashi, for their Southwest hospitality.

Mr. Ron Shibata, whom many will remember from his participation at the Salt Lake City Convention, was given the credit for "putting

the whole thing together" and I'm sure all the participants will agree that the credit was due. Ron did an outstanding job keeping everything moving along. As for myself, it was good to see a Sansei taking such an active part in JACL.

If the Albuquerque area is typical of New Mexico, one can quickly see why the state is referred to as the "Land of Enchantment". There are fascinating artifacts and legends of the area. I sensed a very strong feeling of culture in the state, and this sense of culture stimulated a sense of pride. Culture did not seem to be considered as a "luxury" but was treated more as a fact of living, and that approach introduced a posi-

tive dynamic in the community.

During the two-day conference, three workshops were held. I was fortunate enough to participate in two of them; one on "The Future of JACL" and the other on REDRESS. The third was a chapter exchange session which provided a "sharing experience" on chapter activities. This exchange evidently stimulated local chapter leaders to try something a little different in their area.

Our NYCC Chair, Cathy Hironaka, joined me in the discussion on the future of JACL, and together we attempted to share with the group the types of activities and issues we should explore

Sgt. Frank Hachiya (Another View)

Editor:

Monroe M. Sweetland elaborately related a poignant saga of Sgt. Frank Hachiya during the war (PC 5/11/79). I believe Frank Hachiya is a man to be eternally remembered by all Japanese Americans. His suffering, exploits, and glorious but tragic ending typifies the record of Japanese Americans during the war years. Only his is more poignant.

He was my classmate in Section One, MIS, at Camp Savage in 1942. We sat side by side. He was tall, handsome, and possessed a refined personality. His spoke fluently both in English and Japanese. A man of few words, he never took issue with anyone.

One morning in 1944, I was shocked to read about his

tragic death in Leyte in the newspaper. A terse U.P. communique reported, among other things, that a Nisei G.I. was felled by the Japanese enemy and that one of the personal items found in his pack was a book by Earl Browder. I was saddened by the news of his death, but at the same time I felt there had existed a lack of in-depth communication between us during the six-month period we stayed together. Frank, as I remembered, was non-committal and non-political on almost everything. Yet, he took that book overseas and read it in the jungle. He did all this without confiding to me. For the benefit of young readers, Earl Browder was the then general secretary of the U.S. Communist Party.

Redress: Pro and Con

Editor:

Last July, the JACL National Convention mandated individual payments in redress for every man, woman, and child who had been interned. On March 3, 1979, after meeting with the Nikkei members of Congress, the JACL Redress Committee violated that mandate and, instead, voted to ask Congress to appoint a commission. This predominantly white commission will determine how much the internees suffered and will decide how much compensation former internees should get.

The Redress Committee cited political realities in defense of their decision.

But there are other realities. There are cultural realities. There is the question of justice for the Issei. One Issei, Shosuke Sasaki of Seattle, speaks for many when he says,

"There is little doubt that Americans of Japanese descent will succeed in getting redress. But for most Issei, justice delayed would be justice denied. The move for a Congressional commission is in effect a move to deny justice to the Issei."

In Los Angeles, the Little Tokyo People's Rights Organization writes,

"The demand for monetary payments is at the heart of the reparations issue. The Redress Committee's decision re-

flects the views of a few Nisei politicians and not the sentiments of the real Japanese community."

We work for a group known as Days of Remembrance. We are not against the National JACL. We are for redress. We brought together more than 2,000 Nikkei in Seattle and 1,500 Nikkei in Portland for two separate days of remembrance. We helped with technical assistance in similar events in San Francisco and Los Angeles. We brought the concept of the February 19th Day of Remembrance proclamations to National JACL. We published the open letter to Senator Hayakawa. We are making redress a national issue.

With the commission bill, the Redress Committee has removed itself from the active campaign. And for this action, Senator Hayakawa has commended them. In San Francisco last month (April 19), the senator said, "I said redress was absurd, and I still think it's absurd. And the Redress Committee agrees it's absurd, because they've withdrawn that demand altogether."

The JACL has not brought Hayakawa around; Hayakawa claims he has brought the JACL around.

With the commission bill, the Redress Committee admits it can't deliver timely

justice for the Issei. The bill means we still have to make the case for redress before talking about the form that redress should take. The Redress Committee refuses to come out in the open with a political campaign. Instead of results, they give excuses.

Political realities can be changed. Yet the Redress Committee has made no attempt to rally popular support. They have not run an effective political and media campaign. They have not projected a vision larger than the problem they are tackling at the moment. Instead of projecting a larger vision, they have reduced their goals. Instead of justice, they talk now of "educating the public."

Driven from home and herded into a concentration camp, a young Nisei of democratic aspiration might have to look for an answer beyond the horizon. I know many of my friends read Earl Browder's books. I did not know Frank did. At any rate Frank would have found out that the Communist Party never offered Japanese Americans support or sympathy during the war, let alone an answer.

After the war when I went overseas, I was told by several friends of mine who served with Frank in the Leyte campaign that he was actually shot to death mistakenly by an American G.I. and not by a Japanese bullet. As I read "Yankee Samurai," I come across similar circumstances that so many Nisei G.I.'s had to encounter in the Pacific. Unfortunately

Frank was unlucky. It really happened to him.

The erasing of Frank's name from the American Legion memorial statue because of his ancestry is a well-published national disgrace. However, as I read Sweetland's account, I realized that a multitude of people at Hood River paid a tribute to Frank. It is regrettable that bad elements always get in the news first. We know now that people at Hood River are as compassionate as any other American. Above all, Monroe M. Sweetland is a commendable person. I was deeply moved when I read how he contacted Frank's family and arranged the burial in Hood River. I say to you, Monroe, you are the kind of person who makes this America strong.

JAMES ODA
Fontana, Calif.

As Karl Nobuyuki stated at the April Tri-District Conference in Fresno, redress does pose political jeopardy for our Nikkei in Congress. Why does the Redress Committee ignore the sympathetic whites in Congress who have held out their hands for a redress bill to support?

It is not enough for the public to be educated. It is not enough for the government to say once again, "We made a mistake." The JACL itself once declared: "Any American who has been injured by false accusation, arrest, or imprisonment is expected to bring

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EDITORIAL:

High Price of Gas

Senator S. I. Hayakawa's modified statement that "only a few of the employed poor drive to work" is an unsatisfactory explanation for his earlier remark.

His basic and unchanged statement is that he doesn't care if the price of gas goes up to \$5 a gallon because the comfortably rich will continue to buy gasoline.

For the poor the increasing gas price also means increase in the cost of public transportation. For the lower middle class, and that's the majority, they will have less for food, clothing, shelter and their children's education.

All Americans will suffer greatly from high gas price—except the very rich, like the Senator himself.—C.U.

can public and take a stand on the constitutional questions of the expulsion and incarceration.

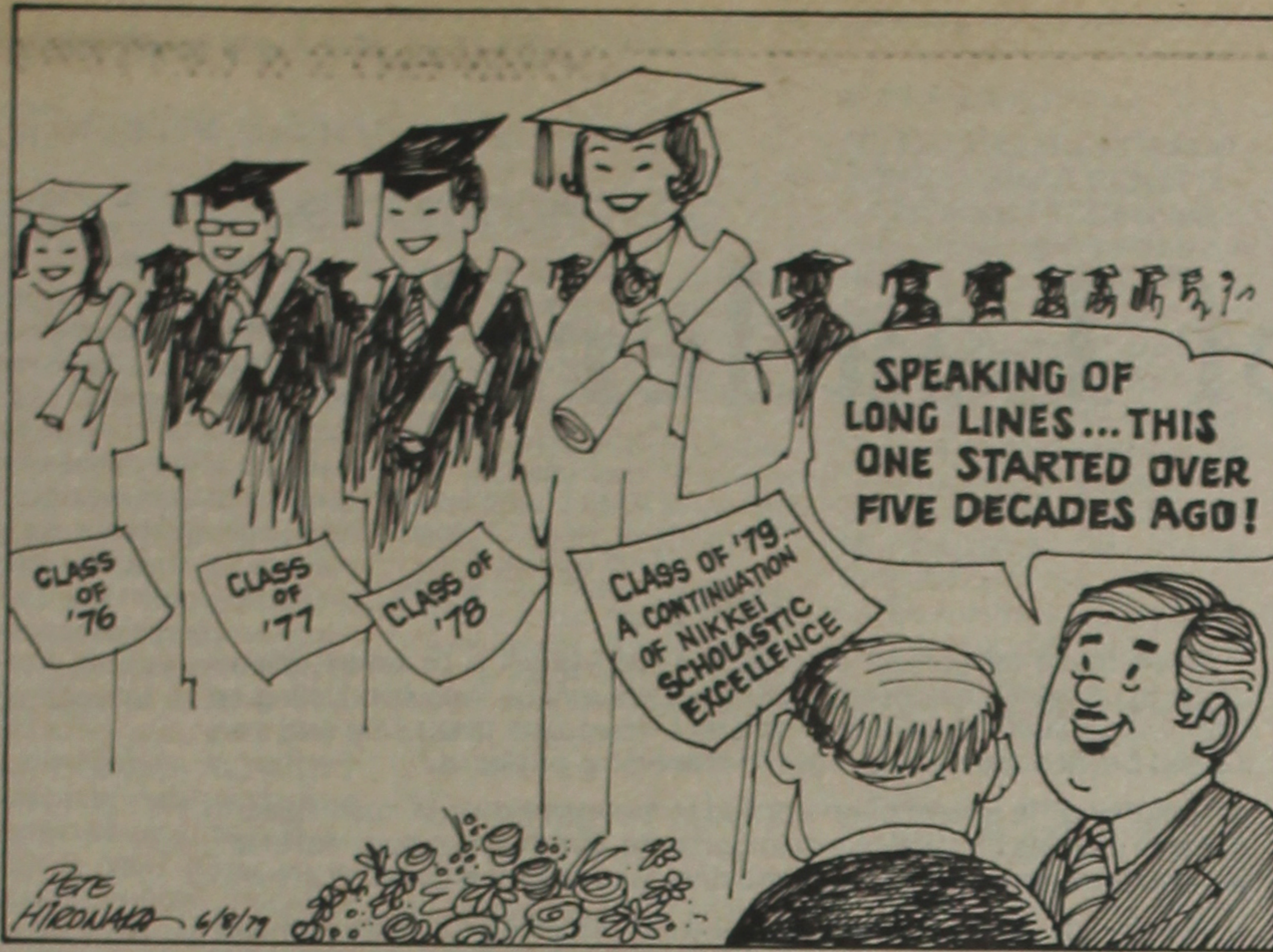
At the same time, I sensed that the membership was well aware that a mere apology was not enough and that some form of REDRESS would have to be made to address the wrong. But most important of all, I believe that the membership in the Mountain Plains recognized that there are many ignorant people in this nation who are totally unaware that Japanese Americans had nothing to do with Pearl Harbor and that the process to educate these people and millions of other Americans will be a monumental task. Yet there was healthy discussion and a solid commitment to pursue this issue. It was good to see Quiet Americans speak up.

Just before departing to

San Francisco the next morning, Min and I had breakfast with the Hershey Miyamura family for casual conversation. I was really impressed with Hershey's presence. I thought, "Here is our only living Congressional Medal of Honor winner. He drove all the way up from Gallup to join his fellow Japanese Americans without fanfare and just blended in. He is a humble man of the highest integrity, a definite role model for the youth in this nation. He's the type of fellow who makes you very proud of being a JACLer and a Japanese American." It was a perfect "high" in wrapping up my Mountain Plains trip.

Lord, when we are wrong,
make us willing to change.
And when we are right,
make us easy to live with.

—PETER MARSHALL



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

A Garden Full of Memories

Salt Lake City

I do not pay courtesy calls to graves anymore. Since my mother's death six years ago, I have abandoned that custom. She was the one who derived some measure of pleasure in decorating graves, particularly those of paupers. As we knelt to wash tombstones and to trim unsightly grass, our work was punctuated by small reminiscences that cemeteries awakened in her.

My mother knew that I did her bidding with reluctance. It may seem irreverent, but to me burial places are not sanctuaries for memories. A narrow plot is too confining. The larger and freer territory of the mind is where I pay my respects, when they are due. Death does not increase or decrease the image of one who lived. Expiration is not an automatic elevation to pseudo-sainthood, regardless of the effusion of eulogies that seems required by some unwritten, common consent.

Sometimes my mother made me feel guilty because of my half-hearted participation in her frequent journeys to cemeteries. "Here," she used to say, handing me a bucket of peonies. "You do the graves over there. And try to show a little artistry in arranging the flowers."

I used to wonder aloud whose eye would be satisfied by the symmetrical perfection of blooms and buds. Surely, not the dead. For as the theologian, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, explained of rarely visiting his mother's grave, "It is merely a symbol, for she is not there."

"Of course, the dead won't care how the flowers are arranged," my mother said. "They won't even know the flowers are here. But other people come to visit cemeteries. They'll know. That's why I put flowers on graves of those without friends or family. So other people won't

Community colleges Fresno, Ca.

Harry E. Hiraoka, longtime Fowler JACLER, will become president of the California Community College Trustees Assn. He has been on the State Center Community College District board for over 13 years.

talk."

I used to ask my mother about those "other people." What concern was it of theirs, to judge the personal expressions of giving or withholding by others? Were they wiser or kinder? Are bouquets of flowers in the gardens of the dead, so quick to wilt and perish in May heat, the ultimate form of remembrance? Or is it in part a public display of duty to satisfy those whose opinions should not matter one whit? Are the dead forgotten without sprigs of flowers? Not if they mean something in your life.

About this time of year, I think of Russ Kano. Not a spring morning passes that I am not reminded of him. He and my other deceased friend, Mrs. Kame Toyota, are part of our garden. They lent inspiration and encouragement. The yard is more beautiful this year than ever before. Of course, every year I say the same thing. And it is not boasting, but a tribute of sorts to my friends who have been dead six years, one in spring and the other in winter. In some strange way, my connection to them remains stronger than to many living acquaintances. There is no mourning in this feeling I have for them. Each memory is bright.

I still imagine Russ in full sunlight. I can see him no other way. It was 15 years ago that he came to survey our lot. He and his family had been operating the Kano and Seo Nursery for one year at that time. Russ was a tree man. When we first went to the nursery for advice, he asked what kinds of trees were on the lot. We confessed we didn't know all the varieties, but there were plenty of trees and some were quite tall. They made a spreading shade in the afternoons. It was Russ who identified the trees for us and advised that some be removed. "You don't want that kind of trash on your lot," he said, pointing to the cottonwood, box elder, scrub oak and a willow.

Noticing our obvious disappointment at having to lose the trees, he suggested we make it a gradual process, removing and planting each

year. Fifteen years ago it seemed like a horrendous project. As Russ selected trees from his nursery stock, I complained that the trees seemed so spindly and small. "I'll never live long enough to see them mature," I lamented.

He laughed and said I should learn to be patient. The burr oak he wanted us to try was only a few inches tall. It was a slow grower. "Quality trees take time to grow," he said. "But it's worth the wait." Today that burr oak stands twenty feet high. It is the first tree outside the study door.

Russ used to surprise us by dropping in when he was in the area. He was interested in the yard, like examining the progress his trees and shrubs were making. Practical advice was generously given. Some of our preposterous ideas amused him. He didn't believe we could plant on one hillside without terracing. When we did it, he shook his head in amazement. It gave him pleasure to inspect the other hill where dandelions and mushrooms poked out of the ground. Once, when I began to extract them, he restrained my hand. "Leave them alone," he said. "They look right where they are. They add to the natural feel you should keep."

He didn't like the tulips we planted on the hillside. "I hate tulips," he said. But he confessed that his yard had tulips, too. "My wife, Dessie, likes them," was his sheepish explanation.

After several springs had passed, I asked Russ when we would be through with the major work in the yard. Was there ever going to be an end? He looked me full in the eye, and that familiar smile of his worked itself into a hearty laugh. "For you, never," he said.

I thought of this last week when we dropped by the nursery to purchase stock for redoing our entire lower level. I told Dessie that this was absolutely the last year of planting. "No," she said, "you'll be back next year."

She is probably right. And I know that next spring and every time I pass a tree in our yard, I'll be remembering Russ.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Kamon: Family Crest

IT MUST HAVE been about five years ago that someone—I have a pretty good idea who—sent my name to a woman in Bath, Ohio, who makes a business of tracking down coats of arms. Eventually she wrote to assure me that the family name Hosokawa "has an exclusive and particularly beautiful coat of arms" which for \$19.95 she could recreate "in color exactly as the heralds of medieval times did it for the knights and noblemen."

The idea of a heraldic coat of arms for the Hosokawa family appeared so preposterous that I wrote a pooh-pooing column suggesting that anything she came up with would be a fake unless it showed stalks of rice rampant on a rice paddy under crossed chopsticks. The column went on to say that wealthy and aristocratic Japanese families had their *kamon*, or family crests, but my ancestors were of such humble origins it would be a waste of time to look for one.

Well, I was wrong. Totally. It seems every Japanese family, even the most humble, has their *kamon*. There are books about *mon*, with thousands of *mon* pictured in them.

The search for the Hosokawa *mon* began in earnest when Frank Ishida, having read the column mentioned above in the "35 Years in the Frying Pan" book, sent me a little flier about Mrs. Kei Yoshida of Los Angeles. She runs an outfit called Yoshida Kamon Art at 312 East First St., Los Angeles, and her business is to find your family crest and for a price reproduce it as a decorative piece.

We wrote to Mrs. Yoshida and in time she was kind enough to write back in great detail to say that while it was impossible to tell what branch of the Hosokawa clan I was descended from it was a name with a long history. She enclosed pictures of two crests, either of which might, or might not be, the right one. The best way to tell for sure, she said, was to have someone check the family tombstones in Japan because almost invariably the *mon* was carved in-

to them.

So on the recent visit to Hiroshima, I asked my cousin, Michizume Fukeda, to take me to the grave of our mutual grandparents. It was several villages away, but not hard to reach by car. We stopped en route to pick up some flowers and incense, parked close by the spot where my grandfather had worked and lived (the house he occupied was torn down some years ago) and climbed a steep hill through a bamboo grove in a gentle rain until we reached an ancient cemetery.

There were perhaps a dozen tombstones, and the area was neatly kept. Fukeda and his daughter-in-law, Yoko, took care of the formalities, like placing the flowers and lighting the incense and offering a Buddhist prayer. Then we began what was, for Alice and me, the real reason for our visit. We looked and found the *mon*, somewhat weathered and a bit mossy, carved into the dark granite at the base of the tombstone.

It was such a plain one that at first it was a bit of a disappointment. There was a circle in the center, surrounded by eight smaller circles, looking for all the world like the dial on a telephone (which was quite appropriate in view of the amount of time the ladies of our family spend on the phone.)

We had neglected to bring Mrs. Yoshida's pictures with us, but it was a thrill later to find that she had indeed picked correctly. What the crest means or symbolizes is unknown at the moment, but perhaps that information will become available later.

Apparently there is enough interest in *Kamon* these days that the more common ones have been made up in sizes suitable for framing, or to wear as pendants or tie clasps. Alice found some at a shop in the Imperial Hotel and picked up a small supply for the family. They make interesting conversation pieces and give one a sense of having roots that go back into history.

Searching for one's family *mon* could well be the next Nisei fad, if it isn't already.

WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ronald Ikejiri



Chapter Action Memos

to influence the legislative process in Washington.

Against 'Opium'—The JACL has joined 4 with other groups in the efforts of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) spearheading a coalition of Chinese American community groups throughout the country to boycott all products sold by Squibb Corp., New York City, to protest their marketing the new perfume, "Opium", under the Yves St. Laurent trademark (see May 4 PC).

"Opium" war of 1979 was announced effective March 31 after Squibbs refused to change the name and have St. Laurent publicly apologize for his insensitivity to Chinese history and Chinese American concerns.

'Think Kodomo'—JACL attended a White House briefing May 23 on the International Year of the Child, which is being celebrated throughout this year. Chapters are encouraged to consider various activities which are listed below. For information, write to:

National Commission, IYC, 600 E St NW, Rm 505, Washington, D.C. 20471

LOCAL IYC ACTIVITIES

- 1—Analyze needs for young people, collect data and promote.
- 2—Establish an IYC steering committee.
- 3—Organize workshops.
- 4—Attend parent education classes and school board meetings.
- 5—Be a "Big Brother" or a "Big Sister"; an after school service groups.
- 6—Organize tour for children.
- 7—Revitalize children centers or playgrounds.
- 8—Organize children's activities with an international theme: film festivals, story-telling, dances and craft, etc.
- 9—Celebrate international children holidays (check with local UNICEF Information Center on Children's Cultures).

Indochinese Refugees — JACL supports efforts of the U.S. State Dept. and Attorney General to increased resettlement efforts assisting Indochinese refugees in the U.S.

There remains a continuing need for U.S. sponsors for refugees. Those interested may contact:

The American Council of Voluntary Agencies, 200 Park Ave South, New York, N.Y. 10003.

A Question of Leadership

The JACL National Board will soon ask each chapter to submit a mail ballot on the question of the Redress Committee's proposed legislative bill. The results of this poll will chart the direction of the redress campaign.

The staff-written columns addressing this redress issue, however, have not provided enough specific information to enable the membership and chapter board members to form a well-considered opinion on this crucial matter.

The Constitutional Studies Commission Bill

The most recent draft of the JACL redress bill provides for a presidentially appointed commission that would conduct hearings to determine

Whether the injustices suffered by Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II at the hands of the United States government from their mass expulsion and unauthorized detention (Ex Parte Endo) in American concentration camps caused great personal suffering and humiliation to loyal American citizens;

...and whether Americans of Japanese ancestry were deprived of their civil liberties on the basis of ancestry alone, and whether it is imperative that the American government redress the violations of human rights and dignity suffered by loyal Americans for their mass expulsion and incarceration.

The commission will, after these hearings, recommend to Congress

the type of financial compensation that should be awarded to victims of the mass expulsion and incarceration; eligibility for financial compensation, amount of compensation per individual and for the subject class; duration of a program of redress and means to preclude governmental excess for future action of this nature.

Analysis

We believe this bill to be in direct violation of the letter and spirit of the resolutions passed by the previous five national conventions. The main points of the 1978 resolution unanimously passed at Salt Lake City covered eligibility for individual payments and the establishment of a trust fund; provisions to be incorporated into a redress bill.

To date, the National Redress Committee has defended its abandonment of the individual payments provision by claiming "political realities" would prevent its successful passage through Congress. The Redress Committee further states that commission hearings would generate great "educational benefits" and that members of Congress would support the presumably favorable recommendations of an impartial fact-finding body.

These assumptions have led the Redress Committee to yield future control of the campaign to a predominantly white body of "experts". Japanese Americans would have little control of a commission or of its ultimate findings.

Commission hearings, in fact, will lend greater credibility to those opposing redress. They will offer a respectable podium to the apologists who will remind commissioners of wartime "military necessity" and rumors of Japanese spies, as well as to the former government officials extolling the amenities of barracks life.

The belief that the commission's findings would accrue a necessary credibility represents a retreat into the passive pattern of seeking confirmation from the American public of facts we have known since 1942. The injuries we sustained have been well documented by the WRA and our own scholars. We must not ask government representatives to tell us what they are willing to do for us, as they did in 1942 and again in the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948. We must have the determination and foresight to maintain control and give positive direction to the redress campaign.

A Lesson from History

In many respects the present campaign to obtain redress resembles the earlier campaign to repeal Title II of the Internal Security Act, also known as the Emergency Detention Act. This law, passed in 1950, permitted the attorney general to place in detention camps any person suspected of "probably" engaging in acts of espionage.

Early on, the organizers of the difficult campaign to repeal Title II faced powerful opposition from the JACL Washington lobbyist and national leadership, who believed that repeal was highly improbable.

We now know they were wrong. The attempt to repeal Title II did fail in the bill's first submission to Congress, but was successful—two years and five separate bills later—in 1971.

"What the JACL establishment failed to recognize at the time," writes Ray Okamura in his history of the campaign, "was that the committee was deadly serious about seeking actual repeal, no matter how overwhelming the task appeared."

Okamura concludes that:

The campaign was successfully guided through the idiosyncracies of the sponsoring organization (JACL) and the maze of the legislative process. However, this campaign is an affirmation neither of the JACL nor of the American political system. On the contrary, the experience proved how very difficult it is for the people's will to be enacted into legislation.

Unity

Given these difficulties, unity on the redress bill is of utmost importance to us all. This concern should not prevent us from conducting an open discussion. The airing of different viewpoints takes time and may indeed be inconvenient to those in leadership positions.

"Infighting" is a term often applied to the expression of such views in order to dismiss their validity or importance. But the term does not in any way address the issues raised and diverts us from the question at hand.

We do not claim that passage of a bill providing for individual payments will be easy. It almost certainly will not. But we are grateful to Congressman Robert Matsui for recently reminding us of John F. Kennedy's words:

Politics is not the art of the possible. Rather, it is the art of expanding the possible.

The Possible

Over the past six years, we have discussed the concept of redress for Japanese Americans with more than 14 members of Congress, all of them white. All have indicated a willingness to support a genuine redress bill. Some have volunteered to introduce or cosponsor such a bill.

The bill we have drafted is the result of discussions with representatives from 23 organizations and of the poll taken in 1975 of all JACL chapters. The bill states that

the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) shall be paid for each person affected by the exclusion and evacuation orders, plus the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15) per day of incarceration.

Individual redress payments shall be drawn from a Special Trust Fund. The fund will be created by persons of Japanese ancestry who elect to allocate a portion of their income tax for this purpose. A Nikkei Trust Fund, comprising unclaimed redress benefits, will be used for educational and cultural purposes and for legal defense.

Analysis

We feel this bill gives positive direction to the redress campaign while adhering to the letter and spirit of the Salt Lake City resolution. We have found this "bootstrap plan" to be particularly attractive to legislators and the Japanese American community because it does not require a massive direct appropriation from the government, but authorizes us to fund redress payments with our own federal taxes over a period of several years. The Issei, who suffered most during the internment and whose numbers decline every year, would receive benefits first. In addition, the Nikkei Trust Fund would enable Japanese American community organizations to become more self-sufficient and less dependent on the vagaries of federal budget controllers.

A Moral Future

The speech by Congressman Matsui reported in the May 11 issue of the *Pacific Citizen* deserves close attention. Mr. Matsui stated:

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

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

Let us have the courage to grasp firmly a moral vision of our future. We urge all chapters to reaffirm the spirit of the Salt Lake City resolution in the June poll.

CHICAGO REDRESS COMMITTEE
SEATTLE REDRESS COMMITTEE

For further information, or for copies of the proposed alternative bill, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Seattle Redress Committee, 316 Maynard Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98104 or Chicago Redress Committee, 5415 N. Clark, Chicago, IL 60640

200 mark Marysville JACL Day of Remembrance rites

Yuba City, Ca.

About 230 persons attended the Marysville JACL program at Yuba College Library on May 14, marking the local observance of a "Day of Remembrance", for it was during the same week in 1942 that all Japanese American families in the Yuba, Sutter, Colusa and Butte counties were evacuated and eventually moved to a concentration camp, most of them to Tule Lake.

Ben Takeshita, NC-WNDC governor, guest speaker, was 12 years old when he and his family in San Mateo were bussed to nearby Tanforan and then to Topaz and Tule Lake. "None of us knew if we would ever see our homes again," he said.

Roy Hatamiya, chapter president, opened with a message of welcome. Life-long resident of Marysville, Frank F. Nakamura, was emcee. Don Johnston of Yuba College, instructor in sociology, also spoke on the Japanese American experience.

The chapter also sponsored three pictorial exhibits during the month at three locales:

(1) Secretary of State March Fong Eu's "Japanese American Experience"—first featured in February when the new consolidated Secretary of State office was opened; material from the State Archives, private collections of the Abe Family, Assem-

blyman Paul Bannai, Calif. Historical Society, Amy Uno Ishii, Ellen Skolnick, UC Davis and JACL; research by Richard Constantine; at Yuba College Library.

(2) The Calif. Historical Society's well-traveled "Executive Order 9066" exhibit at the John Packard Library, Marysville.

(3) Sumitomo Bank's "The Japanese American Contribution: A Bicentennial Perspective" at Sutter County Museum, Yuba City. A collection of pictures submitted from Nikkei families in 1975 with reproduction and art work by Toyo Miyatake Studios.

On the Day of Remembrance committee were:

Gen Chair: Helen Manji; Co-chair: Roy Hatamiya; Exhibit: Kay Matsu-mura, Mason Hatamiya, Alice Nakamura, Sharmen Kobayashi, Sherry Hirai, Sharon Shimizu, Gilbert Azama, Terry Manji; Public Relations: Terry Itano, Emiko Henry, Momo Hatamiya; Special Assistance: Isao Tokunaga, George Nakagawa, Irene Itamura, Iris Hatanaka, Lysa Kobayashi, Linda Shimizu, Mika Fukai, Lynette Kadoi; Programs, Posters and Flyers: Bob Hatamiya, Yuki Kyo-no, George Inouye, George Nakao, Akiji Yoshimura, Roy Hatamiya; Ikebana: Kimi Marumoto, Lucy Azama, Alice Aoyama, Jane Fukui, Irene Itamura.

● Cleveland

NOBUYUKI SLATED FOR JUNE 17 GRAD BENEFIT

Cleveland JACL's scholarship dinner will be held on Sunday, June 17, 6 p.m., at the Hofbrau Haus, 1400 East 55th St. with Karl Nobuyuki, national executive director, as guest speaker. Reservations at \$9 per member, \$8 for students and Issei, are being accepted up to June 10 by chairman Jim Petrus (888-2547).

Other events discussed at the recent May 4 board

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meeting included: (1) an Issei Day program June 3 at Euclid Mall Community Center from 1 p.m.; (2) Japanese Holiday Fair on Nov. 11 with the next planning meeting May 25 with Sachi Tanaka and Dr. Toaru Ishiyama as co-chair; (3) Cleveland JAYS camp outing May 25-28 at Clay's Park in Canal Fulton; and (4) a new Doukokai (mutual interest club) under co-sponsorship of the Cleveland Buddhist Church and JACL.

The Doukokai, intending to show Japanese TV programs via video cassette, is raising \$1,500 to purchase equipment. Monthly weekend showings are scheduled at the Buddhist Church. If the plan fails, memberships are to be returned, assured the Rev. Koshin Ogui, chairman.

● Diablo Valley

FIRST PICNIC SET FOR JUNE 10

Diablo Valley JACL has its first chapter picnic set for Sunday, June 10, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., at Blue Rock Springs, Vallejo. Tom Shimizu and Hannah Yasuda, co-chair,

are being assisted by:

Yasuko Wada, Molli Fujioka, picnic site; Sumi Nakashima, prizes; Ed Kubokawa, refr; Bill Utsumi, phone; Tom Shimizu, games & races.

A barbecue dinner will be on tap.

● Sacramento

20 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR 1979

Winners of various scholarships administered by the Sacramento JACL were announced May 10 by scholar-

ship committee chairperson Midori F. Hiyama. Recipients are:

\$200 AWARDS

(1) Sacramento JACL—Corey Kashiwagi, Luther Burbank High, parents: M/M Tom Kashiwagi; (2) Roy Kurosawa Memorial—Patricia Hayashi, Hiram Johnson High, p: M/M Masao R Hayashi; (3) Sumitomo Bank—Daniel Ramirez, C K McClatchy, p: M/M Robert Ramirez; (4) VFW Nisei Post 8985—Steven Yokomizo, C K McClatchy, p:

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Cleveland—Bd mtg, Buddhist Church, 8pm.

● JUNE 2

Gardena Valley—Queen coronation, JCI.

San Fernando Valley—Scholar awards, JACC, 7:30pm; Mike Ishikawa, spkr.

*Chicago—Market Day, JA Sv Comm, 11am-4pm.

● JUNE 3 (Sunday)

PSWDC—Nisei Relays, West Los Angeles College.

San Francisco—Jr Olympics, Laney College, Oakland.

*San Diego—Summer bazaar, Buddhist Temple, 12n-7:30pm.

Cleveland—Issei Day, Euclid Mall Comm Ctr, 1pm.

Sacramento—Comm picnic, Elk Grove, 11am.

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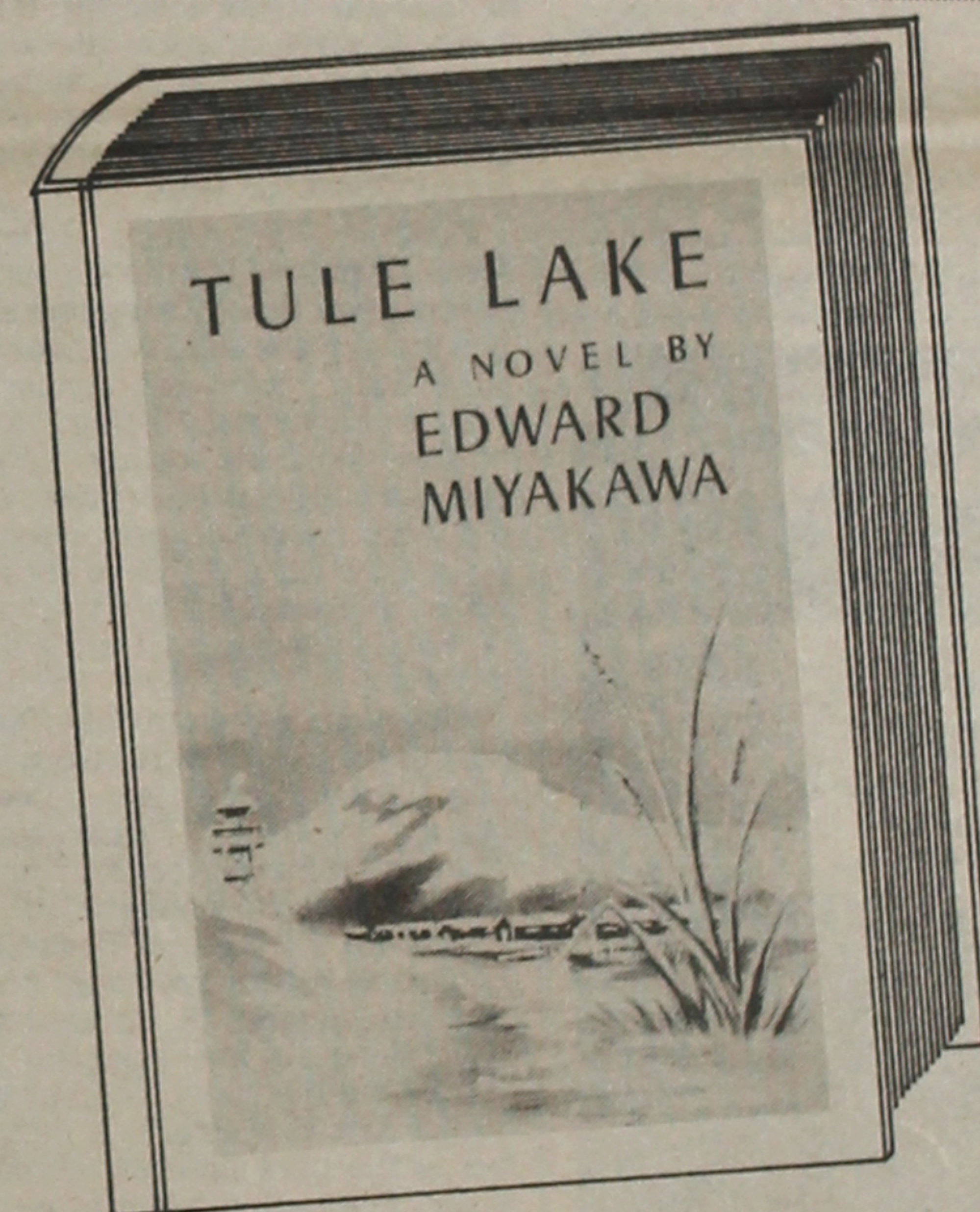
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Isamu Kurokawa has been promoted to executive vice president of the Southern California operations for Sumitomo Bank. **Keiichi Minami**, manager of the Los Angeles Little Tokyo office, will manage the San Jose Main Office.

Tri-Valley JACler **Clifford Yokomizo** of Dublin, Ca., was recently promoted to supervise the advanced components division of Sandia Laboratories, after being engaged in research since joining the firm in 1966. He helped design a solar central receiver system and a solar thermal test facility in Albuquerque. He holds a patent on the fins for a roll-control test vehicle.

Courtroom

Honolulu city deputy prosecutor **George Yamamoto** 35, in charge of circuit court felony cases, resigned May 15 because of his heavy workload for a state attorney general office position. Nine other deputies have resigned in the past seven months. **George T. Nakamura**, 52, a former Honolulu district judge, was sentenced to five years' probation and fined \$500 for the theft of converting for his own use \$10,000 in funds of Waialae Bowl Inc. in 1975. Nakamura was disbarred by the Hawaii Supreme Court last year.

Federal Bankruptcy Judge **Jon J. Chinen** of Hawaii appointed attorney **Scott Nakagawa** as trustee for the estate of Morisuke Taira, who last January filed for bankruptcy listing \$15.9 million in debts owing 1,100 creditors. The debt represents the face value of promissory notes that Taira, 72, gave out at 100% interest over a five-year period, according to Taira's attorney. Three new per-diem Oahu District Court judges were sworn in Mar. 24 by Hawaii State Chief Justice William Richardson. They are: **Arnold Abe**, 38, Univ. of Denver law school graduate; **Ben Kaito**, 52, Univ. of Pennsylvania law school graduate; and **Michael Weight**, 39, Vanderbilt Univ. School of Law graduate.

Oakland-Piedmont Municipal Judge **Ken Kawaichi** is a member of the state small claims advisory committee, which is overseeing a one-year experiment to help legislators decide whether individuals can sue for up to \$1,500 in one of six special small claims courts throughout the state.

Crime

Juntaro Mori, a 32-year-old

Garage owner retires after 32 years



Peninsula Herald Photo
MINORU UYEDA

Monterey, Ca.

Pacific Motor Service, a garage owned and operated by Min Uyeda, 58, with his wife Namiko keeping the books, has a new owner now — William M. Daniel, who was working for Min.

Min retired in March after running the family business for 32 years.

But there were many stories related to Everett Messick of the Peninsula Herald staff that made Min's retirement story unusual.

graduate student from Japan, was arrested April 10 by New York city police and charged with the murder of Sheryl McCormick, 23, who was found in his room at 125 W. 7th St. Both were students at Columbia University's East Asian Studies.

Honors

The Order of Canada, a distinguished award presented by the Governor General of Canada, was awarded April 25 to **T. Umezaki**, 79 publisher of the New Canadian, Toronto, in recognition of community work with Issei and more recently with the Japanese Canadian centennial celebration.

Lyn Hanki, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Richard S. Hanki of Cerritos, was judged "1979 Teen Cuisine Cook-Off Champion" at the Southern California International Wine, Food, and Culinary Arts Show on May 17, at the Anaheim Convention Center. She prepared "Cream Puffs with Olive-Cheese Filling" in the appetizer category. Lyn is a senior at Cerritos High and her teacher is Susan Pendleton. Lyn plans to matriculate at the Univ. of Redlands in the fall. Her parents are longtime members of the Selanoco Chapter JACL.

Two Los Angeles Issei women honored by the Japanese government for cultural contributions and community work were announced on April 29, the Emperor's birthday. They are **Shizu Abe**, 71, 5th Order of the Sacred Treasure; and **Chiyo Fujii**, 84, 6th Order of the Sacred Treasure.

Some recalled that Min said and proved nothing was seriously wrong with a customer's car even though another garage said it needed a \$300 ring and valve job, or that he would tell customers how to fix their own car and even lend them the tools to do it.

Most of his customers have been with him the entire 32 years.

Min was born in Pescadero, went to school in Salinas and Monterey before the war, taking up welding and machine shop at Salinas High. He wanted to be a machinist. Upon Evacuation, the Uyeda family lived on a farm near Denver. Min was fixing the neighbors' tractors during the war years. Min's four brothers also became mechanics and now operate Uyeda Bros. Automotive here.

Min worked at a garage in Denver for three years, returned to California in 1945 and worked at a Salinas garage for a year before opening his own in April, 1947.

He prefers American cars to foreign (even Japanese) cars because "it's harder to

get parts for foreign cars and American cars are better built."

Now that he has time for hobbies—travel is No. 1 since acquiring a camper. He is planning to visit Hawaii and Japan this year. But his garage at home is virtual-

ly a duplicate of his old shop. Whenever he got a new piece of equipment, the old one went to the garage at home. He plans to keep on working on his longtime friends' cars—the widows and old customers who might have problems and want advice "because I don't want them to get taken."



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War ends, but Nisei MISers still needed for wrap-up details

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IN the Philippines, knowing Baguio would be a prime objective of the oncoming Americans and having been subjected to some very heavy bombings (one of which was prompted when Nisei translation of captured documents identified him and his staff as being there), Gen. Yamashita moved out and took his forces to the east. He didn't know it, but he had a spy in his ranks. Richard Sakakida had been hauled along with the 14th Army staff when it pulled out of Manila, and at Baguio he'd been assigned to Japanese intelligence. What an opportunity.

Sakakida could not capitalize on it. He was still being watched, just as Nisei in the American forces were being watched. The cadet colonel from McKinley High's 1939 graduating class could no longer contact Manila guerrillas, and the ones in northern Luzon didn't know him.

At Baguio he noticed that the attitude of some Japanese was, "We will let them come ashore on Leyte, then annihilate them!" This was followed by the stronghold attitude that Baguio, once the road to it from southern Luzon had been blown up, could hold for 10 years. Sakakida couldn't help noticing that there was very little food around to support that supposition. Nor could he help noticing what he'd seen three years earlier—the "Corregidor attitude"—in which enemy airpower was ignored by those on the ground, who figured they were protected from it.

Along with the Japanese G-2 section, Sakakida accompanied Tomoyuki Yamashita eastward, heading toward unexplored territory.

Baguio fell not long after Yamashita abandoned it. The 77th moved in around Okinawa from Ie Shima to relieve the 96th Division. Northeast of Manila, the 6th Division took Mt. Pacagawan, and elsewhere the 33rd took Mt. Mirador, two places of absolutely no significance 90 days later except to the thankful men who had not died in either place. The 38th was east of Manila, fighting behind one of Yamashita's

previously set defense lines, called the Shimbun Line. The 24th had finished cutting across Mindanao, and Philippines President Manuel Roxas was freed by the 33rd and 37th Divisions when Baguio and Camp John Hay came into American hands.

ATIS moved up from Indoropilly, George Kanegai having spent only a short time at Hollandia before he went to its administration. Throughout the Philippines, men were dying. Nisei interpreters were kept busy trying to save lives and defeat the enemy at the same time.

Kazuhiko Yamada arrived at Angel Island in San Francisco, a place that represented one of history's ironic touches. For many Nisei leaving Minnesota, the island near Alcatraz was their

for April 1.

"The Americans will make a feint at landing, but their real objective will be Kadena," the Japanese intelligence estimate read. "They will aim for the air bases at Kadena and Yontan, then cut the island in two, one force heading north and the other south. All approaches, therefore, must be zeroed in by our artillery, and tactics planned to wipe out the tank forces."

This, wrote a startled Nakatsu much later, "was exactly the way it happened!" The whole plan had been prepared by a Col. Yohara, a military genius sent from the Kwantung Army to help Ushijima plan the island defenses. He was grilled intensively after capture by George Inagaki, who was as-

Men of the 306th and 307th worked furiously on it. Nakatsu's team worked with one led by George Kobayashi. Nakatsu recalled for sure that Hiroshi Ito, Ralph Saito, Warren Tsuneishi and Kenichi Ota worked on it, but being a draftsman, perhaps Lloyd Shinsato also did. They labored furiously in a blacked-out tent until it was done and produced an overlay, which was flown back to Pearl Harbor.

Within 72 hours every American artilleryman had one of the thousands of copies made. After that there was no more guesswork, no visual estimate of range. The Japanese had actually taped a lot of the distances shown on their map (as American tankers found out the hard way), but now

minute! There are people running from the spot. Hang on! Whooo-eeeeee!! That she blows!"

Corbat-experienced men remember many things only in flashes. An instant often stands out more starkly in memory than an hour or day. It was this way with Nakatsu. "One day a low-flying kamikaze came in between our hill and the ships," he said, "and all hell broke loose as Kobayashi, Ito and I hit the deck behind the top of one of those mausoleum-like Okinawan graves. An AA shell—maybe a 40mm—hit a pine tree near us and detonated. One of the three other GIs of the Corps headquarters in the ditch where Ito dived had his jugular cut. He died on the spot. We were lucky, or blessed."

He could "island-hop" back to the mainland, gave away the colonel's position. Amiooka's platoon crept up, and Wally shouted, "Aoyagi Taisa!" (Colonel Aoyagi!) at a man he saw in a hollow below him, wearing only *kimono*. The man started to run, got shot, and died while Amiooka was talking to him. In his hand he still had a small pair of scissors. He'd been cutting his fingernails when sighted.

Seiyu Higashi, Leslie Higa, and Jiro Arakaki all found relatives on Okinawa. Higashi found his father, whom he hadn't seen in a dozen years, in the Naga mountains. Higa found aunts, uncles and cousins, while Arakaki finally located his father and nephews in a refugee camp just before the war ended.

YANKEE SAMURAI © by Joseph D. Harrington, 1979

staging place for embarkation into the Pacific. Some prisoners of war were kept there and many more processed through it into the U.S. for confinement, after capture in the Pacific.

To cap the irony, Angel Island had been the immigration station through which so many parents of mainland Nisei linguists had entered America. Walter Tanaka's father had gone there to meet his incoming bride early in the century, and another bride got angry when her new husband gave her a five-dollar feather for her hat. Tunejiro Tanaka had given his bride a fifteen-dollar one!

Dan Nakatsu had on his team in Okinawa with the XXIV Corps one Warren Tsuneishi. Dan also had a brother, Lorry Nakatsu, in India while the Okinawa fighting was going on. "Warren was a most intelligent and scholarly inclined person," Nakatsu said, "with literature as his specialty." Kenichi Ota and Herbert Nishihara were as surprised as Nakatsu when, not long after landing, they read a captured document that was dated around Feb. 10, 1945, but predicted the Okinawa invasion right on the nose—

sisted by a Navy lieutenant named Donated Keen, whom Nisei thought was best among the Caucasian language officers trained during the war.

General Ushijima committed suicide, as did his chief of staff, but they ordered Yohara to try to escape so that he might get away to help with the homeland's defenses. Yohara might have bought it off if the Americans had been shipping Okinawans off the islands, but they were not. He had passed himself off successfully as a civilian and "surrendered", only to be fingered later by the chief of a native village.

When the U.S. forces were still syymied by the Japanese first line of defense, Nakatsu and his buddies got lucky. An American GI, going through the pockets of a dead Japanese officer, found a peculiar-looking map and turned it in. The linguists fell on it with glee. The deceased man had been a forward artillery observer. He'd had on him a complete map of the enemy's artillery locations!

"It was a beautiful map, in Japanese, of course," said Nakatsu, "with precise detail and terrain contours of identical scale as ours. Our artillery grid lines could be laid right on it!"

these precise measurements were in the hands of American gunners.

Nakatsu got a prisoner as interesting as Legs Nishiyama's "Friday", and he called him "Morphine Joe". So long as the man could get enough of the syrettes found in some American medical aid kits, he would "sing" like a bird.

Nakatsu interrogated "Morphine Joe" for four days straight, getting him to indicate on maps the locations of troops, wells, artillery positions, etc. "We let him look at air photos with stereo viewers," said Dan, "and one thing after another came back to his mind as he peered at them. I recall one vivid case."

Morphine Joe swore there was an enemy ammunition dump at a certain location, but examination of aerial photographs could not verify that. Relaxed and even emboldened by syrette fixes, Morphine Joe kept insisting he knew what he was talking about. A spotting plane was sent up, and it helped American artillery zero in on the location Joe had indicated. After "Fire for effect!" was given from the plane, nothing seemed to have happened, and every one was about to give up.

Then, over the radio from the aircraft, came "Wait a

Wally Amiooka's special team finally got to work, mainly with the 27th Division. Leslie Higa's saddest sight was "all the unburied dead, scattered everywhere". It did not make a warm greeting to his ancestral home. In southern Okinawa, tears came to Higa's eyes at seeing "long strands of black hair, hanging from trees. Some civilians chose to remain with the Japanese troops, and as a result got blown to bits".

The team encountered a lot of sad sights, as the wounded civilians began to trickle in. And some beautiful ones, too. Wally Amiooka, leading a special patrol out to find a Colonel Uto, got a tip the colonel's girl friend was in a civilian camp. As he approached, he was struck by a woman combing out her long, beautiful black hair. She had been the leading *geisha* on Okinawa and the colonel's consort. Her furniture had been actually loaded "in the front lines, until the marines came". She gave Amiooka some landmarks of the place where she had last seen the colonel, but no trace of him was found. Being a very large man, he would have been easily identifiable. It was finally guessed that he had drowned trying to swim away.

A man who had been given rice by a Colonel Aoyagi so

TOSHIO Ichikawa, Clifford Konno, Harold Onishi, Eddie Kanemoto, Kenneth Hirano and a lot of other Nisei closed out their war in Manila, where these five and others worked on radio broadcasts beamed at Japan and also on a special newspaper, *Rakkasan Shimbun* (Parachute News), which was dropped wherever B-29s flew. It contained factual war news and was illustrated. They used Japanese POW's to help them give the paper authenticity and to assist with idioms. One of the 10 Japanese did what many people on both sides did when peace came. Morikazu Akitake took home to Japan a souvenir copy of every one of the 23 editions manufactured. Hirano had to go armed to protect his Japanese assistants from marauding Filipinos.

Henry Goshu was back in the States, and discharged, when Hitler killed himself and Germany surrendered. Ken Sekiguchi, with an aviation radio interception unit in the Philippines, was able to write of his own particular area as "idyllic", but added that his work required no "baptism of fire", and that men of his unit were "not likely to become candidates for the Purple Heart". Sadao Toyama got commissioned the second week in May and

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Sadao Toyama (resting arm on stairs) and other linguists are destined to be veterans of the China-Burma-India theater of war.

YANKEE SAMURAI

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although himself a non-drinker, bought a congratulatory Caucasian fellow officer a drink, then started back for his own billet. An Air Corps officer "captured" him, the man's pistol-holding hand so shaky that Toyama decided to just go along with him, keeping his mouth shut until they passed a building where he knew some poker-playing correspondents. They recognized him and got him loose.

By the end of May the marines and 77th Division were occupying Shuri Castle on Okinawa. The back of the enemy defenses was broken, but thousands of combat troops were still running loose, a constant threat. By this time all Japanese citizens had been proclaimed "soldiers" by the militarists, and *Katsu Go*, the all-out defense plan for the home islands, had been issued. It accentuated heavily the use of suicide weapons—on land, in the air, at sea and under it.

John Aiso, now in uniform as a major, accompanied 536 graduates of Snelling to Manila, and they went to work under the grandstand of Santa Ana racetrack. A remarkable photograph of linguists at work shows row upon row of black heads of hair, each bent over a desk stacked with papers. Nisei were translating captured documents that could now be weighed by the ton! The Nisei heads were all turned away from the camera, lest the picture fall into the hands of anyone who would do their Japan-resident relatives harm.

Nisei were landing with Australian units at Brunei and Balikpapan, Borneo now. Michio Shinoda wrote from India that dates would soon be ripe on the tree outside his sleeping quarters. Harold Nishimura wrote from Saipan, telling how its

occupation was now peaceful. He promised to try to have a picture taken when he returned to Hawaii but said he might not be able to because, "My wife is very superstitious about having pictures taken together until the war is over." He figured he'd just have to settle for enjoying his Hawaii home.

July 1 is a good point in history as any to size up the war's situation because nothing materially changed after that.

Unbelievably huge masses of men were gathering to crush Japan, since nearly all the troops in Europe were now free to assist in that task. Although the American navy had at least 10 times as many ships as it needed in western Pacific waters, hundreds more were coming. Japan had not one effective air-

needed, as the first half of 1945 ended, was someone at the top in Tokyo to admit it. Three million people had fled Osaka and Nagoya, leaving those cities no work force whatever. Japan had 8,000 planes hoarded, plus some 4,500 waterborne suicide weapons in caves and inlets. All were poised for one last dying thrust into the oncoming enemy's vitals. People were being conditioned and prepared to "die together, with honor". Insanity had reached its peak.

Rice sold at 46 times the legal price, flour at 76, potatoes 24, and sugar 200 times what the government said should be paid. Farmers flourished while city people were sapped of spirit. Oil supplies in Japan were only 8 percent of what had been on hand in December 1941, and that had been a year's

nese law so no later jingoist would have an "out" and was swiftly transferred away from Manila as soon as he'd finished.

Tom Imada handled the first Japanese party that came to Manila. No Nisei appeared in pictures with Sidney Mashbir when he greeted this delegation. He later wrote a self-serving book called "I Was An American Spy". It gave some Nisei credit for their work in Australia and New Guinea but had limited sales.

The book did not credit Kay Kitagawa for doing the original research that let Mashbir uncover how Japanese ultra-secret police controlled the Japanese citizenry. It was done via a one-responsible-for-ten, combined with one-responsible-for-ten ten's, and then one-responsible-for-ten hundreds, system of thought control. Kitagawa, near the war's end, took a special prisoner back to the U.S., and to keep the man's morale and dignity at a happy level, changed uniforms with him before boarding an airplane. It got him arrested by British intelligence in the Fijis.

Tom Sakamoto went over the final draft of the actual surrender document used on board USS Missouri and was one of the few Nisei allowed on board the battleship for the ceremony. Nimitz did not have great affection for Nisei.

Hoichi Kubo may have come away from the war more satisfied than any Nisei. "I was in on the start and the finish," he happily told the author. "I saw planes coming through Kule Kule Pass on December 7, and on Okinawa I saw more Japanese planes, those special planes—with the green crosses on them—that were taking the Japanese surrender party to Manila, to give up."

(End of Chapter 15)

Bookshelf

● Political Thoughts

Twelve Japanese scholars and critics discuss "how people get along with each other" in a crowded Japan. That day of Aug. 15, 1945, meant "democratization" but which had very little popular participation because of previous history.

But Japanese protests in recent memory (the 1960 riots against renewal of the U.S.-Japan security treaty, land expropriation at Sanrizuka, etc.), show how the patterns of political behavior have changed from the time the Japanese tradition of saying "no" was weak in face of paternalism.

AUTHORITY AND THE INDIVIDUAL IN JAPAN, edited and translated by J. Victor Koschmann (Univ. of Tokyo Press, \$19.50 cloth, 318pp, index & notes; distributed in U.S. by ISBS, Forest Grove, Ore. 97116) covers this political picture in two parts (prewar & postwar), each with a solid overview and introduction to guide students of history and society into Japanese political thought.

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Much of the wrap-up work to end the war was done by Nisei, although few got any credit for it.

craft carrier in service, while Uncle Sam could range nearly 100 against her.

Resistance had ended on Okinawa. In the Philippines more men of Yamashita's force were dying *per month*—of disease and starvation—than he lost in 100 days of combat while taking Singapore. On the island of Kyushu, Japanese defenses were set inland, away from the beaches but *too far* from the shores. Too much room had been left for the American enemy to land and maneuver. It would take months to change things.

Coal in Japan was at an all-time low. The fall of Okinawa had been announced, sending the homeland populace into shocked mourning. It was digging in for an all-out, last-ditch fight if the militarists had their way. The diehards had even persuaded elderly ladies to arm themselves with wooden spears against invaders.

The war was lost. All it

supply.

In the Philippines, 500,000 men were lost to Japan. In Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka, the fire bombings of Curtis LeMay had burned or killed nearly 300,000 people. More than 40 percent of the people in those three cities were homeless, without prospect of new shelter. What had been referred to as the Southern Resources Area was in the possession of Japan's enemies. Japan had to live off what it had at home, and that wasn't enough. Bombings and shellings were daily making it less. Overseas troops were either living off the land or starving. At any moment, Russia was expected to join the war, taking advantage of Japan's helplessness.

One word kept beating through minds in Japan—surrender! It was repugnant because the word had never appeared in the nation's history. But thoughts continued turning that way. An entire people, an entire culture, an entire way of life was about to be destroyed, otherwise.

"Surrender—surrender—surrender" is what Allied leaflets dropped everywhere said, including the ones that looked like 10-yen notes until you turned them over.

Two atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Unable to bear any longer what was happening to his country and people, Emperor Hirohito ordered his top officers and diplomats to accept the offered American terms.

The war was over. Japan had lost. America had won. Nisei had done more than their share. They could now step out of the shadow of discrimination and start living in the sunlight of accomplishment.

Much of the wrap-up work to end the war was done by Nisei, although few got any credit for it. Kiyoshi Hirano double-checked preliminary drafts of the surrender arrangements, making sure they conformed with Japa-

Proud of America Nikkei

Here is the text of Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira's remarks delivered in English at Congressional Reception, sponsored by JACL, to launch Asian/Pacific American Heritage week at the Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., on May 3, 1979.

Mr. Chairman, Senator Byrd, Your Excellencies, Honorable Members of the Congress of the United States, Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

I should like to thank Senator Byrd for his kind words. We highly respect the Senator's leadership in developing public policy on a wide spectrum of issues.

I feel fortunate to be visiting the United States during this commemorative Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week, as proclaimed by the President of the United States, and I am honored that you asked me to join you in paying tribute this evening to the four principal cosponsors of the Congressional Resolution authorizing this commemoration: Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Spark M. Matsunaga and Representatives Norman Y. Mineta and Frank Horton.

May I also extend my appreciation to the more than 200 Members of the House of Representatives who joined in sponsoring this Resolution, and to the many Senators who endorsed it by acclamation.

As President Carter declared in his Proclamation, "America's greatness... derives from the contribution of peoples of many origins." This cultural diversity of the American people not only provides the rich pattern and texture in the fabric of your national life; it also links America, by living strands, to all the world's cultures that have sent their sons and daughters to your shores. Because you are a nation of immigrants, America belongs, in a unique sense, to all the world.

I have great admiration for the countless gifts of talent, labor and public service which Asian/Pacific Americans have offered the United States—and continue to offer. They are among the smallest of America's minorities, yet their contributions to American life have been disproportionate to their numbers. I know this is true of Americans of Japanese ancestry, and it makes me extremely proud to say so.

To all of you, as Asian/Pacific Americans, may I say it is a most fitting tribute that your country is showing its appreciation in this week-long tribute.

I should also like to use this occasion to remind all Americans, regardless of their ancestral heritage, of the vital importance which the peoples of Asia and the Pacific attach to their partnership with the United States.

The continuing support of the United States for the interests and aspirations of the peoples of that vast region, are indispensable to the stability and peaceful progress of Pacific Asia.

Thank you for your hospitality, and may my heartfelt good wishes follow you, wherever you may go.



Vince Finnigan Photo

Washington JACL Representative Ron Ikejiri greets Japan Prime Minister Ohira at recent Congressional Reception in honor of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. Others on the line (from left) are wife of Japan Ambassador to the U.S., Mrs. Fumiko Togo; the wife and U.S. Ambassador to Japan Mike Mansfield; Prime Minister and Mrs. Masayoshi Ohira.

Historic Japanese photos in Denver

Denver, Colo.

More than 100 old photographs make up an outstanding exhibition depicting the history of Japanese in Colorado at the Colorado Heritage Center in Denver.

Put together by Tom T. Masamori, the exhibit opened with a reception on May 27 and runs until June 23. Masamori has painstakingly reproduced and re-furnished some of the photographs in the display, which is part of the Japan Today celebration.

items

A comprehensive photo essay on "The Japanese" opened May 27 at the M.M. Shinno Gallery, 5820 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, and will continue to be on display through June 24 (Tue-Sat). A traveling Japan Today exhibit, photos were taken by Ranko Iwamoto, photojournalist and now head of Ranko International, New York.

"Yamabiko Hour", the Santa Clara Valley Japanese radio program, began broadcasting from San Francisco on KEST every Saturday from May 12 with *Miwa Maeda* as host.



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George Nishinaka

Nisei wins top social work work award

Los Angeles

George Nishinaka, executive director of Special Services for Groups, a United Way agency providing direct social service to youths for more than 25 years was honored by the National Conference on Social Welfare at its May 13-17 conference in Philadelphia.

Nishikawa was one of the four 1979 recipients of the NCSW Distinguished Service Award.

He became the first Asian American to be recognized for his creative contributions to the field of social welfare in the United States.

Previous recipients of the award include:

The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1957), Eleanor Roosevelt (1963), President John F. Kennedy (1964), Hubert H. Humphrey (1967), Walter F. Mondale and Cesar Chavez (1976) and Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. (1978).

Nishinaka has headed SSG in Los Angeles since 1959, compiling an enviable record providing innovative social services, particularly to youth from low income and minority families involved in gang activity.

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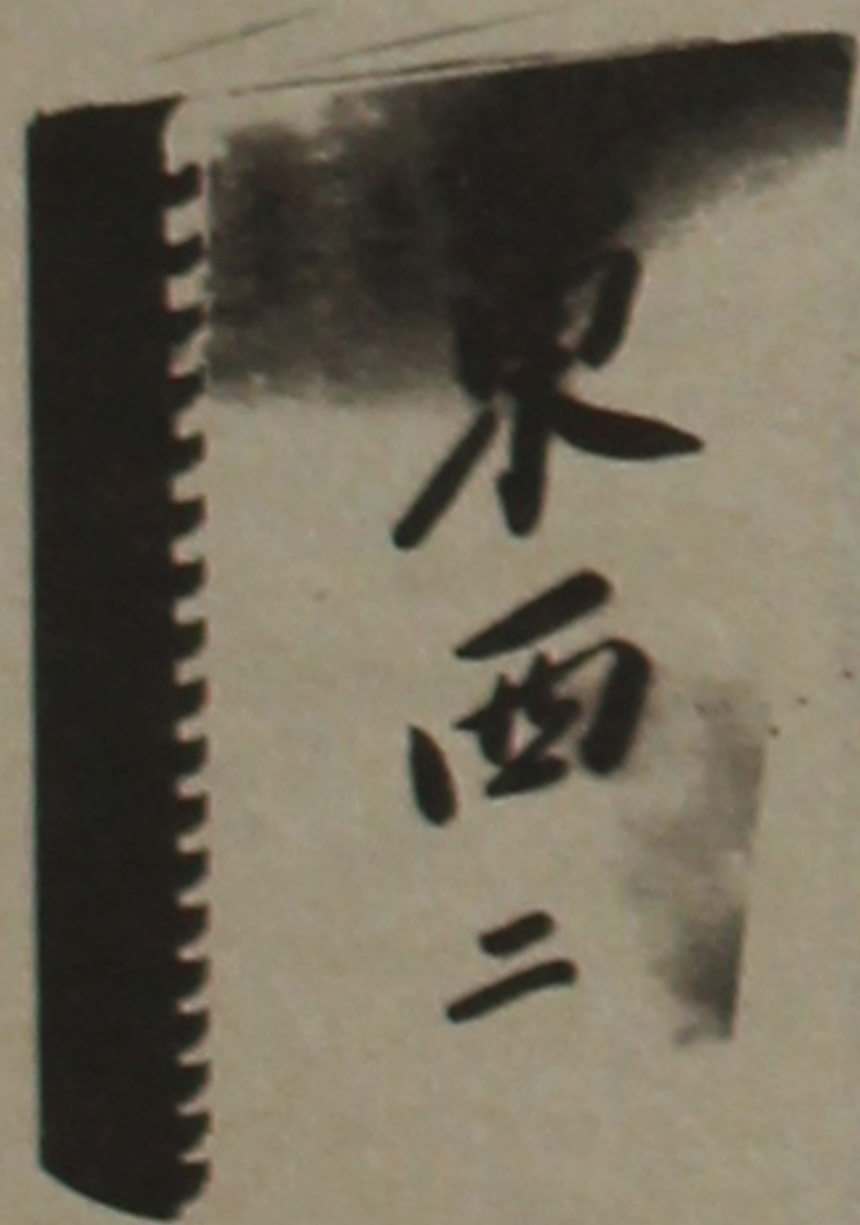
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Nisei Relays attracts record entry of 364

Culver City, Ca.

A record 364 entries have been received for the 28th annual JACL Nisei Relays to be held this Sunday, June 3, at West Los Angeles Community College, according to meet registrar Jim Mita.

There are 290 entered in the men and boy's divisions A-D, 50 in the women's and girls' divisions and 24 boys and girls in the special under age 10 division.

The meet gets underway at 8:30 a.m. with the combined 2-mile run for men and women plus field events and trials in

the 50 and 100 yard sprints. Following the lunch break, afternoon finals begin with the 100 dash at 12:45. The climactic relay races are scheduled for 4:40. Throughout the day, Nisei Relays queen Lisa Diane Sakamoto of West Los Angeles and her court of Elizabeth Bush, Lynne Furuya, Mitsuko Igawa and Gail Moromisato will present medals and ribbons to the winning athletes.

Tohru Asami, who competed in the National High School Decathlon last year, tops the list of competitors in the A Di-

vision and will run both hurdle events as well as perform in the long jump, high jump and triple jump.

Top three finishers in most events (excluding men's) will qualify for the second annual JACL-sponsored North-South track championship to be held June 10 at Laney Community College in Oakland. The meet pits winners of the Nisei Relays against winners of the San Francisco JACL Junior Olympics, which is also being run this Sunday at Laney.

The PSWDC Nisei Relays committee is co-chaired by

Jim Okazaki of Orange County and Howard Nakashioya of East Los Angeles.

● Sports

The Leuzinger High School (Lawndale, Calif.) track and field team, coached by brothers Robert and Douglas Kihara, won the Pioneer League championship in the boys' varsity division after a 5-0 season.

L.A. supervisor meets with Nikkei

Torrance, Ca.

County Supervisor James Hayes was introduced to his Japanese American constituents—community and business leaders in his district—at a recent dinner held here at Miyako Restaurant. Ernie Hiroshige, deputy district attorney, emceed the affair which drew Nikkei from West Los Angeles, South Bay, Long Beach areas.

Hayes voted to support Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week, has endorsed the Day of Remembrance, pardon for Iva Toguri, and voted to establish the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance in county government.

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On the judging committee were:

May Shirai, Ruth Shimomura, Hideko Seto, Ruby Matsuhara, Henry Taketa, Shig Shimazu and Frank Hiyama.

● San Fernando Vly.

MIKE ISHIKAWA GUEST SPEAKER AT AWARDS

San Fernando Valley JACL and the Japanese American Community Center will honor outstanding Nikkei students graduating in June from high schools in the valley on Saturday, June 2, 7:30 p.m., at the community center, 12953 Branford St., Pacoima.

Guest speaker will be Mike Ishikawa, director of the county office of affirmative action compliance. He will speak on "Projections for 1980". Betty Yamaoka and Micki Nakagiri, co-chairing the program, announced award winners are:

\$500 Eugene Oda Memorial—Eric Endo of Polytechnic; John Akahoshi of Monroe; \$500 Eugene Oda Memorial Scholarship for the outstanding Mexican American student—Martha Ortiz of San Fernando.

\$100 Joint JACL/Community Center—Nancy Azuma, Reseda; May Chu, Canoga Park; Shirley Koga, Granada Hills; Alan Kosaka, Kennedy; Jeffrey Niizawa, Granada Hills; Hiroko Noda, Granada Hills; Hitomi Ohsawa, Granada Hills; Patty Serizawa, Monroe; Laurie Shigekuni, Gra-

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the responsible parties into court and obtain a judgment clearing his or her name and collecting damages as redress."

If the JACL has abandoned this stance, for whatever reason, a separate organization must be formed to carry forward a genuine redress bill.

FRANK ABE,

Seattle

KAREN SERIGUCHI

San Francisco

nada Hills; and Kevin Taguchi, Van Nuys.

Leadership Award—Nancy Azuma, Reseda.

● San Mateo STATE ARCHIVES EXHIBIT SLATED

San Mateo JACL is co-sponsoring with the San Mateo County Historical Society the State Archives exhibit, "Japanese Experience in California", at the County Historical Museum on Sunday, June 10, noon.

● White River Valley

FOUR GRADUATES HONORED AT DINNER

White River Chapter JACL recently honored Susan Arima, Univ. of Washington, School of Nursing; Stacy Kanda, UW Dental College; Ed Oyama, Seattle University in Education; and David Hiranaka, Kent-Meridian High School, at the Four Seas Restaurant in Seattle with Harvey Watanabe as emcee.

David Hiranaka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hiranaka received a \$100 Scholarship.

Sharon Maeda, Manager of radio station KRAB, gave an inspiring talk to the graduates and parents. Co-chairpersons for the dinner were Margaret Okitsu and Miye Toyoshima.

Sacramento salute for Fujimoto set

Sacramento

A "salute" to Dr. Jack Fujimoto will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 6:30 p.m. at the Wakano Ura Restaurant, 2217-10th Street, Sacramento.

Dr. Fujimoto, now in his second year as president of Sacramento City College, will become president of West Los Angeles College on July 1. Tickets are \$10 per person. Reservations by June 13 can be made by calling:

Japanese Community Center, 444-2678, Frank Oshita, 421-1710, or Tom Fujimoto, 428-7877.

Art is either a plagiarist or a revolutionist.—P. GAUGUIN.

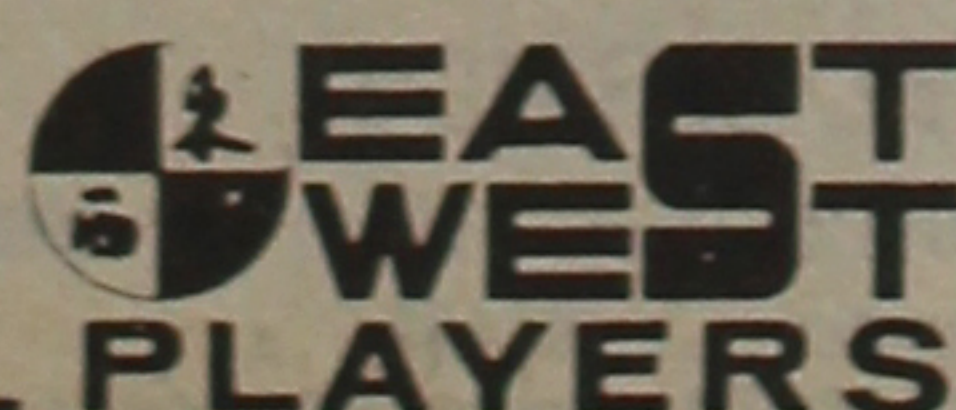
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Ex-prime minister Kishi favors abolition of Japan Constitution

Tokyo
Former Japanese Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi called for abolition of what he said was the U.S.-made constitution as Japan celebrated the 32nd year of its enforcement on May 3, Constitution Day (*Kenpo Kinembi*), which is a national holiday.

Addressing an audience of 1,200 in Tokyo, Kishi, a senior Liberal Democratic Party member of the Japanese Diet, said Japan was

forced to use the translation of what the United States made after the war, Kyodo News Service said.

"It's not the constitution for an independent country," he was quoted as saying. Kishi, the brother of the late former Prime Minister Eisaku Sato, also charged that it was open for doubts that Japan depended on another country (the United States) for national security,

Kyodo said.

Meanwhile, the Socialists and other opposition parties held rallies in Tokyo to support the post World War II constitution, Kyodo reported.

Socialist Party chairman Ichio Asukata, in a speech to a crowd of 800, said it was difficult to organize a mass movement to stop attempts to revise the constitution, Kyodo said.

Travel Planners set Autumn in Europe

San Jose, Ca.

A 22-day Autumn Tour of Europe has been announced by Travel Planners, departing Oct. 5 from San Francisco via TWA. Tour takes in 11 countries with at least two-night stopovers in London, Lucerne, Sorrento, Nice, Paris and Rome with all hotel accommodations first class.

Mrs. Tami Ono, active with the San Jose JACL Travel Committee, will accompany the tour, it was announced by Clark Taketa, vice-president of Travel Planners. Space is limited and early reservation was urged by Taketa (289-9103).

panies also feel extending the retirement age without revising the seniority system for wages and retirement allowances would result in excessive financial burdens on the companies.

The labor groups, Sohyo and Domei, say they would "flexibly respond" to revisions to help implement the change. The Liberal Democratic party is opposed to the bills.

Extension of retirement age in Japan from 55 to 60 in controversy

Tokyo
One of the hottest issues in the current Diet session will be bills drafted by the minority parties to extend the retirement age from 55 to 60 to provide jobs for older people.

The Socialist and Komeito parties have jointly drafted bill which is similar to the one being offered by the Democratic Socialist party

that would prohibit dismissal of workers of 60 years or under because of age.

The measures point to the movement to permit workers to remain on the job a few more years, despite the dismal job situation since the oil crisis and recession, it was pointed out by the Daily Yomiuri recently. Corporations are continuing to cut their payrolls, affecting

most the people of middle age and older.

The Nikkeiren (Federation of Employers Associations) has suggested it was time to utilize older workers because valuable manpower is being lost, but because each company has its own peculiar problems, the federation has not advocated a specific age extension for retirement. Some com-

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| 8 | CHICAGO Midwest District Council Flight—Frank Sakamoto | June 24 - July 15 |
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