

Anti-JACL, anti-redress witnesses pepper CWRIC-Seattle

SEATTLE, Wa.—Thrust of the testimony and statements before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in public hearings here Sept. 9-11 at Seattle Central Community College was different from Los Angeles and San Francisco to the degree that the wartime role of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) came under deeper scrutiny.

Allegations that JACL and the War Relocation Authority were partners in running the concentration camps, U.S.-style, in an attempt to create a "new American" and modifying Japanese American behavior were made the first day by Chinese American playwright Frank Chin, now of Los Angeles, as a witness on the panel dealing with WRA Policies, Effect of the "Loyalty" Oath.

Chin also said he uncovered a copy of a pre-evacuation JACL loyalty oath, dated February 1942, in the Secretary of War Henry Simpson papers at the National Archives, that suggested a link with the 1943 WRA loyalty oath including the questions 27-28, which appeared on the application for a leave clearance, and later used as a basis for segregating the so-called loyal and disloyal internee population.

KIRO news director Frank Abe, pinning Jim Tsujimura, national JACL president, for comments immediately after the Chin testimony, quoted him: "My reaction at first was I was angry, however if (Mr. Chin) does have that proof I think we should look into it and clear this up." Longtime JACLers, on the other hand,

delicate health, which prevents him from spending the necessary time for the kind of research and writing his pieces in the past have shown. Meanwhile, Tsujimura has asked the commissioners to permit Masaoka an opportunity to address the charges.—Ed.]

Another critic at the CWRIC hearing here of JACL's role during WW2 was James Omura, now of Denver, who as publisher of the San Francisco Nisei magazine, "Current Life", had testified before the Tolan Committee in February, 1942, that he not only was opposed to mass evacuation of American-born Japanese but was against the JACL leadership for taking the wrong channels.

Public officials recommended financial reparations "to bring this issue to a close", as indicated by Seattle Mayor Charles Royer, who called the internment "an ugly and wrong turn" on the part of leadership and general population of this country. In written testimony, Gov. John Spellman called for "appropriate compensation" while Sen. Henry Jackson suggested a special foundation as part of the remedy.

The foundation could provide funds for education and research on the internment and money for direct aid to the elderly Japanese Americans, Jackson said.

Aside from the attacks upon JACL's role, the commission heard several urging rejection of any redress or reparation. Beaverton (Ore.) lawyer Henry Kane, who worked on the Stars & Stripes during the Occupation in Japan, said the U.S. committed no "crime" to compel, merit or suggest redress. CWRIC commissioner Judge Bill Marutani, as a fellow barrister, appreciated Kane's agreement with the Korematsu decision and how all Americans had to do their part for the war effort but questioned Kane's contention that being interned was the way for Japanese Americans when so many served, some being killed in action, fighting during WW2. CWRIC commissioner Sen. Edward Brooke, upon learning Kane was a Jew, said, "My God, I'd think you'd be arguing (that internment was wrong) harder than I am." Kane shot back: "Well, I also differed with you on the Panama Canal issue."

Thomas Todd, 77, a Pearl Harbor veteran who has been trying for 38 years to win disability benefits from the Navy for a fall he took at the Puget Sound naval shipyard, said the servicemen killed in the attack should be compensated, not the Japanese American internees. At one point, Todd suggested the Japanese government should be sued instead. Brooke explained no one "wants to deny you or your colleagues at Pearl Harbor the right of any compensation to which you are entitled". But what the CWRIC is considering, Brooke continued, is not Pearl Harbor nor Japan but "Japanese Americans who were deprived their rights ... can't you see the distinction?" Replied Todd, "No, I cannot."

The Honolulu JACL coordinated the presentation of the Hawaiian experience with respect to internment of civilians and relocation to mainland camps. Chapter president Earl Nishimura related how "grossly incomplete (the final CWRIC report) would be without the Hawaiian story". Many Hawaiian Nisei, because of their dual citizenship status,

were among the 1,500 Hawaii residents who was suspected as being a threat to the Island's security—yet the FBI never found evidence of disloyalty among Japanese Americans, Nishimura said. Prof. Franklin Odo related the prewar Japanese community picture in Hawaii, its ties to Japan and the rest of the U.S. Patricia Salki offered two examples of deprivation suffered by Hawaiian detainees: (a) how Hawaii Times editor Y. Soga, 66, was forced to strip and stand in the hot sun while guards searched him for contraband, and (b) how the separation of George Oshida, a part-time judo instructor at Waimanolo, from his family resulted in the untimely death of his partially paralyzed, blind daughter. His wife was pregnant at the time and unable to provide the kind of care her husband had given. Mark Murakami, today president of the Honwanji Mission Society in Hawaii, a reserve Army officer commissioned upon his graduation in 1941 from Univ. of Washington, recalled his Minidoka experiences.

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Charges of JACL 'partners' with WRA in running camps heard once before—in 1943 from House Dies Committee

recall similar charges of JACL and WRA were raised during the war years by anti-Nisei race baiters through the Dies Committee seeking to discredit the War Relocation Authority and raising doubts as to the loyalty of Nisei.

Tsujimura told Abe he would like to check with Mike Masaoka, then national JACL secretary, and "get his side of this. Was he under pressure? Was he forced to write that (loyalty oath)? If he was not under pressure or anything like that, in the light of today, it really looks bad. But I don't know what the story is."

Mike Masaoka Plans to Respond

[Mike Masaoka recently indicated to the Pacific Citizen he plans to respond to the criticisms, innuendos and allegations that have appeared in testimony before the CWRIC. A concern is his

Aleuts uprooted by Japan forces, too

By BILL MARUTANI
Philadelphia

A fascinating sidelight to the Pacific War with Japan involves the uprooting of Native Alaskans from Attu Island by the Japanese Imperial forces, with the former being removed to Japan until the end of the war. How were these people treated by the Japanese? How did their experience compare with that of the uprooting imposed upon them by their own United States Government?

But first a bit of background history and geography to provide a setting.

Attu Island is the westernmost part of the Aleutian chain, which chain "since time began" was inhabited by the Unangan, or Angagin—roughly meaning "We, the People." (One of the most dignified name for a group of people I've ever heard.) Some of the earliest archeological sites can be traced back to a period 8,000 years ago. These Native Alaskans are known as Aleuts (Aleh-oots), although among them there are distinct divergences in language (perhaps not unlike the Kagoshima dialect in Japan).

June 7 Invasion

It was just about time for church services on Sunday

This week, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians has been conducting its hearings in Alaska. PC contributor Bill Marutani, who writes about the Aleuts as a special piece for PC, credits the information and quotations from a quarterly publication of the Alaska Geographic Society, titled "The Aleutians", issued last summer.

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morning, June 7, 1942, when a Japanese force landed on Attu, catching most everyone by surprise.

Attuan Innokenty Golodoff, who was subsequently to be among those "evacuated" to Japan, relates what happened:

"Twenty came down. We had no knives, no guns, no nothing. The first batch had no boss. They were young and they shot up the village. They hit Anna Hoodikoff in the leg. Then a second bunch came and told them to stop. I saw one of their own men dead by the school house. They must have shot him."

That Japanese soldier was not to be the lone hapless casualty: Charles Jones, an Attu schoolteacher, who had radioed Dutch Harbor of the invasion, was reported dead the following day. Then the account goes on to report:

"...except for Jones's execution the Attu prisoners were apparently treated fairly well. For three months they were allowed to remain in their own

Japan population rises to 117 million

TOKYO—The Home Affairs Ministry July 26 announced Japan's total registered population as of Mar. 31 was 117,009,002—an increase of 814,104 from last year. Life span shows a slight decrease, the ministry added: 78.83 for women and 73.32 for men.

her by a guard because she stopped working. However, the Japanese apparently treated the Aleuts better than most American captives, referring to them as *captive guests*. The Natives were put to work digging and drying clay to make bricks and, amazingly, were paid a small wage for their labor. Toward the end of the war they were forced to survive on two-thirds of a cup of rice a day, but they ate as well as the guards assigned to them.

"And ironically, Aleuts evacuated to Southeastern Alaska fared little better, suffering from lack of good food, housing, medical care and just plain broken hearts. Here, too, only about 50% returned."

The Aleuts were repatriated to the United States, landing in California. While understandably eager to return to their ancestral lands, they encountered delay after delay, being shunted from one bureau to the military, etc.—in the vernacular known as "the run-around." When they finally reached their lands, they were dismayed to find things in shambles. They were prevented by the military from hunting and trapping in areas that they had roamed since time immemorial.

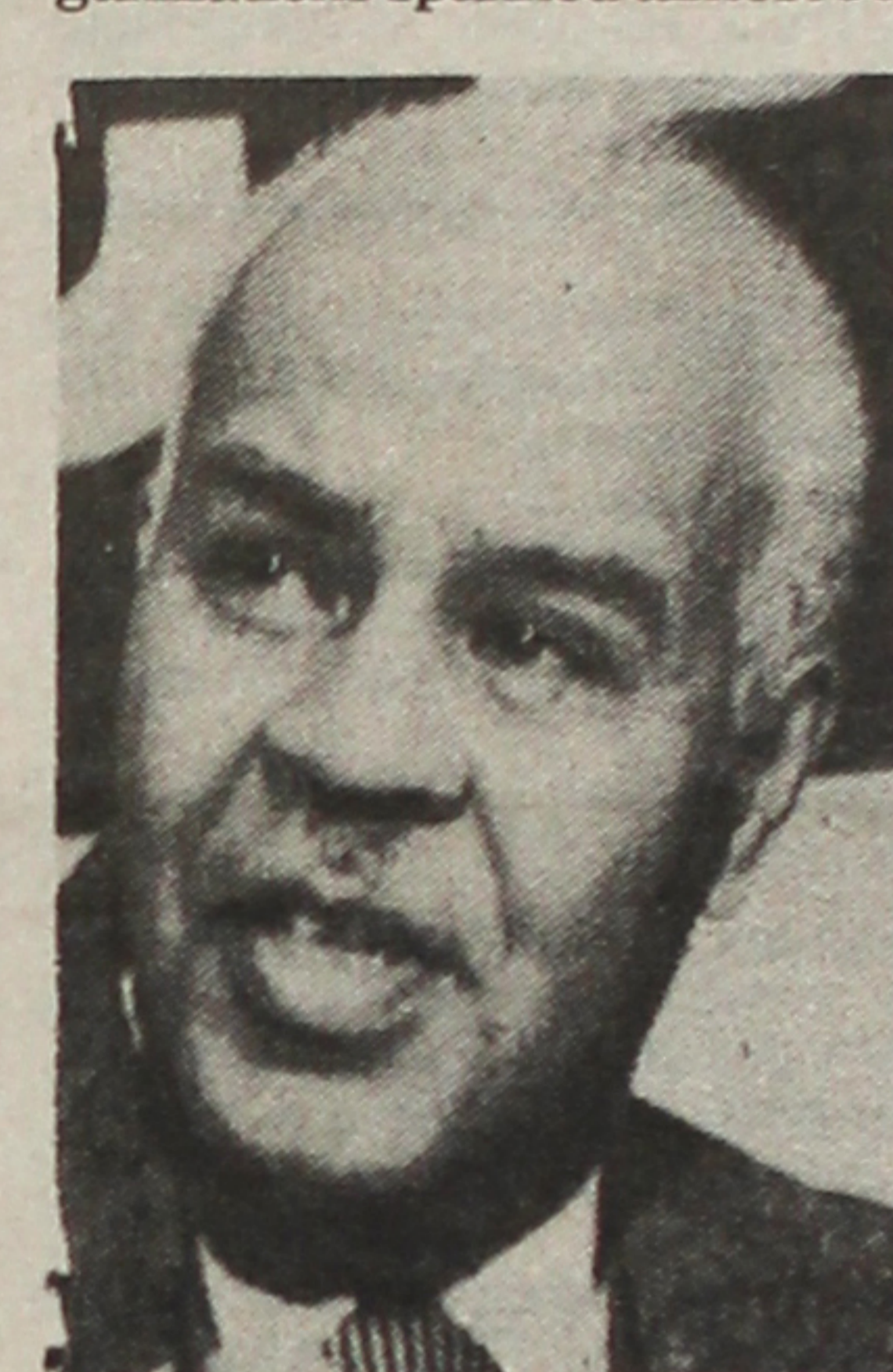
There is one other interesting bit of information. When the Aleuts were repatriated

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NAACP's Wilkins challenged JACL forward on civil rights

By HARRY HONDA

Roy Wilkins, 80, the personification of the NAACP (National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People) to a generation of Americans while serving as its executive director from 1955-1975, died Sept. 9 in a New York hospital. His distinguished career with the oldest and the largest of U.S. civil rights organizations spanned almost 50 years.



Roy Wilkins (c. 1974)

As we are well aware, the tributes to his life and accomplishments were numerous and immediate, coming from a wide spectrum of national life, beginning with President Reagan: "Wilkins worked for equality spoke for freedom and marched for justice. His quiet and unassuming manner masked his tremendous passion for civil and human rights. Although Roy's death darkens our day, the accomplishments of his life will continue to endure and shine forth."

Let this brief recall of his associations with JACL show how he also touched the lives of Japanese Americans and made us recognize his qualities of leadership to make America a bet-

ter and decent place for all Americans.

Some will recall in the fall of 1942, as then editor of NAACP's Crisis monthly magazine, Wilkins spoke out against the mistreatment of Japanese Americans and of Evacuation:

"Negroes have been told again and again: Work quietly, be industrious, mind your own business, and you will get justice even in America. That is what yellow-skinned (Nisei) Americans believe. They worked, cheerfully and industriously. They turned deserts into beautiful and fertile

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Frank Sato confirmed new I.G. for the VA

WASHINGTON—Frank S. Sato, CPA and former Inspector General for the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, was confirmed Aug. 11 by the Senate to be the new Inspector General for the Veterans Administration.

Sato will be responsible for all audit and investigative activities within the VA, the huge government agency which has 234,000 employees and an annual budget of over \$24 billion.

A native of Puyallup, Wash., Sato brings over 27 years experience to his new position at VA. He was associated with the Air Force and Secretary of Defense Audit Offices for 25 years prior to his appointment by President Carter to be Inspector General for DOT in 1979.

He has been recognized in his profession for distinguished service in the promotion and advancement of auditing within government through his talents as an organizer and administrator for assisting top-level management in identifying fraud, waste and mismanagement in federal programs.

Sato is an immediate past president of the Association of Government Accountants and a holder of that organization's 1978 Distinguished Leadership Award and the 1981 Robert W. King Memorial Award. In 1979, he was presented with the Department of Defense's Distinguished Civilian Service Award. He presently serves on the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency.

He is also a member of the American Institute of CPAs, the Association of Federal Investigators, and Washington, D.C. JACL.

He is the father of four children and resides with his wife, June, in Annandale, Va.

Redress Reports

Witness List: Seattle

Following is the list of witnesses in the order of their appearance before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians Sept. 9-11 at Seattle, Wash.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1981

Opening Statement—Hugh Mitchell, Chair.
Public Officials—Gov. John Spellman, State of Washington rep by John Giese, assistant for human affairs; Mayor Charles Royer, City of Seattle; State Sen. Kent Pullen; 47 Dist., Seattle; Rep. Arthur Wong, State House; Elizabeth Begert Dunbar, director Commission on Asian American Affairs.

The Hawaiian Experience (Honolulu JACL)—PANEL 1: Introduction by Earl Nishimura, pres, Honolulu, JACL; Franklin Odo, Ph.D., Impact on Japanese Americans in Hawaii; Patsy Saiki, Internment Experience at Santa Fe; Mark Murakami, pres., Hongwanji Mission Society in Hawaii, Experiences in Mainland Assembly Center and Relocation Center (Minidoka); PANEL 2: Iwao Kosaka and Henry Tanaka, evacuation and Internment in Hawaii; Sei Wakukawa (Santa Fe internment experience); Summary by Lawrence D. Kumabe, Esq., Deputy D.A., State of Hawaii.

Public Climate and Racism—Henry Kane, Esq., Beaverton, Ore.; Arthur G. Barnett, Esq., Seattle; Louise Crowley, Seattle; Statement of Rev. Dr. William B. Cate, Church Council of Greater Seattle; read by David C. Bloom; Warren A. Witte, American Friends Service Committee.

Public Official—Statement from U.S. Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wa.).
Veterans—Tomio Moriguchi, Seattle; Thomas S. Takemura, Tacoma; Kiyoshi Yabuki, Bellevue; Toshikazu Okamoto, Nisei Veterans Inc., Seattle.

Evacuation Impact and Redress—Frank Abe, Seattle; Robert Sato, Seattle; Susumu Sato, Olympia; Frank A. Tsuboi, Seattle; Rev. Paul M. Nagano, Seattle.

Discrimination and Psychological Impact—Jim H. Akutsu, Seattle; Kathleen Murakami, Seattle; Richard Takaji Nishioka, Seattle; Theresa Takayoshi, Seattle.

Political Attitudes and Camp Treatment—Robert Gross, Seattle; Catherine Treadgold, San Francisco.

WRA Policies, Effects of "Loyalty" Oath—Rita Cates, Ph.D., Cheney, Wa; Frank Chin, Los Angeles; Lawson Inada, Ashland, Ore.; Robert C. Sims, Ph.D. Boise, Idaho.

Multiple Impact on Family & Redress—Mutsu Homma, Seattle; Chizuko Omori, Seattle; Misao Sakamoto, Seattle; C.F. "Chet" Straw, Tacoma; Patricia A. McFarlane, Seattle.

Economic Loss and Harassment—Frank Hisayasu, Spokane; Statement of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Iseri, Toppenish read by Edward Iseri, Granger, Wa; Tom Shigio, James Omura, Denver.

Documents Illustrating Camp Experiences and Attitudes—Tsuguo Ikeda, Seattle.

Personal Experiences at Puyallup and Minidoka Centers—Shuzo Chris Kato; Samuel T. Shoji; Edith Watanabe; Akio Yanagihara, Peggy Nishimoto Mitchell; Elaine Ishikawa Hayes; all of Seattle.

Topaz Relocation Center—Haru Isaki, Oakland.

Tule Lake Center—Tom Nakao, Renton; Frank Niwa, Renton, Wa.
Redress/Remedies—David Ishii, Seattle, Days of Remembrance; Herbert Minoru Tsuchiya, Seattle; Lury Sato, Portland, Oreg.; George Y. Kawachi, Seattle; Joan Oyama Takahashi, Seattle.

Bainbridge Island Evacuation—Walter Woodward.

THURSDAY SEPT. 10

Impact on Japanese American Veterans—Lt. Col Emmet O'Connor, ret, stnt read by Masao Watanabe; John Masayoshi Kanda, 442nd; Robert T Mizukami, 442nd; Joseph D Nakatsu, 442nd; Hiro Nishimura, MIS; stnt of James M. Dowder, state supreme court justice.

Impact of Evacuation on Elderly Japanese—Louise Kamikawa, Nat'l Pac/Asn Resource Ctr on Aging, Seattle.

Panel of Japanese-Speaking Issei—Masao Takahashi, Kusunosuke Kino, Hisako Suzuki, Yoshiaki Sako, Ayako Uyeda, Masato Uyeda, Toshiko Toku, Murako Kato, Theresa Horu Matsudaira, all of Seattle; interpreter—Tak Matsui.

Political Climate and Economic Loss—Jeff Caden, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Seattle; Janette and Pete Andrews, Sumner; Alfred T Gallo-way, Seattle; Thomas Scott, Seattle; Elmer S Kazuma, Seattle.

Impact on Sansei—Gary Morishima, Merced Island; Diane Mari Narasaki, Seattle; Jane Ann Yambe, Seattle.

On Redress—Moderator: Charles Z. Smith, Seattle Asian Law Assn; Brian Aburano, Seattle; Kathryn Bannai, Seattle; Gary Iwamoto, Seattle; Trust Fund: George Hara, MD, Portland; Individual Payment: Charles T Kato, Seattle; Henry J. Miyatake, Bellevue; Survey Results: Gordon Hirabayashi.

Psychological Impact and Redress—William Kawata, Seattle; Marie Horiuchi Ooka, Ellensburg; Dell Takako Uchida, Seattle; James E. Egawa, Tacoma; Ray Yamamoto, Wapato; Ron Wakabayashi, San Francisco.

Prewar Climate, Family Impact and Reparation—Kara Kondo, Yakima Valley; Gunnar Olsborg, Seattle; Sayo Kumasaka Harmeling, Wood-ville; Shokichi Tokita, Redmond; Sam Okimoto, Oakland.

Multiple Impact on Family—Kay Hashimoto, Hana Masuda, Peter K. Okada, Nobuko Yanagimachi Suzuki.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11

Multiple Impact on Family—Denny T. Yasuhara, Spokane; Sumie Itami Bartz, Tak Kubota.

Local Climate and Comparison of Centers—Anthony M. Mitrovich, Seattle; Floyd Schmo, Religious Society of Friends.

Organizations—Alex Gottfried, ACLU; Phil Ginsberg, vc, American Jewish Committee; Sally Kazama, co-chr, Asn Pac Women's Caucus, Seattle; Lloyd Hara, Seattle JACL; Bernie White Bear, United Indians of All Tribes; Robert L. Brock, exec dir, Cosmopolitan Brotherhood Assn, Inc., Santa Ana, Ca; Jonathan Bridge, Seattle.

Discrimination, Economic Loss and Redress—Fred K. Ross, Yoshihiko Tanabe, Tacoma; Ed Yamamoto, Moses Lake.

Social Impact—Frank S. Miyamoto, Ph.D., Bellevue; James K. Morishima, Ph.D., Seattle; Donna L. Leonetti, Ph.D., Seattle; Calvin Y. Takagi, Ph.D., Mercer Island; Tetsuden Kashima, Seattle.

Multiple Impact on Aleuts—Charlotte Grisvold, Bellingham; Ruth Chambers, Kent; Evlampia Bourda bfsky, Seattle; Alexander Tu, Pac NW Aleut Council, Seattle.

Japanese Peruvians—Stnt from Moses Eto, Seattle.

Oregon Area Witnesses—Charles Davis, ACLU, Portland; Sanaye Friedman; Hon. Joseph Talhoser, Bend, Ore.

Discrimination Incurred as Veteran/Citizens—George I Azumano, Portland; Philip A. Marumoto, Montana T. Marumoto, Portland.

Economic Losses—Yoneko Hara, Matthew Masuoka, Homer Yasui, Multiple Impact—Ben Kasubuchi, Portland; Robert Kinoshita, M.D., Brightwood; Hideo Hashimoto, Portland; Jim Tsujimura, M.D., Portland; Corinne Leach, Seattle.

Reparations—Robert Sadamu Shimabukuro, Portland; Brig. Gen. A.W. Bemans, U.S. Army, ret., Portland; Maj. Richard V. Hill, U.S. Army, ret.; W. G. Kubick, Seattle; Denny Andrews, Seattle.

Multiple Impact and Video Presentation—Mrs. F. Azumano, Mrs. U. Matsushita, Mr. J. Yoneyama, Mrs. H. Akiyama, Jessie Tanaka, all of Portland.

Did the U.S. government believe the Nikkei were 'guilty' in 1941?

LOS ANGELES — "Hysteria, racism and economic exploitation" are usually ascribed as among the causes which led to the wartime removal and detention of some 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, but Dr. Junji Kumamoto, 56, of Riverside raised an even deadlier prospect: "government conspiracy".

While no specific mention of "conspiracy" was made in his written testimony before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians here, Kumamoto said the possibility of a government conspiracy "becomes real as I keep thinking about this since my testimony before the Commission", the Pacific Citizen was told recently. "As far as I know," the perpetrators have never been re-

quired to justify their action," Kumamoto repeated from his testimony. "This is what I would like to learn from the Commission".

His written testimony further declares: "Ultimately governmental action require decisions by individuals and those persons must not be allowed to remain anonymous."

"The fact that we were incarcerated told me that someone believed I was guilty of something. My guilt burden was increased when the Selective Service Board reinforced the actions of the Army by giving me an 'enemy alien' classification IV-C. Who made this decision? ... How was that decision reversed to permit the Selective Service to draft me out of a concentra-

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Hawaii-born gakuen teacher Iwao Kosaka of Honolulu said he was 1-A when arrested by the FBI in July, 1942, and treated like a prisoner. Upon release, he was found to be 4-F because of his eyes. Kauai businessman Henry Tanaka said his material losses due to internment cannot compare with the trauma of having been arrested on grounds of suspicion for being disloyal. "This has left an everlasting scar on my heart," covering his heart with his right hand on concluding his testimony. Retired editor and naturalized citizen Seiyu Wakukawa was interned, eventually shipped to Lordsburg, N.M., paroled in February 1943 after appealing to the White House. "If I were such an enemy to be interned, then why was I released so easily to serve in the war effort? The whole internment show was a travesty of justice," declared Wakukawa, who was invited by Harvard University to research on matters of military government and civil administration. Part of his work was eventually published and used by Gen. Douglas MacArthur in changing Japan's land ownership and farm tenancy system.

The summary by Lawrence Kumabe, Hawaii state deputy attorney general, raised serious doubts on the asserted government rationale of "military necessity" for removal of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the west coast when an even greater number of Japanese (150,000) were living in Hawaii and remained free. As Japanese in Hawaii formed the backbone of its plantation economy, there is evidence Hawaii's economic leaders asked President Roosevelt to let their workers remain. And while Hawaii's geographic position puts the islands in the path of Japanese invasion, there were no reported incidents of fifth column activities or sabotage among the Japanese American community, Kumabe pointed out in spelling out the internal security problem. Hence the real reasons for evacuation could not have been "military necessity".

And though the effect of the Mainland camps for Japanese Americans was not evident, there was bitterness, anger, frustration and guilt feelings in the Islands, Kumabe continued as he called for reparations for Hawaii's internees.

Other anti-redress testimony came from Robert Gross of Seattle and Catherine Treadgold of San Francisco. The latter was the spectator who was ousted from the hearings at San Francisco for interrupting the proceedings while Col. Pash, counterintelligence corps officer at Western Defense Command headquarters, was being questioned.

Dr. Rita Takahashi Cates, professor of social work at Eastern Washington, Cheney, told of her research into working conditions in the camps, revealing the government at one time intended to exploit camp labor to develop farms on Indian reservations. She charged health care of internees

was severely neglected, that milk with high bacterial count was served and living conditions were excessively crowded. As part of the monetary redress, she proposed across-the-board health insurance be included.

Lawson Inada, the Fresno Sansei poet teaching at Southern Oregon, said because of the nature of camps, many ex-internees will not speak about them. "There are those who have had to sublimate the effect of the experience to survive, and who have swallowed the barbed wire so that it eats the interior, stops the throat and strangles the heart." He cited the most widespread cultural damage to the Japanese American was incurred by the 1943 application for leave clearance—otherwise known as the WRA loyalty oath, which required the Nikkei to fore-swear any and all previous allegiance to the Emperor of Japan.

Chin said he believed the loyalty oath, remembered as Questions 27 and 28 on the leave clearance application, was created by JACL as a "publicity stunt" to convince the government the JACL was the only leadership organization over Japanese Americans. He also characterized Masaoka's Japanese American Creed as a "kind of graduation (for the Nisei) competency test (of loyalty)."

April 6, 1942, Letter

Judge Marutani questioned Chin's interpretation to excerpts of a Masaoka letter that was presented. Dated April 6, 1942, and addressed to Milton Eisenhower, the first WRA director, it urged the camps be used "to create better American in a greater America? I don't see anything ominous in that. Did I miss something?"

"We do not relish the thought of Little Tokyos springing up in these resettlement projects, for by so doing we are only perpetuating the very things which we hope to eliminate: those mannerisms and thought which mark us apart, aside from our physical characteristics. We hope for a 100% American community."

"One thing is certain: there should be no Japanese language schools. Special stress should be laid on the enunciation and pronunciation of words so awkward and 'Oriental' sounds will be eliminated."

Marutani asked Chin: "You refer to Mike Masaoka as if he did something bad and maybe I'm old fashioned... this perspective of almost 40 years later can be quite different than what was facing the Nisei at the time. I know I have changed. I always wanted to be 120% American in my life, but I have changed."

"Wouldn't you want to be a better America in a greater America? I don't see anything ominous in that. Did I miss something?"

To which Chin replied, "The assumption was that Japanese Americans were being relocated. That there was nothing wrong with them as Americans in the first place (but) against their will

tion camp?"

Drafted from Amache

Kumamoto, a chemist and lecturer at UC Riverside's Dept. of Botany and Plant Sciences, and his family were removed from the west coast to Amache, Colo., in 1942. He was inducted in 1944 and entered the service "with a split personality"—"the loyal American part of me welcomed the chance," the CWRIC was told, "to show my loyalty; the more rational part of me recognized the irony of being inducted from a concentration camp where my parents were still incarcerated".

The commission can "convince the rest of the world and posterity that the Government of the United States is sincere in its concern about human rights for all people". (Kuma-

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and without their knowledge (to be) made to be 'better Americans in a greater America'... by whose programs?"

Marutani interrupted, "You're reading an awful lot into those words, sir. I suppose you could take any set of words and read whatever you wish... good, bad or neutral."

Chin countered he didn't feel the Nisei went to camps to have their culture, ethnicity, their sense of pride and honor eliminated.

Sen. Brooke also asked Chin why he thought it was necessary to have a loyalty oath for Japanese Americans anymore than any other group. Chin didn't answer other than to say it was in JACL's "self-interest" to have one.

Bainbridge Review Publisher

Final witness of the first day was Walter Woodward, publisher of the *Bainbridge Review* at the time of evacuation. He predicted "community shame" will not let it (the evacuation and detention) happen again to Japanese Americans but that it could happen to other Americans—Blacks, Chinese, Cubans, Iranians, Russians, etc. In 1942, the Japanese Americans were tested by this classic confrontation and were to return after the war without incident.

What the Commission is doing should have been done long ago, the venerable ex-publisher concluded.

Former Sen. Hugh Mitchell of Seattle was acting chair of the hearings in Seattle. He and Marutani now sport a perfect attendance record as commissioners. Also present through the three sessions, Fr. Ismael Gromoff from Alaska was back for the first time since the opening sessions in Washington. Brooke was here for two sessions Wednesday and Thursday. Arthur Flemming attended the Friday session.

The 400-seat auditorium was augmented by adjacent rooms with TV monitors to accommodate the 600 more or less spectators.

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WRV-PV co-host meeting with CWRIC members

AUBURN, Wa.—A town meeting/Oriental potluck supper was co-hosted by the White River Valley and Puyallup Valley JACL chapters at the White River Buddhist Church here Sept. 10 with some of the CWRIC commissioners, who were shown the drastic changes of the green-belt area here once heavily populated by the Japanese American farming community while enroute from Seattle. Commissioner Bill Marutani attended grade and high school here prewar.

Organizing the meeting were Harvey Watanabe, John Kanda, Margaret Okitsu, Emi Somekawa, Miyo Uchiyama, Chuck Kato, Mako and Ben Nakagawa.

Meanwhile, the Puyallup Valley acknowledged \$1,713.82 was donated to its community committee on internment hearings fund and \$1,066 for the National JACL redress committee.

Bannai tenders his resignation

SEATTLE, Wa.—Paul T. Bannai confirmed the (Sept. 11 PC) report that he had tendered his resignation as executive director of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in a one-page statement released here Sept. 9.

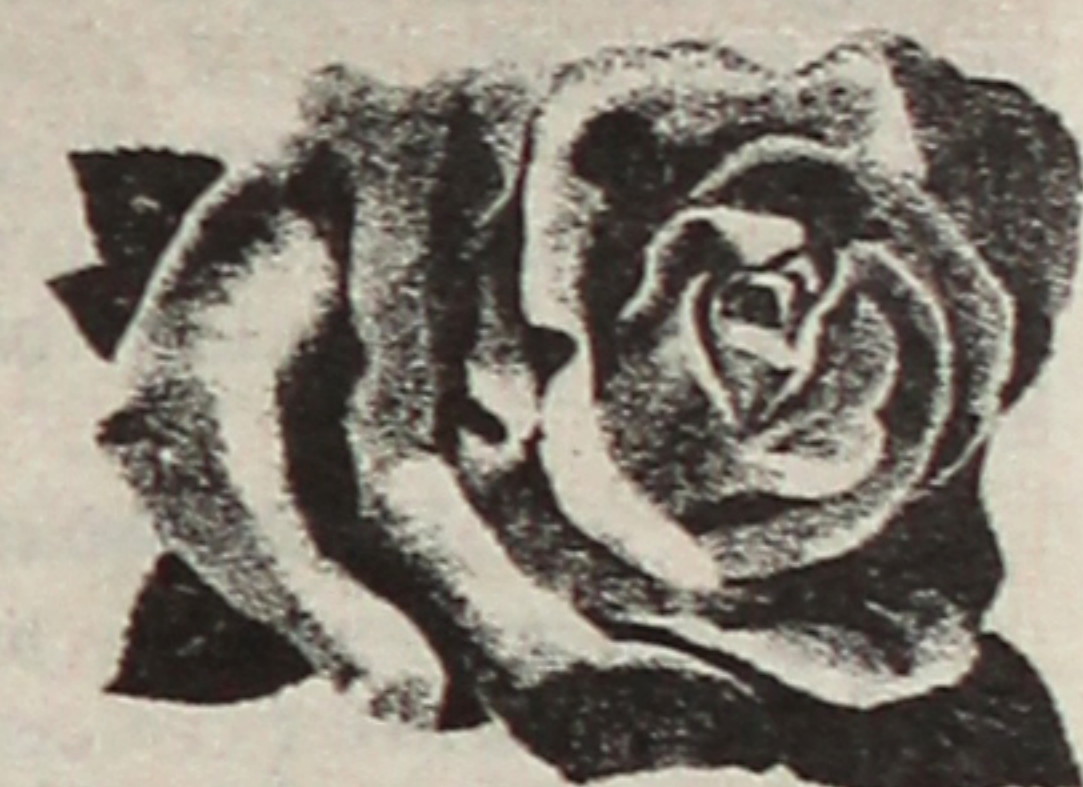
The decision "results from a sincere desire for more harmonious working relationships between the executive director and the Commission chairperson", the Bannai statement explained, released as the CWRIC opened its hearings here at Seattle Central Community College.

(Speculation indicating JACL was planning to push its redress coordinator John Tateishi as Bannai's successor was called "too preposterous" to dignify with public comment by Tateishi and other JACL leaders.)

Bannai said the writing of the final report is well underway. He also expressed his thanks to the staff for their support. He submitted his resignation Sept. 4 to Commission Chair Joan Bernstein and it will become effective Sept. 20.

He added that the recent appointment to a position with the Veterans Administration was not being accepted and that he intends to return to Los Angeles to resume his private life. #

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● Guest Editorial:

Media stereotypes

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The news media just can't seem to get it right when it comes to presenting balanced portrayals of Asian Pacific Americans. You may be familiar with the obviously ridiculous film characters of Fu Manchu, the impotent houseboy or the equally disturbing sensationalized news accounts of Koreatown mafias and Chinatown gangs. But the news media are as good at concocting laudatory stereotypes as frightening ones, and in some ways those laudatory images of Asians may in fact be just as damaging, if perhaps in a subtler way.

Consider those model minority success stories that paint Asians as modern-day Horatio Algiers using hard work and good education to attain material wealth. A national magazine actually ran a story some years ago on Japanese-American economic and educational success entitled, "Outwhiting the Whites," while another national magazine ran "Success Story, Japanese-American Style." Just this year, a California newspaper ran a story headlines, "Asians, Now 20% of UC Students, Outshine Others."

Sure, good images are nice to have. And it is true that the community's strength, in fact, has been its willingness to put its nose to the grindstone and "read on buses where others stare out the window," as one of the stories put it.

But the image is not entirely accurate. For instance, all the to-do about prestigious Asian pharmacists, doctors and engineers masks the fact that Asians still have a terrible time rising above middle-management levels. And Asian-Americans' favorable income statistics are misleading: According to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Japanese-American males earned a nominal average income of \$12,615 in 1975, compared to \$11,427 for white males, \$7,470 for black males and \$7,456 for Mexican-American males. However, the figures changed drastically when adjusted for education, weeks and hours worked, occupational prestige, age and average income in the state of residence. These adjusted figures shows Japanese-American males earning only \$9,990 per year, compared to \$11,427 for white males, \$9,741 for black males and \$9,414 for Mexican-American males. Chinese-American men earned less than either black or Mexican males.

The model minority image is therefore neither as desirable nor accurate as it may seem. First, it creates tension and competition with other minorities by using Asians as pawns ("Why can't you succeed through hard work like Asians do, instead of confrontation and violence?")

Second, and more importantly, it encourages official neglect of problems, because officialdom is led to believe that Asians have no problems.

Community leaders contend that Asian-Americans get precious little funding for social welfare programs. For instance, not one of the highly prized economic development grants for minority groups from the U.S. Community Service Administration has ever gone to an Asian Pacific group in the Western United States, although Asian community leaders say they have applied for five years. And the Ford Foundation, the nation's largest private foundation, while allocating roughly 20 to 25 percent of its \$100 million grant funds to U.S. minority groups, grants Asian-Americans less than 1 percent of that. Explained a spokesman, "They are not considered a largely deprived group—they've done relatively well."

This same "model minority" perception apparently leads to exclusion of Asians in many government-sponsored minority programs. The Small Business Administration did not consider Asians a minority for the purpose of low-interest loans until Asians raised a fuss; the University of California system generally doesn't consider Asians a minority for preferential admissions.

This neglect is especially unfair to the newer groups, like the Vietnamese, who desperately need official attention even more than the established Japanese and Chinese do. Fortunately, the new 1980 census figures (on which much of future grant allocations will be based) will put the Asian community in a stronger position for private and government grants. Now it's up to the media to stop lumping everyone together. More than a disservice, it is amazingly ignorant of the diversity among the varying ethnic groups, which actually may be their worst enemy. We'll discuss that (next week).

Seventh in a series of 11 editorials on the troubled Asian community in Los Angeles. The entire set is now available in reprint form by writing to The Los Angeles Herald Examiner, Editorial Page, P.O. Box 2416, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles, CA 90051.

NC-WNPDC seeks more funds for redress

SAN FRANCISCO—Steps to generate more revenue to maintain JACL's national redress committee program were discussed here Sept. 2 at a NC-WNPDC "summit" meeting attended by Dr. Yosh Nakajima, DC governor; Chuck Kubokawa and Ben Takeshita, DC redress co-chair; John Tateishi, redress coordinator; and George Kondo, regional director. To date, the district chapters have raised \$34,052.50 (34.4%) of its \$98,940 goal. Five chapters meeting their quotas or more are: French Camp, Gilroy, Japan, Salinas Valley, Watsonville.

The supplemental effort will be launched at the next DC executive board meeting Oct. 4 at Concord Inn, with Diablo Valley JACL as hosts. Kondo revealed several surprise twists to ballyhoo the effort will be announced.

Kondo added the Aug. 15 Tribute raised nearly \$5,500 for the redress campaign. The tentative report shows \$9,175 dinner income, \$1,280 individual donations, and \$4,893 dinner expenses (the 195 dinners came to \$3,462.99).

L.A. school board seeks Asian advisers

LOS ANGELES—Nominations for 12 positions on the Asian American Education Commission, a voluntary advisory group to the city Board of Education, are being requested from Asian Americans either residing or working within the school district. Forms are available at the AAEC Office, 450 N. Grand Ave., Rm. H-133 (625-6796) until Oct. 9. The ballots will be ready Oct. 19, it was announced by Herb Leong, AAEC director.

Kathy Bannai named to Seattle city commission

SEATTLE, Wa.—Kathryn Bannai, Seattle JACL chapter's president-elect, was recently confirmed by the City Council to become a member of the Public Safety Commission by a 5-4 vote. What bothered the board, however, were the four negative votes.

Renew JACL Membership

Five-year program with Utah aged Nikkei coming to an end

By ALICE KASAI

Salt Lake City
Five years ago, the Salt Lake Japanese Community Program (JCP) was incorporated to use funding from the Community Services Administration (then the OEO). The United Methodist Church minority incentive grant and United Way funds all came together to provide a variety of programs, including a newsletter, working with youth, job services, international and cultural relations, JACL community relations and Issei.

CETA provided the salary for a JCP coordinator, which lasted three years.

Each year, funding was trimmed, so accordingly, the programs had to go one by one. During the last two years, the only surviving program was the service

Sacramento changes site of 50th fete

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Site of Sacramento JACL's 50th anniversary dinner-dance was changed from Woodlake Inn to the Metropolitan Room of Convention Center downtown, according to general chair Jerry Takehara. Date is the same Saturday, Nov. 14.

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Cal.), who was the 1969 chapter president will be the keynote speaker. Charter members who organized the chapter in 1931 will be honored guests.

Diet Library to buy data on Asian Americans from Nisei

TOKYO—The National Diet Library is planning to purchase a collection of valuable documents concerning Americans of Asian descent.

The some 1,700 items collected by Yoshio Kishi, a New York Nisei, are being purchased through an American art dealer at a price of \$45,000 and will be made available to the public by the end of this year.

Library officials said Kishi collected the data and documents in order to deepen understanding of Asians, including Japanese, who emigrated to the U.S.

He established the Asia-America Data Center and is a recipient of an award from the John F. Kennedy Library.

Most of the items in the collection are publications, including those unavailable through book stores.

One-third of the collection concerns Americans of Japanese ancestry and the remainder Chinese, Korean, Filipino and Indian immigrants.

They include pictures taken in 1968 of 13 descendants of the 148 Japanese who emigrated to Hawaii in 1868 and records of Japanese living on the U.S. West Coast who were placed in concentration camps during World War II.

There also are copies of publications containing views of 49 Americans on Japan compiled during the war.

'Yankee Samurai' in Nihongo printed

TOKYO—The Japanese translation of Harrington's "Yankee Samurai" (Hayakawa Publishing Inc., 2-2 Kanda Tacho, Tokyo 101, ¥1,600) was published and went on sale here Aug. 21.

Sadao Seno, a graduate of the Japanese Naval Academy who has translated U.S. military histories, was an excellent choice as translator for the story of the Nisei in military service, a MIS veteran noted. (Copies should be available in U.S. bookstores by November.—Ed.)

If sale warrants, a corrected second edition is planned, according to the publishers who revealed unforeseeable translation and proofreading problems came to light after an advance copy was submitted to the MIS Assn. of No. California.

for Issei: the weekly luncheon funded by Title VII through the county aging department contracting with a restaurant. Because it was once a week, the program was allowed for proportionately more than the usual luncheon cost.

United Way funds were budgeted to take care of the \$1 per meal donation to Aging Services for their matching fund, Issei Center food, craft and transportation costs. CSA's community action

program funds allowed for a secretary, office expense, part-time bookkeeper and mileage.

In view of the Nation's economy, Utah has lost both CAP and Minority Coalition programs. JCP's funds have also drifted out with the tide. And so ends our five-year program on Sept. 30.

Issei Center, Inc.
The Issei Center Committee recently incorporated in an effort to keep the monthly Issei luncheon and cultural program alive. Sons and daughters of the Issei being assisted are to be asked to help raise funds for this monthly community venture. Comprised of community organizations in Salt Lake county and functioning over

the past 12 years, meeting once a month, the group is currently chaired by Yuki Namba.

With approximately 100 Issei in the local community, the Issei Center hopes to continue the monthly luncheon and transportation program as long as funds can be raised. The weekly ethnic food luncheon program is being terminated Sept. 30.

Housing needs of the Issei have been fairly well met with the construction of the Multi-Ethnic Senior Citizens Highrise. There are 30 Asians (23 Japanese, 6 Chinese and 1 Vietnamese) residents. The facility also serves as the JCP office with Alice Kasai serving as coordinator on a volunteer basis.

High blood pressure control confab set

LOS ANGELES—A statewide conference addressing the problems of high blood pressure control pertaining to Asian-Pacific Islanders in California, titled "Make a Difference", will be held Sept. 19, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., at the Biltmore Hotel. Assemblyman Art Torres is keynote speaker at the 9:45 session.

A 1979 state survey on high blood pressure as a health problem found a high prevalence rate among Asian-Pacific Islanders who also have the lowest degree of control as compared to other groups.

There is no fee for the conference, the \$12 luncheon program is extra. Continuing education credits for nurses, pharmacists, nutritionists and physicians will be available (contact: Chuck Park, AADAP, 293-6284).

JACL raps British auto agency ad copy promoting Japan cars

SAN FRANCISCO—An ad appearing in the Air Force Times Aug. 17 promoting Japanese import cars being offered by an English import firm at overseas prices to military and Defense Dept. personnel was dubbed as "offensive and in poor taste" by Ron Wakabayashi, national JACL director.

Writing to both the publisher and the advertiser, the JACL spokesperson said the heading, "The Japs are coming! The Japs are coming!", in the ad utilizes the worst kind of racial slur to attract attention. The Washington-D.C. paper, while not an official publication of the U.S. Air Force, is read by Air Force personnel worldwide.

"It serves no American well to participate in any form of racial antagonism," the Air Force Times was reminded. The English agency was urged to modify its format by removing the derogatory terms. It is unacceptable to Americans of Japanese ancestry as well as Japanese nationals, Wakabayashi declared.

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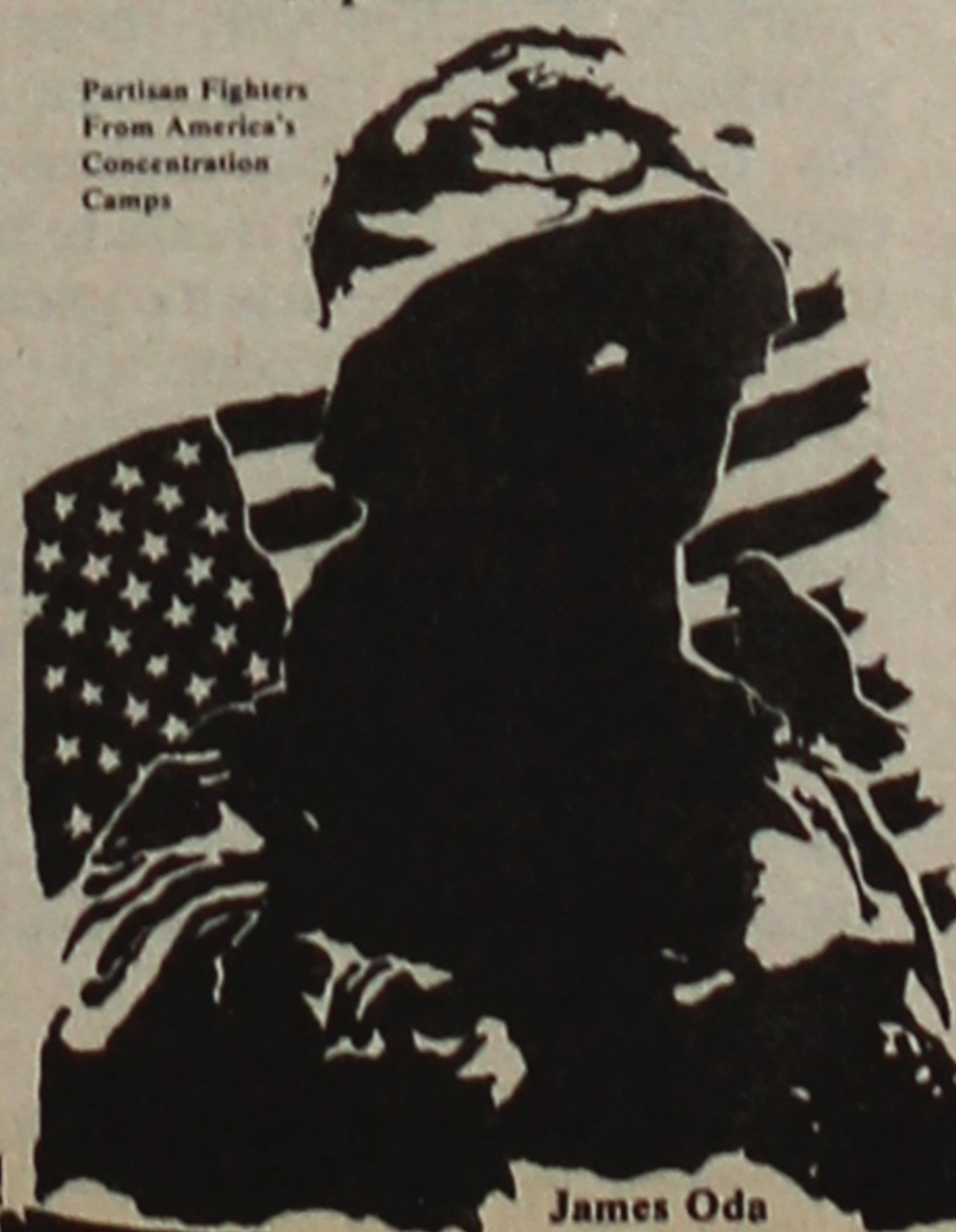


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The silhouette of the soldier is undoubtedly that of a Nisei GI. He appears determined to fight under the Stars and Stripes, yet there is a faint shadow of sadness in the air. Probably his inner thoughts are about his folks back home behind the barbed wires. The dove on his shoulder symbolizes peace.

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farmlands, grew vegetables and fruits for themselves and others. They distinguished themselves at school, abstained from politics, had the lowest crime-rate of any group in the country... What has been their reward? They have been plundered of everything and crowded in concentration camps fit for pigs. If Westbrook Pegler and the southern senators have their way they will be deported to Japan after the war... If native-born Americans, of Asiatic descent, can be denied all civil rights and civil liberties, what about Americans of African descent?"

And about this time, Nisei GIs (like this writer who was assigned to Camp Barkeley, Tex.) in the South and Japanese Americans being relocated to camps in Arkansas saw for their first time how the cruel reign of Jim Crowism slammed doors and gates in the faces of blacks.

Because of Wilkin's ways, patience and style, his battles in the courts, legislatures, city halls and school boards for equal justice under the law have, as he uttered at the 1964 National JACL Convention where he was the principal speaker, brought the Negro "under the umbrella of constitutional citizenship because for many years he lived in a no-man's land legally".

A popular speaker, Wilkins spoke extemporaneously at that Convention banquet on July 4 in Detroit. He had just witnessed the signing of the 1964 Civil Rights Act by President Johnson two days earlier at the White House. And commenting on that bill, which the NAACP and a coalition of other organizations including JACL helped to press and have passed, "The value of Civil Rights 1964 is its reaffirmation of the citizenship status of the Negro, making him once more able to compete on the same plateau with others..." This was the bill that outlawed discrimination!

Of course, the battle is not over. We have long known poverty—often the end product of discrimination—still cripples, so much that rights gained in the political and social spheres are not enjoyed for lack of economic freedom.

While chairman of the U.S. Delegation at the International Conference on Human Rights in 1968, and on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights, he asked the conference being held in Teheran what the state of human rights might be around the world in 1988 and how the UN system might help in its development. "I have no answer but I can be forgiven a flight of imagination: a rising standard of living; a revolution in communications and technology; the escalation of expectations, material and spiritual. All these will excite populations everywhere."

Wilkins was forever an optimist, but he worked hard to see his optimism justified. It was fortified by what we all know to be the Four Freedoms: Freedom of Speech; Freedom of Religion; Freedom from Want; and Freedom from Fear. At Teheran he urged adoption of the principles of Zoroaster, the ancient Persian teacher, "good thoughts, good words, good deeds". That was to insure against any psychological loss by minorities in the arena of public opinion. #

Letterbox

● Military Life

Editor:

It is a truism that harassment is a constant aspect of military life. In the WWII Japanese military, physical and verbal abuse were common—as in most corps with all-powerful non-commissioned officer system. However, to compare the harassment in the U.S. military with that of Japan (see Vaughn M. Greene, PC 8/14/81) is absurd given the differences in the two societies.

The Japanese American in the military, practically all in the Army since the Navy and Air Force were closed to us, were citizen soldiers reared in a society dedicated to individual freedom and Jeffersonian democracy. To be arrested and confined, restricted as to movements and in assignments, and even discharged without reason as so many were during the early days following Dec. 7, 1941, is surely more than "harassment" in the context of our society.

If that wasn't enough, a racially segregated combat unit was created (442nd RCT); it was, moreover, an elite corps and, I think, comparable to such outfits as the Rangers, Special Service Forces, etc. but without their special training, equipment and status. As you may surmise, the morbidity and mortality rates were frightful.

Equally distressing was the large number of other Nisei in various combat units; hence it is safe to say that more than 50% of Japanese Americans in the military were exposed to front line combat action—you could get killed or maimed and we did! The cruelest cut of all, was that our families and the entire West Coast Japanese community were in bondage as hostages. Harassment, Mr. Greene? We skirted the dark abyss of genocide.

EJI SUYAMA
Ellsworth, Me.

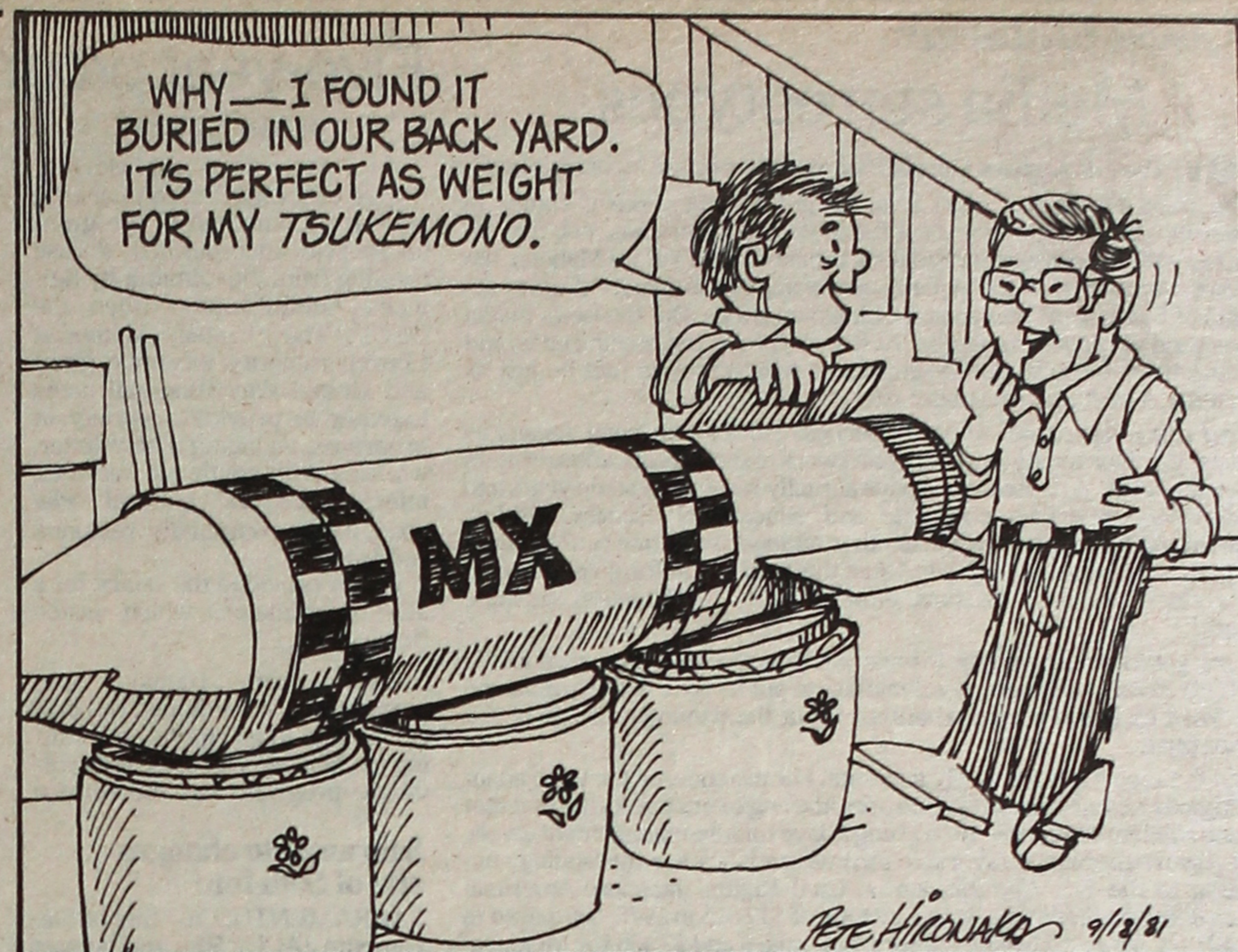
● Redress breakthrough

Editor:

After two CWRIC hearings we find the whole America divided in half on the subject matter. In the letter to the editor columns of the news media, however, opinions opposing the redress are overwhelming. Many are chauvinistic while others well meaning. A common remark is—"Send the bill to Japan."

I believe there is a grain of truth in this remark. Why not demand indemnity simultaneously from the Japanese government? After all, it is the one that put us in our wartime predicament by treacherously bombing Pearl Harbor. In the past Japan paid indemnities to the Philippines, Burma, and other countries. Why not us?

The U.S. government issued the evacuation decree and must be,



therefore, held solely responsible for its ill-fated consequences. However, we must evaluate the issue in its totality.

JACL must contact congressional leaders on the feasibility of this arrangement—namely negotiating with the Japanese government to assume sharing one half of the reparation cost for Japanese Americans. (Roughly 2 billion dollars). Certainly Dr. James K. Tsujimura, our national president, who recently visited Japan upon their invitation, may be able to initiate his own move.

Japan's willing participation in this program will certainly enhance her prestige and stature and improve her relations with America. Though Japan is not a militaristic power, her economic dominance has created many thorny problems in America. For instance, the local economy of every single Japanese community in America is now virtually taken over by conglomerate Japanese capital. Japan needs a better image of herself if she were to co-exist with the indigenous people.

The CWRIC hearings were arranged in such a way that everybody was given an opportunity to testify. This is fine. But I wonder if it was appropriate for a Japanese national, who had renounced American citizenship after the Pearl Harbor attack, come all the way from Japan and decry impropriety of the evacuation order. We have to be cautious not to create the atmosphere of anti-US, pro-Japan sentiment. There will be backlash against us, but even more severe one may be in store for Japan. To make the redress campaign

purely an American struggle, I urge the CWRIC to recommend that the U.S. government, aside from the \$25,000 cash payment per person, build a Nisei veterans' park in Washington D.C. with a huge monument commemorating Nisei GIs who died gloriously for our country on foreign soil while their families were detained behind barbed wires.

JAMES ODA
Fontana

Ed. Note: With respect to Japan's postwar reparations to Burma, the Philippines, Indonesia and Vietnam, Japan also agreed in 1961 to pay \$490,000,000 to the U.S.—about a third of the expenditures spent during the U.S. Occupation (1946-1952) and on much the same terms as an earlier German settlement of a similar debt. In 1972, when the Ryukyu Islands were reverted to Japan, the U.S. was to receive another \$320,000,000. Under terms of the 1975 Japan-U.S. Friendship Act, portions or remainder of these funds established a trust fund to promote scholarly, cultural and artistic activities between Japan and the U.S.—including a host of projects (see PC Mar 31, 1978), which the newly appointed national director Karl Nobuyuki found to be more academically bent than people-to-people which, he felt JACL had a responsibility to repair. By that time, the redress movement had caught national attention and Nobuyuki's thrust to make changes with the Friendship Commission, trustees of the fund, was cut short. The JACL International Relations Committee feels this issue deserves national JACL attention.

● CWRIC Hearings

Editor:

The PC reports by Peter Imamura have been most helpful informing the New England JACLers of the activities of the JACL Redress committee and the CWRIC. Local newspaper coverage thus far has been limited to the UPI, Christian Science Monitor and Knight Ryder's piece on Judge Bill Marutani.

KEI E. KANEDA
Boston, Ma.

● 'Gilded Ghetto'

Editor:

Ann Hasegawa (Aug 21 PC) is perhaps not aware that the Herald-Examiner was using the term, "elite", in the sociological sense: a group of individuals who influence or control some or all of the segments of society.

Our esteemed and courageous county coroner (Dr. Thomas) Noguchi ran afoul of an elite group but survived. But many Japanese Americans remain in middle management because of elite non-acceptance. This type of discrimination is subtle and difficult to overcome.

These groups may not have any influence with God, but on earth they do.

CLANCY BASSETT
Librarian
Santa Monica (Ca.) College

■ The central theme in our American heritage is the importance of the individual person.—President's Commission on Civil Rights, 1947.

Sansei in Mexico very aware of heritage

By "ESTEBAN" NAKASHIMA

Walnut Creek, Ca.

Boarding the plane in San Francisco, I really did not know what to expect of this first Panamerican Nikkei Convention. I knew of its structure: a three-day series of workshops involving people from all the Americas, a sort of catalyst for cross-cultural meetings. What I didn't know was what to expect of the people. Who would they be? Would they be receptive? Would there be common ground for conversation? Would they be near my age? Surveying our contingent of about 70 and finding myself one of four Sansei, I was not too sure about the last two questions.

When we arrived (July 23), the hotel lobby was in chaos. It seems that the rather relaxed style of issuing keys and assigning rooms broke down entirely when more than six people arrived at once. Our group, now numbering nearly 100, simply sent them into complete panic. The net result was five very confused hotel employees confronting 100 grumbling, tired Nikkeis.

Working politely and quietly behind this scenario were a dozen or so of young Nikkei from Mexico, patiently trying to register us for the conference. They were doing their best to speak English to us, although it was obviously not their best language (registering the South American Nikkei was no problem as they naturally spoke Spanish). Communication barrier or not, the friendly, helpful assistance we received from the young Mexican Nikkei was reassuring.

Once the confusion had subsided, I met the leader of the Mexican Sansei, Yasuo Iida. We talked about our expectations of the conference, his being very similar to mine, the desire to understand the differing lifestyles of Sansei world wide. I was very happy to hear of somebody else with the same hopes; what initial doubts I had were quickly erased with this man and the 30 or so people he led. We had common ground, age, interests, and above all they were friendly and receptive. I anxiously awaited

the beginning of the conference.

I should point out that the next day I became acquainted with the Sansei from other countries. Steve Sagara and Keith Akada of Toronto were both quite tolerant of the antics of we California Sansei. Ron Mochizuki of Kalamazoo, MI, was found to be quite similar to west coast Sansei. Unfortunately, there were few Sansei from South America, but the important point is that everybody was open and friendly. That includes many of the Nisei from South America, who despite an age gap of up to 25 years, would greet and converse with complete strangers. There was an atmosphere of genuine fellowship in the air.

The person responsible for translating the schedule of events should look up the meaning of the word "workshop." According to this schedule, the opening speeches were to be followed by "workshops". However, these workshops more closely resembled lectures; this was fine for the first day. By the second day, these lectures had digressed considerably. While I appreciate the effort being made to inform me of life in other countries, I could not become too excited about Peruvian waterways.

For me, the most beneficial workshops were conducted informally talking with the other Sansei. This meant discussing prejudice in public schools with Steve and Ron over beers in the hotel bar. Or it could mean chatting with Michiko and Harumi (from Mexico) while they were working at the tables in front of the auditorium where the other workshops were taking place.

Truthfully, I had to forego a couple of the formal workshops for the informal ones, but I do not regret it. The exposure was invaluable, I learned a great deal in these brief talks, I wish I had had another week just to talk.

When I think of myself, in international terms, I am definitely an American. This can be seen in the way I dress, walk, think. I think this can be said about all the American Sansei. We are quite

clearly Americans, and this is not meant in a derogatory sense. It is simply that being born here we are Americans, we are not Japanese in America, we are Japanese Americans. In the same sense, I found the Canadians to be the same.

We as a group, the North Americans, behaved similarly, even looked "Westernized." The Mexican Sansei, however, are a little different. They are all Mexican citizens and do not think of themselves as anything else, but their appearance and behavior follows much more closely with that of Japan rather than that of the country in which they live.

This difference was something greater than just clothing and hairstyle. The Mexican Sansei wore the same designer jeans that anybody else wears. It was something in their mannerisms, their extreme politeness, their expressions. It is difficult to explain, but when in the presence of the Mexican Sansei, I sometimes felt like the bumbling American.

I have not had this feeling since the time when I was the bumbling American wandering in Tokyo.

The Mexican Sansei impart an aura of "Japaneseness" not found in their contemporaries in the United States, Canada, Peru, Colombia or anyone else at the conference. In fact, I think that the Mexican Sansei may have treated me with more Japanese courtesy than the people I met in Japan.

In general, my trip to the Copanime '81 convention was one of the most rewarding trips in my life. The calibre of the people I met was excellent. This means all people, all ages, from all the countries in attendance. I was there only one week, yet I felt that I had known the friends I made for years.

When departure time came, I felt this strange lump in my throat, as if I were leaving my lifelong friends. In reality, I was.

Ed Note: Steve (we called him Esteban, the Spanish for Steven, in Mexico) was probably the best educated JACLer in Spanish on tour, having studied it continuously from junior high through the university. He was seen freely conversing with his newly-found Spanish-speaking Sansei friends in their language.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

George Nakashima's 'The Soul of a Tree'

Denver, Colo.

For a brief moment in a hotel near the San Francisco airport in the summer of 1980 the spotlight shone on George K. Nakashima, one of three Nisei recognized by the JAACL convention as Japanese Americans of the Biennium. Then the spotlight shifted elsewhere.

George Nakashima was honored for his achievements as woodworker and designer. (The other two were Dr. Harvey Itano, pathologist and medical scientist, and the late Dr. Minoru Masuda for his work as professor in the department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of Washington.)

Nakashima is not well known in the Nisei world for he works quietly at his studio and workshop in rural New Hope, Pa. The citation from JAACL read in part: "His genius has been largely overlooked by his Nisei peers.... He has had a profound impact on... and wide national and international recognition in his field of furniture design... the Japanese American of the Biennium award in the field of Arts (is) a richly deserved honor long overdue..."

But all this tells little of Nakashima the man, his beliefs and motivations, the love that he brings to his work and the milestones of his journey through life. Now that want has been met by another one of Kodansha International's handsome books, this one titled "The Soul of a Tree" and subtitled "A Woodworker's Reflections". (Kodansha's books do not come cheap; this one with 224 pages, 94 color plates and 114 in black and white, is \$42 through Dec. 31 and \$52 thereafter.)

Nakashima's text captures something of his reverence for wood and craftsmanship. There is much of the mystic in him as he contemplates lumber from the far reaches of the world while it is being delivered to his workshop:

"The meeting of tree with man is filled with drama. The tree started life in an earlier period of history; mature and fulfilled, it has finally succumbed to the woodsman's ax and saw. This could be the end. Or the tree could live again. The tree's fate rests with the woodworker. In hundreds of years its lively juices have nurtured its unique substance. A graining, a subtle coloring, an aura, a presence will exist this once, never to reappear. It is to catch this moment, to identify with this presence, to find this fleeting relationship, to capture its spirit, which challenges the woodworker."

His friend George Wald, a Nobel prize-winner for his work of the physiology of vision, in a deeply perceptive foreword gives us additional insights into Nakashima:

"Nakashima has wisdom. He is probably the wisest person I know. He tries to tell us here how he came by that wisdom. It is in giving rather than taking, in listening rather than telling, in doing rather than exhortation... He is one of the quietest and most serene persons I have ever known. So-called quietism is something else, meaning passivity. But Nakashima's is the Karma Yoga, the yoga of action. He is the creator, the builder, the comrade of hills and streams and woods. They speak only to the silent, the attentive listener. Nakashima's silence goes with his wisdom of things. Even among persons, the most important communications are wordless. When Nakashima talks, it is quietly, spaced with silences, translated out of a greater, endless, wordless conversation..."

"It is people like Nakashima who in every age realize

that human promise, who construct our abiding human heritage. For things made of stone, and clay and wood endure, even as the generations come and go and cities and civilizations rise and fall..."

Despite Nakashima's samurai lineage, his Nisei boyhood was much like that of his contemporaries in the Pacific Northwest. He was a Boy Scout, helped finance his education as a railroad section hand and Alaska cannery worker. But a search for something he could not quite define led him around the world, through the Evacuation experience and ultimately to Bucks County, Pa., and now this book makes clear why we are the richer that he found realization.

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



Lancing of the Carbuncle

Philadelphia

THE PRESENT MOVEMENT to probe into the depths of the causes of the uprooting and incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans and their parents in 1942, might be likened somewhat to a belated lancing of a long-existing carbuncle (type of boil) on one's body: it is unpleasant, somewhat painful, assuredly embarrassing,—but, oh so necessary. Indeed, because it is embarrassing, and particularly since it's been with us so long, some have adjusted to some degree and others pretend that it doesn't exist. Although it's very much there.

SALUTARY AND NECESSARY as the lancing may be, there will be an initial outpouring or discharge of old pus followed by dead tissue being sloughed away. Some will continue to slyly (and falsely) suggest as the cause of your condition, uncleanliness (disloyalty) of the past; indeed, a few others would ascribe such state of uncleanliness to the present. (I've been the target of a few messages myself, one of the more articulate ones closing with the following: "So you are not accepted in America. So you will never be accepted in America. The answer is simple. Go home. There is a plane out every hour—take one." And that was the mild part of this ignoramus' rantings.)

I PERSONALLY DO NOT relish this task of probing into the unpleasantness of the past; no sensitive person would. My own upbringing as a Nisei—including concepts of *ga-man* and *kora-eru* and so forth—would tend to deter a resuscitation of a grievous past. Against this inherent reluctance, however, are a number of compelling countervailing factors: a matter of honor (particularly to clear up our Issei parents' name), a matter of duty to our Nation to prevent, or at least discourage, civil pogroms upon our citizenry—therefrom strengthening the fabric of our society.

AND SO WITH REGRET but a firm conviction of necessity, we approach this matter of lancing the carbuncle which contains the pus of the past. If there were a less unpleasant way to accomplish the task, we would do so; if we could make it painless, we would do so; if we could avoid embarrassment, and yet meet our obligations, we would do so. But one thing is clear: it must be done.

WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ron Ikejiri

Solidarity Day

Washington

In a demonstration of the "widespread opposition to the Administration's assault on vital social programs and to promote jobs, justice and equality", the AFL-CIO has invited organizations affiliated with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and the Budget Coalition to join with them in a one-day rally here on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Supporters of "Solidarity Day", by marching in Washington and by submitting signed petitions from throughout the U.S., can direct attention to such areas of concern as civil rights, education, energy, environment, fair trade, fair taxes, health and safety, housing, jobs, justice, lower interest rates, Social Security, voting rights and women's rights.

The Japanese American Citizens League (JAACL) has continually spoken out against injustice and endorsed programs which fight prejudice and discrimination and protect the rights and liberties of all peoples. As a charter member of the 31-year-old Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the JAACL Washington Office will be participating in Solidarity Day activities on Sept. 19.

ADVISORY COUNCIL/DOE

Stephen Thom, director of the Asian Pacific American Concerns staff in the U.S. Dept. of Education (DOE) recently reviewed APA representation on national advisory councils assisting his department. Of the 23 councils that seem particularly pertinent to Asian-Pacific Americans, he found that out of 302 positions, only 13 are filled by Asian and Pacific Americans.

Thomas has approached JAACL to recommend individuals who have expertise and experience in education and may be interested in serving on an advisory council. JAACLers who are interested and who can recommend someone should contact the Washington Office (202-223-1240) for information.

WORK & WAGES

The National Academy of Sciences has presented its final report, "Women, Work and Wages: Equal Pay for Jobs of Equal Value", to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which is responsible for enforcing Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibiting job discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex and national origin; age and in the federal section because of handicap.

The report, written by people chosen by NAS, will be studied by the EEOC. It is only one part of the comprehensive and systematic review being made of the question of whether wages for historically segregated jobs have been discriminatorily depressed because those jobs are held predominantly by minorities and women.

Sept. 11—U.S. seeks to preserve wartime job gains of minority groups; JAACL representative (Mas Satow) attends U.S. Employment Service conference in Washington.

Sept. 12—Another test case (Fumiko Mitsuuchi of West L.A.) challenging state alien land law filed.

Sept. 17—L.A. Issei (Kakuo Tanaka of W & F Produce) files third suit to recover prewar business firm seized by Justice Dept.'s alien property control.

Sept. 20—JAACL reports 34 chapters now active; half of prewar's count of 66. (Only 10 in Inter-mountain and San Benito County "in camp" continued to remain active during WW2 years.)

SPEAKING OUT:

On Accountability

By MARSHALL SUMIDA

San Francisco

The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians can recommend to Congress to correct the errors of the "illegal detention" and restore the image that we are a GOVERNMENT OF LAWS - NOT MEN. The following suggestions are made in this article to be used as a "sounding board" (*tatakidai*) to reach a consensus that such laws be considered to hold "accountable" any government official, elected or appointed, to carry out the mandates of the office and observe specific limitations within applicable laws.

[1] "All government officials elected or appointed and sworn to uphold the Constitution shall be held ACCOUNTABLE for any misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office: for their failure to abide by the letter, intent and purposes to uphold the Constitution and to protect the civil rights of individuals. Violations to be charged as a high crime or misdemeanor subject to "Censure" and/or possible "Impeachment" under Article II, Section 4 of the Constitution. (See Note below.)

[2] Any government official elected or appointed and sworn to uphold the Constitution, who knowingly with malice of intent causes the violation of specifically prevented acts in the Constitution shall be charged with a crime against the Constitution and the United States and charged with Treason. Charges to be brought according to Article II, Section 4 "Impeachment", and Article III, Section 3 "Treason" of the Constitution.

It is also suggested that the Commission recommend to restore the Courts as the "Check and Balance" in our system of government. Where the Supreme Court does not address the broad Constitutional questions and makes rulings on narrow grounds or avoid questions concerning Military Necessity, National Security, political, and foreign relations, the Commission Review Process should be held as a matter of course.

[3] "The Senate of the United States shall comprise a court with final appellate jurisdiction to review decisions and judgments of the Supreme Court of the United States where questions of the Military Necessity, National Security, Foreign relations, and political questions and use of Executive Powers directly or indirectly conflict with the "Bill of Rights" of individuals."

NOTE—ARTICLE II SECTION 4 States:

"The President, Vice President, and all civil officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on impeachment for, and conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high crimes.

HEARINGS

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moto, incidentally, served two terms on the Riverside city community relations commission, two years as chair.)

The commission was further reminded, "It has not been enough to have our indefinite detention ruled unconstitutional. I believe that a complete redress is in the best interests of all Americans. Today, good faith seems to be bonded in money. The unmis-

takable message in massive monetary, punitive damages offered to all who suffered these many indignities would be clear.

"The innocent need to be convinced that they were innocent. It also necessarily follows that the guilty must be identified and condemned by the historical record. It's not so much the money but the deterrent effect of punitive damages that is important," the Kumamoto testimony concluded.



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Sept. 1—Nisei veterans (Joe Itagaki and Calvin Ueki) enter Hawaii election for Territorial House seats; first Nisei to seek House seats since the war.

Sept. 9—Federal court hearings on 1,000 Tule Lake renunciants seeking restoration of citizenship postponed to Sept. 23 in Judge St. Sure's court in San Francisco.

Sept. 11—Nisei MIS officer (Lt. Harry Kuwabara of Salt Lake City) on "loan" to British 14th Army in Burma awarded Order of British Empire for action under constant fire; (OBE is second to Victorian Cross, top military decoration for gallantry.)

New Mexico stages its first O-matsuri

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—New Mexico JACLers are already thinking about the second annual O-matsuri next summer while recuperating from the hard work, garnished with a good feeling, in successfully completing their first Japanese festival staged Aug. 16 at Taro's Garden.

A modest turnout of some 500 persons came to be entertained with Japanese dances, koto music, taiko drums, sword and martial arts while nibbling kushi-yaki, sushi or nigiri, cucumber salad and tea in Taro's Teahouse. Chapter also ran booths featuring children's games, calligraphy, arts and crafts to raise funds for local JACL program.

Festival chair Calvin Kobayashi was aided by all chapter members, who are agreed "to make it bigger and better next year".

Placer JACL goodwill dinner set Nov. 7

PENRYN, Ca.—The 41st annual Placer County JACL goodwill dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7, 6 p.m. at the Placer Buddhist Church Hall, 3192 Boyington Rd., with Tad Yamashiro as general chair, it was announced by Kay Miyamura, vp for program & activities. Heading sub-committees are:

Gary Imamoto, Harry Kawahata, dinner; Howard Nakae, emcee; Hike Yego, invit.

JACL booth planned for Salinas Street Fair

SALINAS, Ca.—There will be a JACL-sponsored kushi-yaki (Japanese shish kebob) booth at Old Town Salinas Street Fair Oct. 3. Volunteers will be required to set up the booth as well as to cook and serve.

Chapter is also having its own barbecue picnic this Sunday, Sept. 20, starting at noon at Toro Park.

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Fee-Schedule Going Up in 1982

Life-1000 Clubbers

San Francisco

Effective Jan. 1, the fee-schedule for lump-sum life memberships is going up from the present \$500 to \$1,000 for JACL Thousand Club and from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for the JACL Century Club (see June 12 PC).

Until that time, the current rates prevail. Three months remain for anyone to become a JACL life member (includes lifetime PC subscription that is transferrable, in case of couples becoming life members) with a big saving. Those who are already 1000 Club life members, having contributed \$500 in lump-sum form in the past, can step up to Century Club life membership for \$500 more.

It is important to note that early this year a JACL Life Membership Account was established to handle ALL such lump-sum contributions and not, as in the past, be deposited in the general operations account. The Life Membership Account will remain separate with only the interest being generated going into the general operations account. This procedure is expected to aid and stabilize the cash flow of the National organization, which is cash-rich certain times of the year but forced to borrow at other times.

Hence, this appeal at this time to JACLers and all PC readers to consider giving "above and beyond" toward support of the most important national Nikkei organization. JACL is a multi-issue organization deserving of your determined effort.

—TOM ARIMA

Salt Lake to host first joint IDC, Mountain-Plains district meet

SALT LAKE CITY, Ut.—The 21st biennial Intermountain District Council convention over the Thanksgiving weekend here, Nov. 27-28, at the Ramada Inn Convention Center, will also be the first joint conference with delegates from the neighboring Mountain-Plains district.

Special attractions include the five-hour docu-drama videotape depicting the Japanese American experience through three generations, a multitude of workshops on the Nisei and Retirement Years, the traditional 1000 Club whing ding on opening night Friday, and the gala IDC Presidents' banquet and ball Saturday night.

The joint IDC-MPDC conference is scheduled Saturday morning. The IDC meeting is scheduled Friday afternoon.

A meal package (\$39.50) covers the whing ding, Saturday luncheon and IDC banquet. Workshops sponsored by IDC, Salt Lake JACL and the Small Business Administration as well as the five-hour videotape screening to be shown in two parts are free of charge.

Special room rates are \$32 single, \$38 double occupancy for the Convention. Guests should call the Inn (801-531-7200) for reservations. JACL convention info: Tab Uno (801-581-0567 until Sept. 24, 584-4525).

Houston's 3rd annual beach party set Oct. 4

HOUSTON, Tex.—It's "sand, salt, sea and sukuyaki" at the third annual Houston JACL beach party on Sunday, Oct. 4, 11 a.m. at the Green Beach House on Galveston Island—same as last year, notes Nadine Solie (488-5049), who is taking reservations. Out-of-towners are advised to call for directions to the picnic site west of Jamaica Beach State Park.

Oct. 4 is also the chapter's deadline for contributions to the JACL national redress campaign, it was reminded by Paul Shinkawa, president.

Las Vegas luau date changed to Oct. 17

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—Date for the annual Las Vegas JACL luau, a scholarship fund-raiser, has been changed to Saturday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at Paradise Park, it was announced by Lillian Morizono (734-0508/h, 732-1015-w). Entertainment will start at 11, followed by games at 1 and food from 2 to 3 p.m.

Chapter held its picnic last Sunday at Mahogany Grove at Mt. Charleston. It continues to meet on the second Mondays, 7:30 p.m. at Osaka Restaurant and the chapter board meets on the fourth Mondays, 7:30 p.m. at Morizono's home.

Philadelphia JACL forum on camps on Oct. 3

PHILADELPHIA—The Philadelphia JACL Chapter will conduct a forum examining the evacuation and internment from three different perspectives: historical, psychological, and legal and social contexts.

Speakers include Rep. Robert W. Edgar of Pennsylvania, who will discuss the legal and human rights aspects of the evacuation; and Prof. Roger Daniels, who will provide a historical background of the internment.

The forum will be held Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Arch Street Friends Meeting House, 4th and Arch Streets, beginning at 9 a.m.

An exhibit of artifacts from the relocation centers, entitled, "Framed in Barbed Wire—Evacuee Arts and Crafts," will be featured.

'Hito Hata' screening Sept. 26 for SGV benefit

WEST COVINA, Ca.—"Hito Hata: Raise the Banner" will be shown here at the Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente, Sept. 26, 7:45 p.m. to raise funds for the scholarships awarded by the San Gabriel Valley JACL and East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center. Co-director Bob Nakamura of Visual Communications and film star Nobu McCarthy will be present. Tickets at the door will be \$3 adults, \$1.50 students/sr. citizens.

Kismet Co. to entertain at chow mein fund-raiser

SALT LAKE CITY, Ut.—Middle East cultural dance and music presented by the Kismet Co. and retired San Francisco opera star Joyce Stamp now living at the Multi-Ethnic Sr. Citizen Highrise will entertain at the Salt Lake JACL chicken chow mein fund-raiser Sept. 19, 2:30-7:30 p.m., at the Japanese Church of Christ. Issei guests will be served at a 12:30 luncheon. Servings or takeout orders are \$2.50 per plate, \$1 for children under 10.

Salt Lake awards two scholarships

SALT LAKE CITY, Ut.—Greg Sueoka of Olympus High and Jeff Kida of West High were selected by the Salt Lake JACL scholarship committee as this year's outstanding students. Both are freshmen at the Univ. of Utah.

Greg, the son of the Joe Sueokas, participated in the University's summer enrichment program, Model United Nations and the debate team. Jeff, the son of the Taka Kidas, was student body v.p.,

student council chair and active in football, baseball and wrestling.

Ten students had applied, according to Laurie Noda, scholarship chair.

Marina's fall calendar aims to invite

MARINA DEL REY, Ca.—Marina JACL, which meets every first Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at the Burton Chase Park meeting room at the end of Admiralty Way and overlooking the boat harbor, will feature a forum on inter-generational differences, it was announced by Bebe T. Reschke, chapter president.

Conflicts between Nisei and Sansei—traditional values of the Nikkei family, the "now" and "me" concepts of young America, inter-ethnic and interracial marriages—are expected to be covered by the panel of John Hatakeyama, director, Asian-Pacific Counseling Center; Kenneth Mitsuahata; Laura Shiozaki, family therapist; and Mrs. Reschke. Info: Akimi Kodama 822-5528.

Also on tap this fall is a scholarship benefit theater party at East West Nov. 7, 8 p.m., with "Station J", a dramatic experience on WW2 evacuation, on stage. Champagne and hors d'oeuvres are included in the \$15 ticket. Info: Annabelle Uyeda Lee 536-2116 (w), 294-5811 (h).

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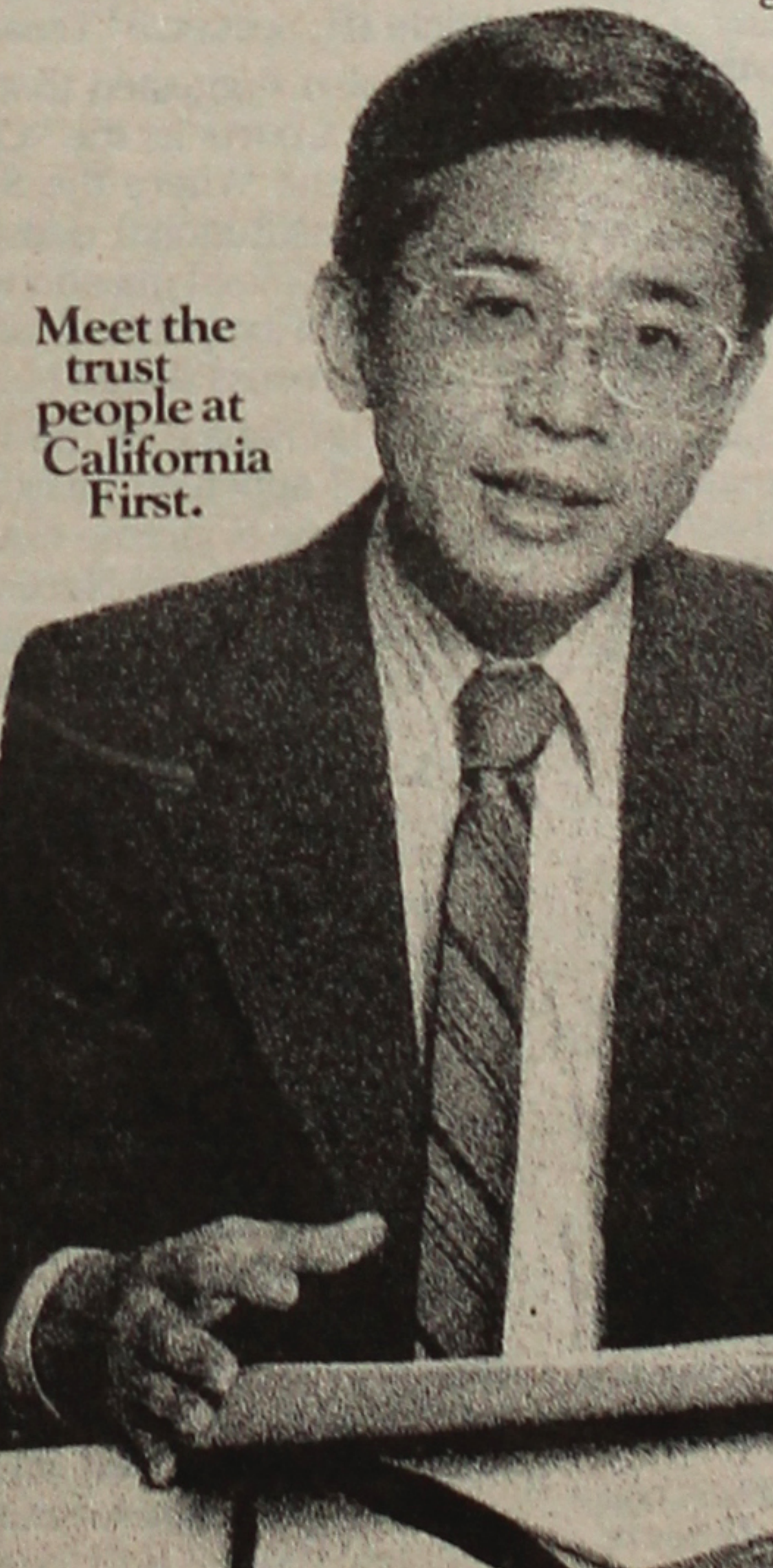
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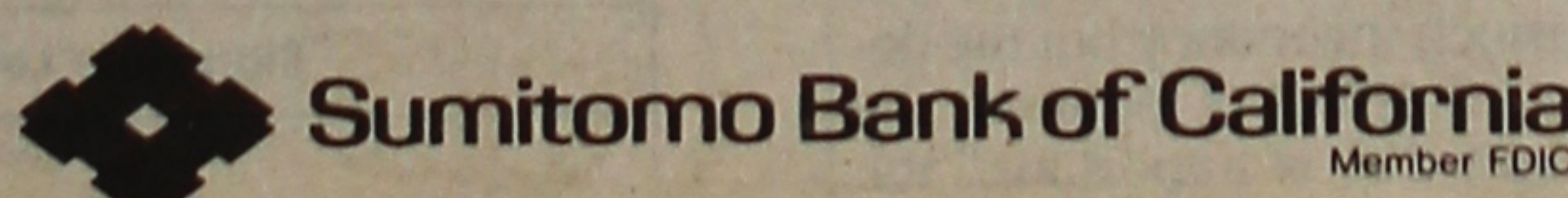
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Two JACLers win trophies at Panamerican Nikkei sports tournament held in the 7,000-ft. plus atmosphere: Eugene Tashima in tennis and Art Morimitsu in golf. In the background are two JACLers: Henry Yamaga of Selanoco and Nori Tashima (at right), Eugene's father of Livingston-Merced.

PC PEOPLE

Education
Efforts to find an Asian candidate to represent southeast Seattle on the city board of education fell short, according to the Seattle Times writer Constantine Angelo, when auto salesman and an active White River Valley JACLer Harvey Watanabe had agreed to run and had secured backing but then withdrew to avoid a conflict of interest. His wife Edith is head secretary at Mercer Middle School. Active Salt Lake JACL youth leader Ron Aramaki, who had been an Asian youth worker and more recently a summer conference director at Spruce Camp in the Wasatch mountains, has assumed a new post as Asian councillor at the Univ. of Michigan.

Entertainment
Pat Suzuki, who starred in the original Broadway "Flower Drum Song" as Linda Low, is now Mme. Liang in recent appearances for the St. Louis Municipal Light

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Edward T. Hida, executive vice president of the De Paul Rehabilitation Hospital in Milwaukee, Wis., was advanced to Membership status in the American College of Hospital Administrators, a Chicago-based professional society, at its 47th Convocation Ceremony held Aug. 30 in the Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

Religion
The Buddhist Churches of America announced the following assignments of the ministry: As of July 1, Rev. Shobo Ohata of Utah-Idaho has been reassigned to the Stockton Buddhist Temple, Rev. Nobuo Miyaji of Santa Barbara was sent to the Utah-Idaho

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Temple. As of May 15, Rev. Ben Mayeda was assigned to Gardena Buddhist Temple, while Rev. John Ishihara was reassigned to Orange County.

Hiroshima-born Rev. Nobuko Miyake, ordained as deacon in the United Methodist Church following her graduation from Claremont School of Theology, was appointed associate pastor at North Gardena United Methodist Church, serving as youth minister and working with the Japanese-speaking members... The Rev. Newton Ishiura of Berkeley was assigned Sept. 1 to the Florin Buddhist Church, while the Rev. Shiro Nishii of Florin goes to the Yakima-Spokane Buddhist Church.

USO cites Nikkei outstanding sr. volunteer

HOLLYWOOD, Ca.—Jeanne Hamano was named USO's Outstanding Senior Volunteer in 1981, the 40th anniversary year of the USO. A bookkeeper assisting USO since 1973, editing its USO Hi-Lites since 1976 and winner of special awards in recent years, she is the daughter of the Garrett Hamanos, onetime Sacramento residents.

Sansei lass runner-up for Seattle Seafair crown

SEATTLE, Wa.—Diane Katsumoto, Japanese community queen for Greater Seattle, was first runner-up in the Aug. 4 ceremonies to select Miss Seattle Seafair. She is the daughter of Malcolm and Chizuko Katsumoto. Among the judges were Tomio Moriguchi, president of Uwajimaya. Frank H. Hattori is a 30-year member of the Seattle Seafair executive committee.

Wrestler wins Oliver Trophy

MONTEREY PARK, Ca.—Gary Mizumoto, '81 state CIF wrestling champion in the 135-lb. class of Millikan High School, Long Beach, was honored with the Nellie G. Oliver Sportsmanship Trophy at the club's annual dinner here Sept. 5. He is the son of the Sei Mizumotos.

Members of the prewar Little Tokyo athletic club, named in honor of the club's founder, voted to include women in the judging from next year. Min Yoshizaki was dinner chairman; George Fujita, award chair.

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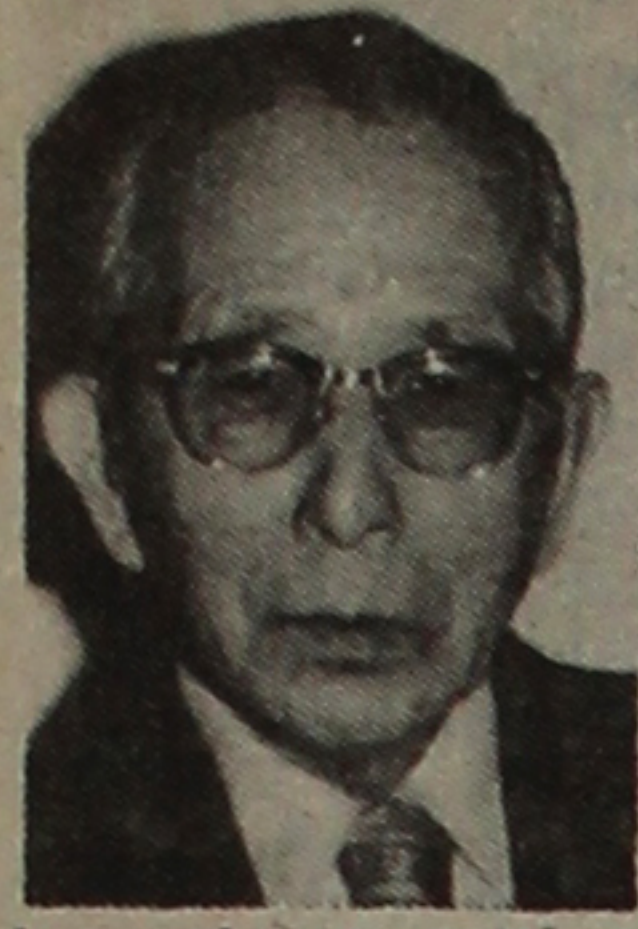
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Nikkei Genealogies

When the little boy asked: "Dad, where do I come from?" the father was at once uneasy. He was not sure what exactly the boy was driving at, but, on the other hand, he could foresee the drift of the dialogue to a possibly tricky ground. He began to wonder how the parable of the bees and flowers was worded. The boy bailed him out of the quandary: "Charlie comes from Kansas; Bill comes from Iowa; Don comes from Utah. I can't tell them where I come from." The father heaved a sigh. The boy said: "You never told me."

For a great many people the desire to know about their ancestors is no more than a mild curiosity, as simple as the little boy's geographical hangup. They seldom go far out to find out. Not many people in America have family records that go back much beyond four or five generations. In many cases the search is an arduous detective work that promises few surprises.

One of the few surprises is the theme of *Kingsblood Royal* by Sinclair Lewis. Neil Kingsblood is a junior executive in a small city bank, and is married to the daughter of the president. He is ex-Captain of artillery in the AEF. In short he has all the qualifications and promises of a successful future. Then he becomes interested in his genealogy. The search leads him to a black ancestor four generations back. Driven by conscience he makes the disclosure, and becomes the town outcast.

That a few black genes in their milk white blood should raise such a havoc is a reflection of how vehemently they hold to their belief in racial purity. I wonder if they ever considered these facts:

The Silures, early inhabitants of Wales who were conquered by the Romans, were said to be blacks. Negro faces appear prominently on the escutcheons of many distinguished British and European families. The granddaughter of Alexander Pushkin, who was a grandson of an Ethiopian favorite of Peter the Great, married a Battenberg. The Battenbergs became the Mountbattens of Great Britain.

One of the spinoffs of Alex Haley's *Roots* was the revived interest in genealogy. But the revival was all too brief and lackadaisical. I wonder if it was on account of the apprehension of finding that inopportune black man in the wood pile. I suspect the potentials for another *Kingsblood Royal* are abundantly there in many WASP families.

The notion of blood line was shared by many peoples of the world. But its fallacy also was recognized early. Chengsheng and Wukang, the two soldiers who revolted against the second Emperor of Chin, triggering several centuries of civil wars, used as a slogan: Kings, dukes, generals, ministers—how can it be that they are of special seeds? In the absence of scientific tests such as blood type match, the Romans took the realistic view *partus sequitur ventrem* (the child's status follows mother's). The principle was adopted by many of the colonies in pre-revolutionary America. So the children of free white women by black slaves were recognized as free in spite of their color.

The Japanese had a saying: *Hara wa karimono* (womb is something borrowed). Whenever convenient the principle was

Calendar

- SEPT. 18 (Friday)
 - Gardena—Kalin's Nisei dance club, Tokyo Compa, 9pm.
- SEPT. 19 (Saturday)
 - Salt Lake—Chowmein dnr, Japanese Church of Christ, 2:30-7pm; Middle East music & dance by Kismet Co., 5pm.
 - Los Angeles—Calif Conf on Asn/Pac High Blood Pressure Control, 8am-5:30pm, Biltmore Hotel.
 - Los Angeles—JAR Chinese auction, J Retirement Home, 5:30pm.
 - Garden Grove—Food Festiv, Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, 4-9pm.
 - Florin—Pre-reunion benefit dance, Buddhist Church, 9pm.
 - Denver—Prince Hitachi-Princess Hanako Roptn, Fairmount Hotel, 5:30-8pm.
- Chicago—Redress forum, North-eastern Ill Univ, 9am-1pm.
- SEPT. 20 (Sunday)
 - Salinas Valley—JACL bbq picnic, Toro Park, 12n.
 - Chicago—Nisei Post Issei Appr dnr, Midwest Buddhist Temple, 2:30pm.
- SEPT. 21 (Monday)
 - Chicago—Redress forum, North-eastern Ill Univ, 8:30pm; CWRIC Comm'r Arthur Goldberg, splr.
- SEPT. 22-23 (Tue-Wed)
 - Chicago—CWRIC hearings, North-eastern Ill Univ Commuter Ctr, 10 am-9pm Tu, 9am-5pm Wed.
- SEPT. 24 (Thursday)
 - Sacramento—Gen mtg, Nisei Hall, 7:30pm.
 - San Jose—Sensei Club mtg, Sumitomo Bank, 7pm.
- SEPT. 26 (Saturday)
 - Philadelphia—Sr Cits mtg, Jack Ozawa, ch.
 - Salinas Valley—Reno fun trip (2da).
 - San Gabriel Valley—Schol benefit movie, ESGVJCC, 7:45pm. "Hito Hata".
 - Seattle—Fund raiser, Nisei Vet Hall.
 - Denver—Vis Comm benefit, Paramount Theater, 2 & 8 pm, "Hito Hata".
 - San Jose—Sensei Club inst d/d, Joshua's.
- SEPT. 27 (Sunday)
 - Chicago—JASC Fuji Festiv dnr, O'Hare Marriott, 6:30pm; tribute to Tom Teraji, Henry Ushijima slide show on JASC, violinist-vocalist Susan Rhee and kotoist Brian Yamakoshi.
 - Los Angeles—Asn-Pac Women's

- Network "Salute", 2061 DeMille Dr, 1:30pm.
- SEPT. 29 (Tuesday)
 - Los Angeles—So Cal JCoFC lunch-eon, New Otani Hotel, 11:30am; Cal Sec of State March Fong Eu, "Potentials of Asn Amers in Calif Govt".
- OCT. 1 (Thursday)
 - Detroit—Food booth, Old World Market (till Sun).
 - Marina—Mtg, Burton Chase Pk Mtg Rm, 7:30pm; Panel: Intergenerational Conflict.
- OCT. 3 (Saturday)
 - Philadelphia—Redress forum, Friends Mtg House, 9am.
 - Salinas Valley—Kushiyaki booth, Old Town Salinas St Fair.
- OCT. 4 (Sunday)
 - NC-WNPDC/Diablo Valley—DC exec bd mtg, Concord Inn, 1401 Willow Pass Rd, 12n-4:30pm.
 - Houston—Beach party, Green Beach House, Galveston Is, 11am.
 - Monterey Peninsula—Issei-kai lunch.
- OCT. 8 (Thursday)
 - Los Angeles—LA Jr CofC Century of Pac Conf (2da): Thu dnr, Pres Gerald Ford, splr, Century Plaza Hotel; Fri 9-12n, panels on trade/culture, Biltmore Hotel, 12lunch honoring guests fr Jpn.
- OCT. 9 (Friday)
 - Nat'l JACL—Bd & Staff mtg (Fri 7pm-Sun noon), JACL Hq, San Francisco.
 - Watsonville—75th ann'y Buddhist Temple din-dance, Seascape Golf Club-house, Aptos, 7pm.
- OCT. 10 (Saturday)
 - Florin/Elk Grove—Comm reunion (2da), Sat banq, Woodlake Quality Inn.
 - Sonoma County—JAYS Keiro-kai dnr, Enmanji Hall, 6pm.
- OCT. 11 (Sunday)
 - Marin Cty/NC-WNPDC—Invit volley-ball tour, Terra Linda HS, San Rafael.
 - San Gabriel Valley—Aki Matsuri, ESGVJCC, West Covina, 12n-10pm.
 - Selma—Golf tour, El Prado Course, 11:30am.
 - West Valley—Clubhouse mortgage burning party, JACL Clubhouse; dnr at London Ribs.
 - Los Angeles—Maryknoll Men's Club spaghetti dnr, Maryknoll Auditorium, 12-6pm.
- OCT. 12 (Monday)
 - Las Vegas—Gen mtg, Osaka Restau-rant, 7:30pm.

invoked to legitimize an issue. The mother was almost always randomly picked for looks, seldom for other qualities. So practically all the Tokugawa Shogun, and countless provincial lords were sons of concubines. So were the Emperors Komei, Meiji, and Taisho, great grandfather, grandfather, and father of the present Emperor of Japan. There is another saying in Japan: If you trace your ancestry far enough back you are related to one or all of the four noble clans, Minamoto, Taira, Fujiwara, and Tachibana. Genealogically speaking, there is no such thing as blue blood in Japan.

There is one potential for surprise left in Japanese genealogies. I would like to deal with the subject in another article soon.

As far as the Nikkeijin are concerned the most exciting and meaningful chapters of their family genealogies took place here in America, but thank goodness, our worths are not determined by them.

Nisei politicians' support of redress commission bill hit

MONTEREY PARK, Ca.—A U.S. district judge in strong support of compensatory redress and reparation for the wartime internment of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry contended the Nisei politicians' support of the bill for redress commission hearings was the "unkindest cut of all—the greatest betrayal".

"We have been victimized," Judge Robert M. Takasugi told nearly 100 persons attending the 21st annual Oliver Club sportsmanship award banquet at Paul's Kitchen here Sept. 5. The onetime National JACL legal counsel said the legislators should have instead supported the Lowry bill, which stated the government was guilty whereas the commission bill asked to determine whether the government erred.

(Rep. Mike Lowry, at the time of introduction in late 1979, admitted his bill was unlikely to pass as the political climate for direct redress was not yet ready.)

Judge Takasugi said the Nisei politicians, who were not mentioned by name (one lady later asked the PC who they were), supported the commission bill because he believed they were either looking forward to the next election or feared the economic realities of this administration with the end result that there would be no reparation but only an acknowledgment that the government had sinned.

● Government

San Francisco Mayor Feinstein appointed Yasushi Sumiya, president and chief executive officer of California First Bank, to the Asian Art Commission, and Nancy Yoshihara Mayeda to the ballot simplification committee.

Jeffrey Ken Mori was named to the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission on Aug. 19. He is co-founder and director of the Japanese Community Youth Council.

Japan's nationality laws under wholesale review

TOKYO—The Justice ministry is currently reviewing the country's nationality laws with an eye to making wholesale revisions.

In particular, it is considering changing the provisions which forbid a Japanese woman married to a foreign citizen from passing her citizenship to her children.

The ministry has asked other ministries for their suggestions and expects to form an advisory body on the matter in October. Detailed legislative revisions are expected to be ready for the 1983 Diet session.

This follows the signing last year of the treaty to abolish discrimination against women.

After the question of whether a Japanese woman should be able to pass her nationality to her children, the biggest problem concerns people with dual nationality over taxes and military service.

Another matter under review is that in the case of a foreign spouse of a Japanese citizen wishing to obtain Japanese nationality, there is a differing residential period requirement for men and women.

However, the ministry is worried that if it becomes too easy to acquire Japanese nationality through marriage to a Japanese citizen, many people might marry for just this purpose, then get divorced when they have obtained Japanese citizenship.

The ministry is thus inclined to make it impossible for a foreigner to acquire Japanese nationality until he or she has been married to a Japanese citizen for at least three years.

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the United States from Japan, the Japanese, ever-fastidious as they are in these matters, issued final paychecks for services performed in Japan. Some six years after the war had ended, many of the Aleuts still had these paychecks, uncertain just how to negotiate these commercial papers under the circumstances. The Japanese government apparently stood ready to honor them.

All information and quotes are from the quarterly publication of the "Alaska Geographic Society, entitled "The Aleutians", vol. 7, No. 3, 1980.

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