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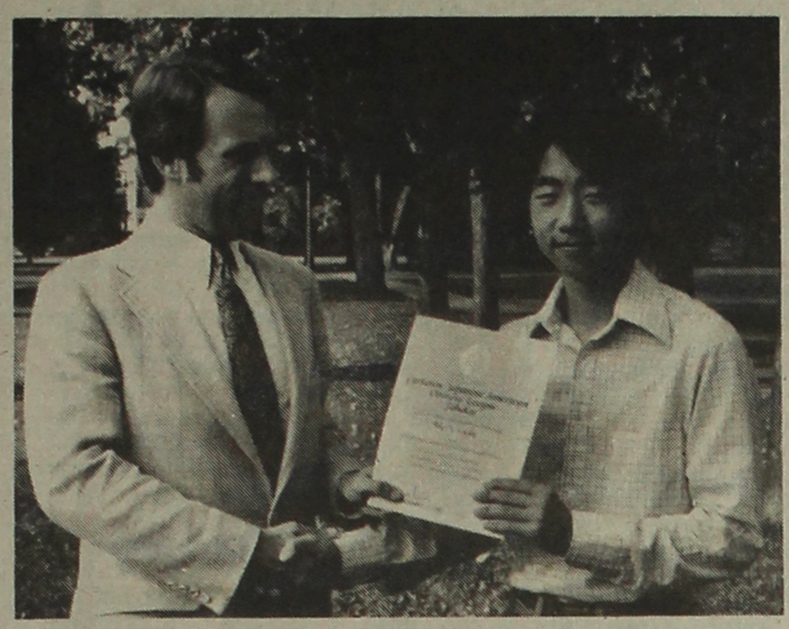

NORTHFIELD, Mn.—Carleton College freshman Peter T. Nakahata of Mill Valley, Calif. receives the first Carleton/Japanese American Citizens League Scholarship. Dean of the College, Peter Stanley, is shown presenting Nakahata with a certificate. The four-year scholarship is awarded to meet the financial need of Japanese American students with outstanding potential for success at Carleton and leadership in the nation and the world. (This past summer, Peter served as a summer intern at JACL Headquarters. He is the son of the Don Nakahatas, active Marin County JACLers.)

Hawaiians have highest cancer rate in U.S.

WASHINGTON—Hawaiians have the highest cancer rate and people of Hispanic background have the lowest, according to a new National Cancer Institute study.

Male Hawaiians recorded some 465 cancer cases per 100,000 individuals, the highest rate listed in the study, between 1973 and 1977. Hawaiians also had the highest rate among women, with 408.5 cases per 100,000.

Hispanic females had the lowest rate at 173.6 per 100,000. Among men, American Indians in New Mexico recorded the lowest rate at 178.4 per 100,000.

Study Covers 10%

The study covered nearly 10 percent of the nation's population in Puerto Rico and 10 states or metropolitan areas. Included were Connecticut, Iowa, New Mexico, Utah, Hawaii, and the metropolitan areas of Detroit, Atlanta, New Orleans, Seattle and San Francisco-Oakland.

The highest incidence of stomach cancer was among Japanese and Hispanics and among the white populations with large percentages of foreign born residents, such as Detroit and San Francisco.

The study also noted that Japanese and Chinese women living in Hawaii had cancer rates similar to Japanese and Chinese women in San Francisco-Oakland.

Breast Cancer Common

The most common female cancer was breast cancer with the highest incidence among Hawaiians and whites living in Hawaii and the lowest in Utah. The cancer rate among Hispanic women was about half the rate among white women.

Overall, the most common types of cancer were colon-rectum, followed by breast and lung. But of all cancer deaths, lung cancer accounted for the most (21.7 percent), followed by colon-rectal (13.6 percent) and breast (9.2 percent).

Cancer rates, per 100,000 individuals, were reported in the study as followed:

Males — Hawaiians, 465.0 blacks, 454.3; whites, 371.6; Japanese (in Hawaii), 327.6; Chinese (in SF-Oak.), 325.6; Chinese (in Hawaii), 262.9; Filipino, 249.5; Hispanic (in NM), 229.5; Hispanic (in PR), 229.2; Japanese (in SF-Oak.), 222; American Indian 178.4.

Females—Hawaiians, 408.5; white, 301.2; black, 288.7; Chinese (In SF-Oak.), 283.6; Chinese (in Hi.), 263; Hispanic (in NM), 237.1; Japanese (in SF-Oak.), 224; Japanese (in Hi.), 220.9; American Indian, 191.6; Filipino, 191.5; Hispanic (in PR), 173.6. #

Oakland Councilman Ogawa to seek open district seat

OAKLAND—Frank Ogawa, City Councilman here, plans to run again for a fifth term, but may not seek the district 7 seat which he has held for the past 16 years.

He may try for the at-large seat being vacated by Councilman John Sutter, who is seeking appointment to the Alameda County Superior Court, it was reported.

Political foes of the Nisei Republican claim Ogawa wants Sutter's at-large seat because he knows he will not win re-election in his own district at the end of his term in 1983.

Up to now the entire city voted to select all the district councilmen, but since the last election the city's voting procedures have been changed to count only votes in a candidate's own district.

Four years ago, Ogawa won city wide with 61 percent of the vote, but lost in his district by a small margin to black activist Mary Meredith.

Next April Ogawa must win in his own predominantly black district to be re-elected, unless the council appoints him to the at-large seat if there is any vacancy before the next election.

Although Councilman Wilson Riles Jr. feels that Ogawa will "most likely lose his present seat" and therefore try for the at-large seat, the Nisei councilman denies this speculation.

Ogawa said he asked Mayor Lionel Wilson to help appoint him to Sutter's seat if and when it becomes available. "I feel I could do a good job," he added, although the mayor had been non-committal.

However, Riles, who describes himself as left of both Wilson and the "moderate" Ogawa, said he was sure that Wilson wanted to give the seat to Ogawa. #

CWRIC draft of final report to be previewed by Nat'l JACL

SAN FRANCISCO—While there is a possibility that the life of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians may be extended to Dec. 31, 1982, it is anticipated that its preliminary draft of the final report will be allowed a review by the JACL National Committee for Redress.

At the 1980 national convention, the JACL was careful to reserve the right to study and consider such proposed reports before the convention acted on the proposed amendment to establish the CWRIC, it was recalled.

According to Min Yasui, redress chair, the JACL hopes to have the opportunity to study the proposed draft in order to formulate its official position with regard to the report.

Videotape on Aleuts—An ABC (Alaska Broadcasting Corporation) videotape of the WW2 plight of the Aleuts was recently received by JACL Headquarters. Persons interested in renting the cassette program, "World War II—The Aleutian Story", may check with JACL Headquarters (415—921-5225).

PSWDC trust fund allocates $5,700 for community use

LOS ANGELES—PSWDC-JACL Trust Fund continues to assist Japanese American community projects, it was indicated in a Nov. 3 report by Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, chairman of the trust fund board of trustees. The 16-year-old fund, now over $100,000 generated approximately $12,000 for community use and administrative expenses this year as follows:

Distributions to—Nisei Relays, $2,500; National Conference of Christians and Jews, $500; Asian Pacific Youth Coalition, $200; Asian Images, $800; Regional Office partition, $450; Expenses—Administrative, $700; Audit and preparation of government forms, $532.50; Stamps, $18. Total: $5,700.50. Two applications totaling $1,600 were held up pending additional data.

Any excess for 1981 plus funds from a savings account is placed into a money market fund, Nishikawa added.

Nishikawa also indicated income for 1982 is expected to be $12,800. Budget for administrative expenses will be increased to $1,200, postage $20 and audit fees, $532.50 (about the same).

On the board of trustees are Dennis Kunisaki, Cary Nishimoto, Frances Kitagawa, Hiroshi Shimizu, Stuart Tsujimoto and Nishikawa; resource—Masamune Kojima, legal counsel; Kathy Chono, PSW treas.; and John J. Saito, reg. dir.

L.A. agencies feel the sting of Reagan's federal cutbacks

LOS ANGELES—Federal cutbacks by the Reagan Administration have taken their toll on programs in the Asian Pacific American community here, according to a report in the November newsletter of the Asian American Voluntary Action Center.

Nationwide, federal programs have been cut 25%, amounting to $35 billion. AAVAC noted that another $13 billion reduction has been targeted for fiscal year 1982, which began on Oct. 1.

As a result, many Asian American agencies and organizations here have suffered losses in funds and staffpersons in the areas of health, employment, education and recreation for children, aid to the elderly, women and refugees.

Some of these programs, as noted by AAVAC, include:

—The Asian American Mental Health Training Center, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health and Human Services, has lost its Southeast Asia Mental Health Training Project which consisted of 13 staff persons and a budget of $200,000.

—The Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP), funded at the state level by the Department of Alcohol and Drugs and at the county level by Community Development Health Services, anticipates a reduction of its state contract by June 1982.

—The Asian Pacific Family Planning lost its federal funding from the Indochinese Refugee Assistance Program (IRAP) which amounted to $265,000 (70% of the total program) and 15 staff members were laid off.

Asian Health Project, funded at the state level by the Department of Health Services, Office of Family Planning and Office of Maternal and Child Health, relieved four CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) VI staff persons and suffered a reduction of $37,000.

—Chinatown Service Center, funded in part at the federal level by the Department of Labor, suffered a loss in its CETA IV A, Indochinese Refugee Youth Program ($500,000—40% of the total program) and 16 staff members were furloughed indefinitely.

Other programs affected by government cutbacks include the Center for the Pacific Asian Family; Indochinese Refugee Service Center; Indochinese Employment and Health Center—Catholic Welfare Bureau; Southeast Asian Refugee Resettlement Program; Oriental Service Center; Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE) and Teenpost—Chinatown.

Roy Morales, director of the Asian American Mental Health Training Center, commented:

"What is happening is a drastic shift of fundamental philosophy by the administration and staff of the government. The shift is translated into 'less government-funded human services programs' and the belief of more 'private corporations' to provide human services . . .

"The shift is radical, rapid and retrenchment, painful to many people, especially to the poor, the low-middle income, and the refugee population. As more cuts in human services are made, middle-income people and providers of services will be affected—economically and mentally because alternatives are few and the so-called 'safety nets' are nowhere to be cast."

PACE was hit hard by the cuts, losing $960,000 from the CETA training portion of the Handyman Project and forcing the agency to lay off 50 staffers. The program also forfeited $350,000 from its On the Job Training component of the CETA program, with four staff persons laid off.

Kerry Doi, director of PACE felt that protests, such as strikes and demonstrations,

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Small black group stirs CWRIC air in New York

By FREDERICK KATAYAMA

NEW YORK—Among the variety of topics addressed by witnesses before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians here on Nov. 23 were the employment of Japanese Americans at Seabrook Farms in southern New Jersey, the plight of the Peruvian Japanese internees, and an unusual recommendation of a garden memorial as a form of redress. But the only testimony that drew hisses and sarcastic laughter from an otherwise passive audience of about 450 at the Roosevelt Hotel was the deposition of Clarence C. Reynolds, president of the obscure, 100-member Black "Organization for a New Life and Freedom!" of Chicago.

Reynolds opposed "any pay of money for the interned Japanese Americans." He explained, "We know you've been mistreated; we Blacks have been too for 850 years. But we're not asking for billions of dollars (in reparations); we're dedicated to improving the country."

Reynold's stand on this issue marked the first time in a series of nation-wide hearings that a member of a minority organization had submitted testimony disapproving the Japanese American community's fight for redress and monetary retribution.

The goal of the New Life and Freedom group, according to Reynolds, is to move 65,000 Black Americans back to Africa "to build a nation where we'll have first-class citizenship."

But rather than asking the U.S. government for money, Reynolds explained that they intend to seek "assistance" from the U.S. government in relocating Black Americans to Africa.

When he attempted to defend his view by stressing to the Commission that "one of my good friends was of Japanese origin during World War II," Commissioner William M. Marutani provoked laughter among the audience by humorously responding, "Some of my best friends are Black."

Reynolds then countered by telling Marutani, "you've got a power base—Japan. You have a right to go back too."

Once again, the audience reacted with laughter when the Nisei Commissioner replied to Reynolds, "I have no desire to go back to Japan. I've never been there; so I'm not going 'back'. If you think I face discrimination here, wait till I get over there."

Commissioner Arthur S. Flemming, who chaired the hearing, put an end to the exchange by calling forth the next witness.

Local Nikkei Mobilized

When the hearing commenced at 9 a.m., the 500 seats were occupied. By late afternoon, there was a capacity audience comprised mainly of Nisei, some Sansei and a scattering of Issei and Caucasians.

The East Coast Japanese Americans for Redress (ECJAR), com-

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● For the Record

The ZIP code for contributions to the Amache Memorial monument (Nov. 13 PC), a campaign sponsored by the Central Optimist Club of Denver was off by one digit. The correct address is: Amache Memorial Monument Fund, c/o Nobuo Furuiye, 2960 Eppinger Blvd., Denver, CO 80229.

● HI Boxscore

1980 TOTALS

Display Ads	6,342½"
One-Line Greetings	822
JACL-HI Project	16

1981 DISPLAY ADS (6,336")

Alameda	168	Pasadena	18
Arkansas Vly	3	Philadelphia	20
Berkeley	336	Portland	84
Chicago	84	Reedley	196
Clovis	6	Riverside	18
Columbia Bsn	6	Sacramento	189
Contra Costa	168	Salinas Vly	420
Cortez	12	Salt Lake	98
Detroit	21	San Diego	336
Diablo Vly	6	San Francisco	336
Downtown LA	168	San Jose	168
East LA	252	San Mateo	5
Eden Twnshp	140	Selanoco	252
Florin	4	Snake River	252
Fowler	6	Sonoma Cty	13
Fremont	12	Stockton	168
French Camp	15	Tulare Cty	50
Fresno	168	Twin Cities	7
Gardena Vly	252	Washington 8 DC	
Gresham-Tr	3	Watsonville 180	
Hoosier	9	West L A	252
Liv-Merced	168	West Valley	29
Marysville	56	Wilshire	6
Milwaukee	6	CCDC	6
Monterey Pen	210	Midwest DC	10
Mt Olympus	2	NCWNPDC	20
New York	126	PSWDC	20
Oakland	21	Ad Dept	473
Orange County	84	PC Office	139

DEC. 5 Total: 6,336" (99.9%)

ONE LINE GREETINGS (319)

Cortez	18	Riverside	48
Dayton	27	Seabrook	36
Detroit	31	Sonoma Cty	28
Gresham-Tr	78	Tulare County	19
Milwaukee	29	Twin Cities	70
Mt Olympus	2	Washington	37
Pasadena	23	White River	35

JACL/HI PROJECT (18)

1 Bldg Fund	1 PC
12 Student Aid	4 Redress Fd

Holiday Issue is next!

This is the last issue of the year. The annual Holiday Issue to follow will be printed on or about Dec. 21 and is dated Dec. 18-25.

The new year opens with another "double-dated" issue, Jan. 1-8, to be printed on or about Jan. 4. Deadline for New Year Special is Dec. 30.

Regular schedule and deadlines resume thereafter—Ed.

Redress Reports

CWRIC

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prised of two groups—Concerned Japanese Americans (CJA, a member organization of the National Coalition on Redress/Reparations) and the JACL New York Chapter—was responsible for mobilizing the local Nikkei community for the hearing.

Michi Kobi, co-chairperson of ECJAR, credits CJA for being the "main thrust" that was responsible for bringing the CWRIC hearing here. Originally, New York was not among the designated cities.

Details into the lives of former internees who were employed by Seabrook Farms after their WWII incarceration were brought to light by Charles T. Nagao. He testified about 3,000 Japanese Americans lived and worked at Seabrook Farms as laborers at the starting wage of 53 cents an hour. "Promotions to top positions," however, "were only available to Caucasians," claimed Nagao, who added, "During one hard season, the laborers were required to work a ten-to-twelve hour shift."

Under close questioning by Mitchell, Nagao clarified his statement by stipulating that the 53 cent-per-hour wage was the going rate at the time in the U.S. and that Caucasian employees were also subjected to the twelve-hour work shifts.

Plight of Peruvian Japanese

The CWRIC hearing also disclosed more information on the plight of Peruvian Japanese who were removed from their residences and transported to detention camps in the United States.

Seika Morono, a Nisei, read the testimony of his father, Ginzo Morono who was unable to attend the hearing. His father was detained with 60 other Japanese in Peru on Jan. 6, 1943. For two days, he was given no food while being transported on a truck that dropped them off at a port.

He was then placed aboard a ship bound for San Francisco. Six months later, he was reunited with his family in an internment camp at Crystal City, Texas, a detention center established for internees with families.

According to Morono, 3,000 were interned at Crystal City along with some German Americans. Half were Japanese from Peru; the other half were relocated Japanese Americans.

Like Nagao, the Morono family moved to Seabrook Farms to seek employment. However, Morono's testimony stipulated that he was paid an hourly wage of ten cents, unlike the 53¢-per-hour rate cited by Nagao.

Yet, in spite of this experience, Morono's son concluded in a quivering voice filled with emotion, "We're proud to be naturalized citizens of the U.S."

442nd Veterans Testify

Among the non-Japanese testifying was Norman Kurlan, an American Jew who served as an officer for the 442nd regiment. He recalled the "bitter irony" that he witnessed in the treatment of Nikkei.

"While our regiment was training at Camp Shelby, I went to a relocation center in Arkansas, where I saw families being incarcerated.

"While we were fighting in Europe and suffering great casualties (over 900 Purple Hearts were awarded), their (Japanese American soldiers') families were in concentration camps."

Another 442nd veteran was William Kochiyama, a local Nisei who tried to enlist in the armed forces. All branches of service replied, "No Japs wanted," he said. He also had previously faced "a wall of prejudice" in seeking jobs and was even denied membership in a labor union because of his racial background.

Kochiyama drew the longest applause of the day when he criticized the testimony made by John J. McCloy, then Assistant Secretary of War. McCloy's testimony before the CWRIC in Washington Nov. 3 caused the Washington audience to respond with laughter and hisses when he maintained the internment of Japanese Americans was "humanely conducted".

Commenting on McCloy's opinion that many Japanese Americans would have opted to return to Japan if the Battle of Midway had been a defeated cause for the U.S., Kochiyama exclaimed with a raised voice, "I deny that we would have turned 'turncoat' if the Battle of Midway would have been lost."

Kochiyama claimed that a number of Japanese Americans in New York City were whisked off to Ellis Island for a while after the Pearl Harbor incident. While acknowledging that most New Yorkers of Japanese ancestry did not suffer much racism, he informed the Commission that Mayor La Guardia of New York had strongly opposed the resettlement of Nikkei in New York City after the camps were closed.

Kochiyama outlined a four-point redress program that included the Aleuts: (1) $50,000 for each internee, (2) establishment of a community fund, (3) reversal of the Supreme Court decisions justifying the forced relocation of American citizens, and (4) educating the American public about this historical event.

Educating the Public

Flemming had earlier referred to the need to educate the public during his questioning of Dr. John Coventry Smith of the National Council of Churches. "Those recommendations (that the CWRIC will issue) will gather dust unless there is popular opinion backing us up," Flemming stated. He then urged Dr. Smith to spread his accounts of the evacuation through his church organization in order to educate the public.

Marutani followed Flemming's statement with a warning about the future. "Should we engage in hostilities with Cuba, what happened to the Japanese Americans might happen to the Cubans in Florida." Like his other comments, this remark by the Nisei judge was applauded by the audience.

Throughout the testimonies, Flemming and Marutani repeatedly had to ask the testifiers to specify the form that the reparations should take. Most of those testifying answered in monetary terms, except Tadashi Tsufura, a local school principal. His esthetically detailed suggestion of a war memorial was viewed as "creative testimony" by Flemming.

Tsufura recommended a permanent garden monument be placed near the Lincoln Memorial. "The land plot should have ten boulders serving as benches, with the names of the ten internment camps (inscribed). The remaining area should be a garden with 110,000 or more pebbles to commemorate the number incarcerated."

CWRIC Probe Hit

At the hearing the CWRIC was also subjected to criticism. Dr. Howard E. Spragg, executive vice president of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ, expressed that he was "amazed and ashamed at the CWRIC for trying to discover if an injustice was done to the loyal Japanese American citizens."

When questioned by Marutani, Spragg said that he could not recall any instances of injustices performed against German Americans or Italian Americans near his church in Chicago's South Side.

Also criticizing the Commission was CJA. In a flyer signed by Sasha Hohri and Yuri Kochiyama, the co-founders of CJA charged that the Commission was insensitive in demanding that all witnesses speak English. Moreover, CJA was upset at the fact that Reynolds, the only Black "accepted on the agenda by the Commission was to speak against our cause, furthering division between Japanese Americans and Blacks."

Nor was JACL's role during the relocation to be void of criticism. Jack Tono of Chicago, one of 112 draft resisters imprisoned, claimed that the JACL tried to make them change their minds in resisting the draft by using "scare tactics".

"The JACL left us high and dry and turned their back on us. I still feel the knife in my back," he commented. #

MDC raises $28,000

CHICAGO—A check crediting the JACL Midwest District fundraising effort for redress has been forwarded to the national office in San Francisco. According to Henry Tanaka, chair of the Midwest Redress Committee, the amount raised by the nine Midwestern chapters totals $28,068.

Tanaka commended each Midwest chapter for its diligent efforts, adding that "the work is not complete and the money raised to date indicates the commitment of the district on the issue of redress." Tanaka also stated that "future fundraising to reach the $30,000 goal is anticipated and should be realized because of the demonstrated commitment of the district."

Tanaka called for an aggressive public education campaign in anticipation of the future legislative effort that will be required. "The Midwest District is planning to solicit the support of its many organizational friends," Tanaka said. He further indicated that the support of the total JACL will be needed to fulfill the goals of the overall redress effort.

Min Yasui, National JACL Redress Committee chair, acknowledged receipt of the funds Dec. 3 and noted: "We most sincerely appreciate the support evidenced by the Midwest JACL chapters, because we know that in the months ahead, we need to begin background and preparatory work for the legislative campaign in Congress to exact meaningful legislation for redress and reparation."

Yasui added that chapter redress representatives will be asked to cultivate contacts with U.S. congressmen and senators for support when JACL's bill on redress is proposed. He pointed out that in any legislative effort in Congress, backing from all parts of the country is crucial. A national legislative campaign will require the coordinated efforts from each JACL district. #

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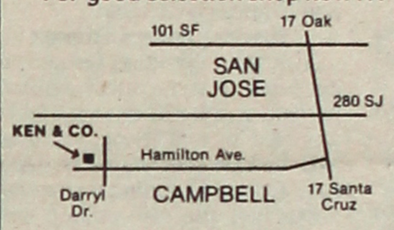

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County affirmative action officer under fire, resigns

LOS ANGELES—County Affirmative Action Officer Mike Ishikawa, who had been under investigation by the District Attorney's office on a conflict of interest charge, resigned from his post Dec. 1.

His resignation, announced at a Press Club news conference, was turned in as the county grand jury opened its probe the same day into charges that the 37-year old Sansei had illegally operated a private public relations firm, partially on county time and with the help of county workers (PC Nov. 6).

Ishikawa, who served as compliance officer for over five years, denied any wrongdoing in the operation of his firm, International Relations Consultants. He added, "I wish to make it clear that the resignation has nothing to do with my concerns about the outcome of the investigations because I remain very confident that I will be exonerated."

Affirmative Action in Trouble

Ishikawa also said that he was stepping down because he strongly believes that the county's affirmative action compliance office and minority hiring programs are in danger of dissolution because of two earlier investigations and now a third by the grand jury.

"My primary reason for resigning has to do with my concern for this office and the effect that the investigation and the negative press has had on staff morale and the ability for it to operate," he noted.

Although he felt the current Board of Supervisors support affirmative action programs, he believed Chief Administrative Officer Harry Hufford was not committed to hiring minorities, but rather to "what is expedient for management."

At Odds with CAO

The former JACL PSWDC district governor also said that he and Hufford have been at odds with each other for the past five years, and criticized the CAO for forwarding a report on the investigation of allegations to the district attorney without giving him (Ishikawa) a "promised opportunity" to refute the accusations before the supervisors.

"The first time that I found out the allegations were given to the district attorney's office was on Sept. 24 in The (Los Angeles) Times," Ishikawa noted. "I am a strong believer in due process, but after un-

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Chicago atty. hurt in auto mishap

CHICAGO—Harry K. Mayeda, a prominent Nisei attorney, was seriously injured Nov. 14 in a four-car crash on Lake Shore Drive by Oak Beach.

Mayeda's car was totally destroyed, but he miraculously escaped with broken ribs, wrists, and severe contusions. He is reported recovering at Passavant Hospital here.

Mayeda was one of the founders of the Japanese American Resettlement Committee in Chicago, and served as the post-war group's first president.

deaths

Fred Muto, 69, longtime San Fernando Valley wholesale flower grower, died suddenly Dec. 3. He was San Fernando JACL president in 1947 and more recently on the JACL Blue Shield executive committee co-representing the PSWDC. Surviving are w Katy, s Larry, d Janice and 1 gc.

Man shot near Gardena cafe

GARDENA, Ca.—Kichisaku Nohara of Torrance was shot and killed Nov. 28 in the parking lot of Yue's Cantonese Restaurant here, and Los Angeles Sheriff's homicide investigators were assuming that robbery was the motive.

Helen Yue, one of the restaurant owners, said Nohara was a frequent customer and was probably on his way out when he was shot. Sheriff's investigators were told by witnesses that they saw a group of young men approach Nohara. After Nohara raised his hands above his head and turned away from the suspects, a shot was heard and the victim fell to the pavement.

Investigators did not say what was taken in the robbery, nor have any arrests been made.

Nohara worked with youth groups and coached baseball for neighborhood children, noted Yue, who pointed out that he recently had a banquet for the team at her restaurant a few months ago. #

Karate class nabs robber

SAN JOSE, Ca.—A would-be robber picked the wrong escape route in Santa Clara, running into a class of karate students.

Detective Sgt. Steve Derossett said the man tried to grab a woman's purse Nov. 18 in the El Camino Real shopping plaza. The woman was knocked down and she began screaming, which drew attention from passerbys.

A citizen in his car pursued the suspect, who ran down an alley next to the Karate Ways studio. The students inside heard the squealing of the motorist's tires, so when they went out to tell him to knock it off, the motorist told them what was going on.

After a brief confrontation, the students subdued the robbery suspect until police arrived. "I understand they apprehended him with no problem," said Derossett.

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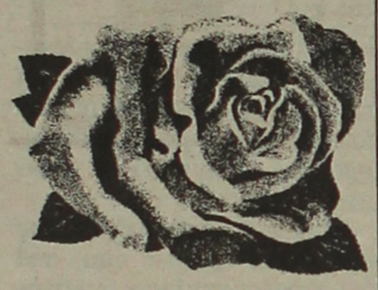

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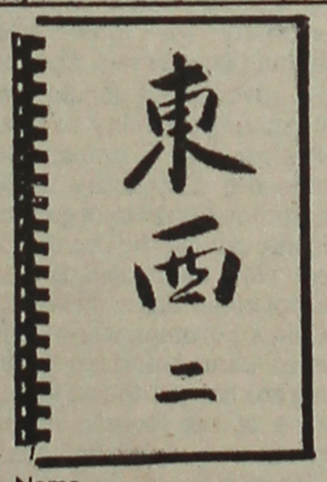

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On Dec. 7

San Francisco

Monday (Dec. 7) will be the 40th anniversary of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. We will wake up that morning with all of the major television networks broadcasting stories on the event. Older Americans will all recall where they were when the news of the bombing first reached them. Horror stories will be told by mothers and widows who lost loved ones.

In some classrooms in this country a Yonsei will be singled out by a teacher and made to feel somehow responsible for the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor. There will be fights in a few schoolyards involving adolescent vigilantes. The absentee rate among Yonsei students will rise for the first part of the week.

In the minds of many of our fellow citizens, we will be Japs again. We will not be fellow citizens. It happens each December 7th.

I wonder if the networks will air the movie, "Tora! Tora! Tora!" I remember seeing the movie in Los Angeles at a special showing. The audience was composed of high school students from throughout the city. At the conclusion of the movie, all of the Sansei in the theater exited in groups and were cautious not to draw attention to themselves.

News commentators will remark that the enemy nation in 1941 now holds a 15 billion dollar trade surplus advantage over the United States. Unemployed auto workers and World War II veterans will focus on a common enemy. I will avoid driving the Honda on Monday.

(This came to our desk too late for inclusion in the Dec. 4 PC—Ed.)

YE EDITOR'S DESK: by Harry Honda

Year-End Notes

Note No. 1: There are two more people on staff fulltime now (for which we are most thankful) than there were a year ago as we faced the Holiday Issue bustle.

Assistant editor Pete Imamura is working over stories which are being groomed for the 1981 year-end special: portions of JACL's testimony in the process of submission to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, the Mike Masaoka recollections of the 1942 evacuation period when he was JACL's national secretary (Mike's recollections were videotaped in Washington and PC was expecting a copy of the voice portion, which is supplanting the book-length testimony he wanted to submit but was unable because of doctor's order), the Florin Story (which is a resumption of a Holiday Issue feature of the 1950s where Issei-Nisei contributions to a community were highlighted), short stories and special reports.

The most recent staffer, Mitsuko Sakai, who came to assist Tomi Hoshizaki in subscription-circulation, is reading galley proofs—much of it new advertising at the present—giving us a second pair of eyes to assure names, addresses, phone numbers are correct.

Note No. 2: Unlike previous years when the Holiday Issue was printed the week after this last "regular" issue was put to bed, we are skipping a week with the printer-mailer to get the Holiday Issue (112 or 128 pages) ready. Christmas falls toward the end of the week, allowing us time to skip.

Note No. 3: Starting 1982—the PC format is being changed to eliminate the 7% shrinkage. That translates roughly to 6 column inches of less copy per page or 48 column inches for an eight-pager. But the type will look bigger than it is now. Readers may be able to detect this change inside the Holiday Issue.

Note No. 4: Sometime in 1982 (when the National JACL Board gives us the greenlight), each chapter will receive a Member Expiration Checklist showing the individual PC expiration dates of its membership. In most cases, the PC expiration date coincides with the "anniversary date" of membership—which the Board is currently considering. (We say "most cases" since some members were PC subscribers with months remaining when they joined JACL, in which case the subscription was extended another year.)

The staff is also busy double-checking and updating the computerized PC subscription file. Subscribers will know when we have converted as label will look different—and some may miss a copy, too.

Note No. 5: Longtime Stockton JACLer George Matsumoto has suggested (and we shall make it generally available to all chapters which have ordered bulk space in the Holiday Issue) a special bundle of 6 copies of the Holiday Issue be mailed him to accommodate an advertiser who may not have received his checking copy. He has been getting enough inquiries of this kind to warrant the suggestion. #

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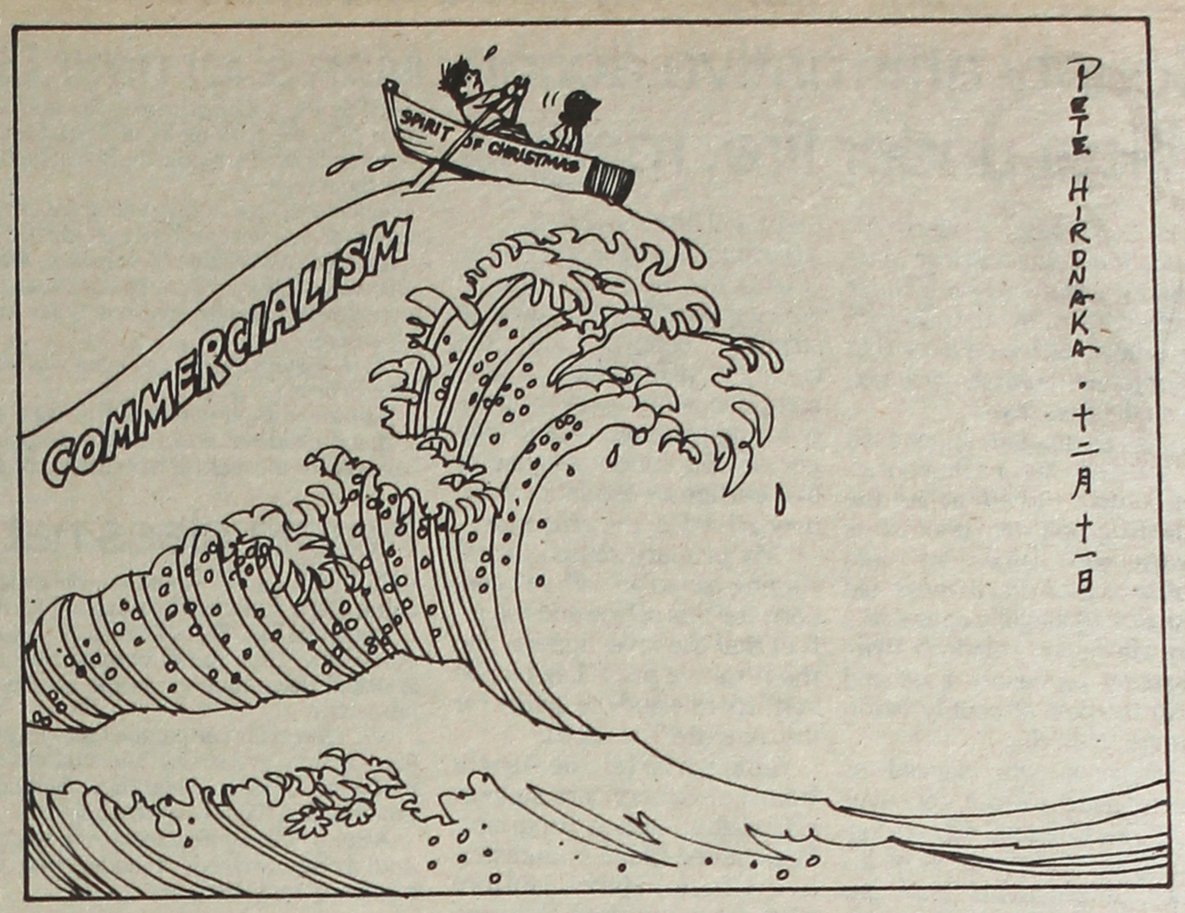

Pete Hironaka: 'Incisive and occasionally serious'

By LAURENCE S. NEWMAN JR.
Associate Editor
The (Dayton) Journal Herald

For more than 30 years an irreverent artist named Pete Hironaka has touched Daytonians with a sense of humor that, like Si Burick's or D.L. Stewart's, never quits.

Like many artists, his causes have been countless — conservation, brotherhood, baseball, anti-bias, the American heritage, to name but a few.

In the '50s and '60s Hironaka worked on the Daily News with Bill Haines, a banker-in-training, and Vince Tellis, a straight man. Theirs was a unique corner of the newsroom.

They spent half their time airbrushing photos, drawing charts, maps, and other artwork, collaborating on special layouts and pioneering with color. They also contributed a steady flow of cartoons.

The rest of the day they ran in-house football and baseball pools, recruited for the office softball team, touted their bowling league, compared averages and played practical jokes.

Oh, how they enjoyed a good joke. The higher it hit, the more they enjoyed it.

Once, typically, when asked for a touched up shot of the Great Miami River, to show how it might look with a low-level dam, they put in high water and a whale. For a brief moment they thought about adding a Navy ship. Or a ship sinking. Had time permitted, the conspirators would have drawn in an entire fleet.

Anything for a laugh.

If you didn't double- and triple-check their art, you could be in deep trouble. And they loved it.

A stop in their corner invariably provided a sort of lift that makes a creative operation go.

With his talent and his eye for the ridiculous, Hironaka was a perennial ringleader.

Now, after working with a long line of Daytonians, from Lefty McFadden to John Jakes to Dick 'The Shogun' Jacob, he has elected to tell all in a delightful collection of sketches called "Pete Hironaka's Report from Round-Eye Country."

Like its author, it is warm, funny, sensitive, incisive and occasionally serious.

In the old days we always knew Pete had a feel for people. This effort only confirms it in writing.

He has gone back to his beginnings, in a Nisei community in California, followed by three grim years in a war relocation center in the Arizona desert. He also takes us to Miami University, where he earned a fine arts degree, and on to Dayton.

In copy and in art, he has looked back upon his heritage with a balance of love and humor. He has recalled the people who encouraged and inspired him and who became a part of his life and times.

There are many who stand out in his memory.

Like the friends who rallied around him when his Kettering home was sideswiped by a tornado.

Like the managing editor who took his chances on a World Series ticket drawing rather than pull rank and make sure he had his own.

Like the DNI executive who drew him aside when he went into business for himself and assured him, serious for once, that if the enterprise soured, he, the executive, wanted Pete to know he'd help.

Like the teacher who told him, when he was a kid in Barracks 229-5D, on a desolate portion of the Mohave Indian reservation, he could be anything he aspired to be if only he set his mind to it and tried.

Pete Hironaka saw some terrible prejudice first hand in his formative years. He came through it with remarkable understanding when he could easily have been embittered for half a lifetime.

"There were over 110,000 stories in those naked U.S. concentration camps," he wrote, "and this is but one of them."

"It has been a solo project bound together with verse and visuals by someone who doesn't know he is just a struggling artist trying to write or a crummy writer who thinks he can draw."

"Lest some readers . . .think that they detected some bits of bitterness when internment for over three years is mentioned," he went on, "they surmise wrong. It is disappointment . . .that Democracy failed us and we don't want to see it happen again."

"There are still some evidences of prejudice, however subtle, and strangers still often take us for foreigners. However, this is still the greatest nation in the world. I'm glad we migrated to 'Round-Eye Country.' "

Amen Pete Hironaka, amen.

35 Years Ago

in The Pacific Citizen

DEC. 21, 1946

Dec. 10—Four Nisei GIs (T/Sgt Tomomasa Yamazaki of L.A., WO Shigeru Mori of Utah, M/Sgt Fred Hirano of Minneapolis; and T/Sgt Daniel Ota of San Francisco) die in Army transport crash off Osaka. Plane, enroute to Fukuoka, crashed after take-off from Itami AFB.

Dec. 13—Over 1,300 attend Seattle JACL-sponsored state testimonial to Nisei GIs.

Dec. 17—California will pay back wages to 40 Nisei dismissed from civil service after order for evacuation.

DEC. 28, 1946

Dec. 12—Nisei parents (Shigemi Aratanis of Los Angeles) file challenge against Calif. education code permitting race segregation; son attending Amelia St. School (inside Little Tokyo).

Dec. 13—Fresno judge (Clark Clement) orders confiscation of farm, acquired by Sogotaro Fujita in name of infant daughter Tomoye in 1917 on alleged violation of alien land law.

Dec. 19—Utah alien land law, enacted in 1943, condemned by statewide veteran group leadership.

Dec. 27—First all-Nisei VFW post organized in Sacramento.

REAGAN

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are necessary, coordinated with other disadvantaged classes affected by cuts.

Emy Santos of the Asian Pacific Family Outreach, noted that some 16,000 Indochinese refugees in the city of Long Beach will have an even more difficult time adjusting to their new society due to the loss of IRAP money.

At the Chinatown Service Center, director Irene Chu commented:

"What are we going to do with the community? The private sectors should take responsibility for those who have not been served. The federal government should not pull out responsibility so fast. There must be a timeline to enable the community agencies to have time to organize. It is like pulling the rug under them. Now the morale is low, It is not benefiting anybody!"

Chuck Furutani, whose Service to Asian American Youth program has yet to fall under the ax of the Reagan Administration's budget cuts, noted:

"Waiting to see what's going to happen gives the whole community a lot of apprehension . . .and a lot of sleepless nights. Apprehension is debilitating . . .(it is) hard to hold our people."

Japan third in world for developments

TOKYO—The Japanese Science and Technology Agency indicated that Japan accounts for 10% of the scientific and technological development in the world in the recently released "White Paper on Science and Technology" for fiscal 1980.

Based on data from the mid-1970s, Japanese expenditures on research, with 9.0% of the world's $108 billion, ranked third following the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.; the number of persons involved in research, with 12.4% of the world's 3.97 million researchers, also ranked third after the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.; and the export of technology-intensive products such as chemical and machinery, with 12.4% of the world's (1977) $395 billion export amount, was third after West Germany and the U.S.

Denver Sansei killed in crash

DENVER—Gary Lee Higa, 26, suffered fatal head and chest injuries as the result of a head-on auto accident Nov. 19 on Brighton Blvd.

According to police, Higa was driving south on the street when a car, driven northbound by Jesus F. Sanchez, crossed the median line and crashed into Higa's car.

Sanchez was treated for injuries at Denver General Hospital and then jailed on a charge of vehicular homicide.

Gary was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Higa.

Ishikawa

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dergoing two separate investigations without benefit of an opportunity to respond or participate, I must question the intent and motivation of these investigations."

Ishikawa suspected that the allegations against him, and the subsequent investigations by Hufford's office and the district attorney are being used to discredit affirmative action and minority employment at a time when budget-trimming layoffs are affecting minorities.

Hufford Denies Charges

However, Hufford denied Ishikawa's charges Dec. 2, saying that they had never been engaged in a five-year feud. Ishikawa's contention that Hufford was against affirmative action policies was also "absolutely untrue," added the CAO.

Ishikawa became the subject of the conflict of interest probe in September when an employee he fired, Dan Nelson, took the allegations to board members and Hufford's office. Supervisor Mike Antonovich then called for an investigation into moonlighting.

Toyota Motors donates parts to schools

SAN FRANCISCO—Obsolete auto parts that would normally be scrapped for their metal value are being put to good use by area schools as a result of a recent program by the Toyota Motor Sales, Inc. regional office here.

The company has donated parts to vocational schools, high school and junior college auto shops and rehabilitation institutions such as Folsom Prison.

The auto parts are used for instructional purposes and Toyota donates only parts that would not be sold to the general public. The regional office has reported that the program works well for both the company and the institutions.

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

MIS: A Secret to All But the Nisei

Denver, Colo.

Paul Sakai, who left the U.S. Army some years ago with a colonel's eagles on his shoulders, dropped in the other day for a brief howdy. He was on his way home to Baltimore, Md., after attending the U.S. Military Intelligence Service reunion in San Francisco.

Somehow, it had skipped my notice that Sakai had been among the MIS fellows who had performed such yeoman service in the various Pacific theaters during World War II. He had been one of the few to, somehow, escape the Army's dragnet that either kicked most Nisei out of uniform soon after the attack on Pearl Harbor, or relegate them to permanent K.P. Almost before he knew it Sakai found himself with an infantry outfit landing in North Africa. So how did he happen to wind up in the military intelligence language school? I asked him about it.

* * *

Back in 1940 Sakai was one of the depression-era Nisei youngsters in Seattle who despaired of ever finding a decent job opportunity, given the Depression and the closed doors facing Japanese Americans. So, like Minoru Yamasaki, a former neighbor, and Toge Fujihira against whom he had played basketball and football in the old Courier League, and Tooru Kanazawa who had written about those games, Sakai set out to seek his fortune in New York City.

There was a lot of warlike talk in the air. Congress approved compulsory military service, just in case. Young men were required to sign up for the draft. Secretary of War Henry Stimson pulled some numbers out of a fish bowl to determine in what order the men would be called up for a year of military training. Sakai's number was the fifth to be drawn. He didn't have to worry about job-seeking any more. Uncle Sam had one for him.

He was a well-qualified infantryman when the war broke out and he saw a lot of combat in North Africa. But what he hadn't counted on was the little bugs that cause dysentery. He caught one of the darndest cases of amoebic dysentery that anyone ever caught and he was shipped back to a military hospital in Utah preparatory to being mustered out.

Sakai wasn't ready to be retired. He asked for limited service and was transferred to the staff of the Military Intelligence Language School in Minneapolis where, even though he didn't qualify on the basis of language, he got to know the students who were being prepared for translation and interrogation duty in the Pacific. Eventually he decided to make counter-intelligence a career, serving in Japan and Germany and a number of stateside posts before retiring as a full colonel.

The reunion was held in conjunction with the opening of an MIS exhibit in the Army Museum at the Presidio in San Francisco commemorating the achievements of the 6,000 Nisei linguists who were an American "secret weapon" in the Pacific War. The exhibit is well-deserved recognition of the tremendously valuable role these men played in various parts of the vast Pacific front, ferreting out information that shortened the war and saved uncounted American lives.

There seems to be little doubt that so far as the Japanese high command was concerned, the Nisei linguists were a secret weapon, or if they knew, they didn't know what to do about them. But it is not accurate to say the linguists were "one of the best-kept secrets" of the war that had been "an untold military secret until only very recently."

There was hardly an adult among the 110,000 Japanese Americans in the relocation camps who didn't know what their sons, husbands and friends in the Pacific theater were doing. And one of their sources of information was the Pacific Citizen which carried many a story about the heroism of Nisei linguists. But the word never got to Tokyo during the war, and that says a lot about loyalty. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

The Disappearing Art

Philadelphia

I'VE OFTEN WONDERED what will happen to the delectable art of preparing and serving those delicious dishes served to us by our Issei parents such as *makizushi, nishime, ozōni, shiruko*—just to name a few. Already much of the art has been lost by the passage of the Issei from the scene with a few Nisei who have the ability, inclination (or the time) to prepare those time-consuming dishes. Further, by reason of lack of ready accessability to many of the necessary ingredients, even those with the ability and inclination are prevented from serving such foods which trigger the flow of saliva and harken back to those halcyon days. The problem is further compounded by the fact that in many instances, those complex dishes have appeal only to the Nisei parents—their offsprings opting for steaks or hamburgers, or even TV dinners. The dismal outlook in this respect is made even more pessimistic when one views the on-going trend of many of our offsprings marrying out of their culture.

Every so often, I'll come across a non-Sansei spouse who endeavors to make *sushi* or at least *tsukemono* for her Sansei husband. (I've yet to come across a "him" who prepares such fare for his Sansei wife, although there might exist such a rarity somewhere in this vast land.) But when I learn of such a non-Sansei spouse, I just figure that's true love, for only true love would put up with the strong smell that some mouth-watering *tsukemono* can and will generate.

I DON'T KNOW what nutritionists would have to say about these old-time foods that were served up to us by our Issei parents, but my own assessment is that it was most wholesome as well as being tasty: no sodium nitrite, chemical coloring, preservatives and such deleterious substances. Very often those preserved foods were prepared by a natural process, such as air-drying—be they *iriko, renkon, konbu, kazunoko,* or *katsuo-boshi,* to name a few. And as for *yasai,* why that would be something that came from the fields less than an hour ago. A devotee of health food fads could not do beter. Come to think of it, in retrospect it's a real paradox that we view those days as being ones of "poverty", although in a material or economic sense they surely were. But in terms of bodily sustenance, as one looks back, we were "in clover".

THERE WERE ALSO some food sources in the wild that we enjoyed, including of course not only *matsutake* (food for the gods, and just about as rare and expensive, too) but also *warabi, kikurage,* and at times *gobo.* Since being uprooted and being placed into a concentration camp in 1942, I've had the pleasure of tasting *warabi* but twice: once on the East Coast at a gathering of Tom and Mary Murakami's (they apparently scoured some woods to find them) and another time at Ben and Betty Yumori's in Culver City, California. Getting back to *matsutake,* I understand that from time to time, someone seeks to cultivate some soil containing the spores, but no one has yet been able to unlock Nature's secret. If one ever does, (s)he'll be an instant $ucce$$.

WELL, "TEMPUS FUGIT" as they say, and we've moved on to other gustatorial delights, not necessarily exotic but new to us. As a lad, raw oysters (Olympia kind) and raw clams were rejected, but no longer today. Out this way, we suggest you try snapper soup which is thick in consistency and looks a bit like *miso-shiru:* excellent with a dash of sherry, particularly on a cold day. Philadelphia scrapple takes a bit of getting used to, something that I've not done; too greasy. But out here they sell tons of it, for breakfast. Also, if you're ever out this way at the right time, by all means try our white corn, sometimes known as "Silver Queen". Absolutely the best. I had assumed that such corn was available wherever corn grew—which is just about anyplace—but a Californian recently informed me that it was not available out there. A shame. And soft-shell crabs are also a treat. I was surprised to learn that the Japanese, with their island-nation, are not familiar with soft-shell crabs, which one eats "as is" after broiling.

BUT WHEN IT comes to *oshōgatsu,* there's but one spread. And I miss those days.

Fujima Kabuki show scheduled Jan. 8

LOS ANGELES—"Dances of the Kabuki," featuring Los Angeles artist Fujima Fujisumi and Tokyo artists Fujima Fujiko and Fujima Rankei, will be performed Friday, Jan. 8 1982, 8 p.m. at the Wilshire Ebell Theater, 4401 W. 8th St. For ticket info call (213) 939-1128.

Mochitsuki at Wesley UMC

SAN JOSE, Ca.—The Wesley United Methodist Church will hold its annual Mochitsuki on Dec. 28, 29 and 30, with orders taken during the day (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at the church office, 566 North 5th St., (408) 295-0367 or 295-0368.

Oshogatsu fest

SAN FRANCISCO—The 11th Annual Oshogatsu Festival will be held Saturday, Jan. 23 on Post St. between Webster and Fillmore Sts. and in the Japan Center Theater. For info call Naomi Mizushima (415) 563-8052

Calligraphy exhibit on 'Dog Year' motif

OAKLAND—An exhibit of brush calligraphy on clay, fiber and paper with motif for the Year of the Dog (1982) by Joyce Block will be held Dec.17-Jan.17 at the Zee 7/8 Gallery, 360 Alcatraz Ave. A slide presentation, "Calligraphy is . . ." will also be held Jan 14. For more info call (415) 653-6910.

New Year's Eve dance party set

EL CERRITO, Ca.—A gala New Year's Eve party being planned by the Berkeley and Contra Costa JACL is for those who really enjoy ballroom dancing and will take place Dec. 31, 9 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center.. George Yoshida's Sentimental Journey Band will provide the music. The Sansei-led four piece band is composed of Yoshida, drums; Randy Senzaki, tenor sax; Bill Carpenter, bass, tuba; and Jim Leiby, piano. #

Japan firms hire 100,000 Americans

BOSTON—The number of Americans employed by Japanese companies in the U.S. had risen to about 100,000 in 1979, according to the Japanese Consulate General's office here. The data, based on figures released by the Japan External Trade Organization, also reveals that the number had increased rapidly from 63,547 in 1977 to 79,470 in 1978—a 25.1% increase—and to 95,313 in 1979—a 19.9% increase.

This last figure represented 5.8% of all American employees of foreign companies in the U.S.

Taro Yashima book signing party Dec. 19

LOS ANGELES—Artist/writer Taro Yashima will help bring in the holiday cheer by appearing for a special one-day book signing party, Saturday, Dec. 19, 1-5 p.m. at Amerasia Bookstore, 338 E. Second St.

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Kathy Chono had to do a lot of work to make preparations for our Fourth Quarterly District Council Meeting in Las Vegas. She gave chapters ample time to make their plans and reservations, but Kathy had to be flexible until the last minute and because of her efforts everything turned out well.

On the Las Vegas side, Kathy was working closely with Don Frazier, George Goto, Tom Watanabe, Lillian Morizono of Yahiro Travel, to name a few, to assure a comfortable and successful weekend. This is the first time I had been on a bus trip to Las Vegas and it wasn't bad. What probably made it pleasant was the good company on the bus. We arrived in Las Vegas to be greeted by a most pleasant evening weather almost reminiscent of a warm summer eve. We gathered at the lobby of the Flamingo/Hilton and got our room assignments and our luggage was brought to us. The rest of the night was free time and although I didn't take the offer, Lillian Morizono made show reservations for those who wanted to take in a show on the strip, with no waiting in line.

Our bus driver recommended taking in the Omnimax theater at Caesar's Palace, which we did, and at $2.00 it must be one of the better values in town.

Saturday morning—District Governor Dennis Kunisaki calls meeting to order. Some delegates come in counting winnings or losses but from the size of the wad it looks more like winnings. Of course, I don't see any frowns on their face. The business items on the agenda are taken care of and we break for lunch. What a heavy lunch, I have had lighter dinners. President Jim Tsujimura is the luncheon speaker and inspires us with his dreams and hopes for the future of JACL.

Elections in the afternoon and Cary Nishimoto, a Sansei attorney, is declared the new district governor for the next two years. (The swear-in at the chapter steak dinner was forgotten in the rush.)

Late Saturday night—PSWD people back at the crap tables, blackjack tables, slot machines and watching the keno numbers that don't come up.

Sunday morning—Taking advantage of the 99¢ breakfast, checking out and one last fling in the casino before boarding the bus back to L.A.

Both winners and losers appear content on the bus ride back to L.A. It was a relaxing and rewarding weekend.

San Gabriel JACL officers installed

WEST COVINA, Ca.—The San Gabriel Valley JACL recently installed its 1982 officers at its recent Scholarship/Installation Banquet. Past president Dr. Kanji Sahara welcomed to the board:

Benny Taguchi, pres; Laura Miyake, vp; Kathy Chong, sec; George Yanase, treas; and board membs Ted Hamachi, Hideo Kiyan, Toshi Ito, Marvel Miyata, Yosh Sogioka, Edward Tokeshi, Kay Tokeshi, Iwao Yamaguchi, Barbara Yanase and William Young.

PSWDC appoints new legal counsel

LOS ANGELES—Leslie Furukawa, prominent Los Angeles Sansei attorney, was named legal counsel to the Pacific Southwest District Council by District Governor Cary Nishimoto. The district executive board acted unanimously in ratifying her appointment Dec. 2.

Furukawa is a partner in the downtown law firm of Williams, Williams and Furukawa. She has been the vice-president of the Japanese American Bar Assn. since 1980 and is on the board of directors of the Asian Pacific Womens Network and the Women Lawyers of Los Angeles.

The appointment marks the first time a woman has been named PSWDC legal counsel. Among those in the post during the past decade were Masamune Kojima, Cary Nishimoto, Kenji Machida, Louis Ito and Robert Takasugi. Takasugi is presently the judge of the U.S. District Court and previously served as National JACL legal counsel. #

JACLers named to APAAC's board

SACRAMENTO—Asian Pacific American Advocates of California, the newly-formed advocacy organization soon to be based here, named as their legal counsel Floyd Shimomura, JACL National vice president and UC Davis Law School professor.

J.D. Hokoyama, the League's PSWDC vice governor, was elected to APAAC's 15-member board of directors and will represent the Los Angeles region with Sherwin Chan of the IBM Corporation.

APAAC will soon announce its executive director and anticipates a Jan. 4, 1982 opening of its office.

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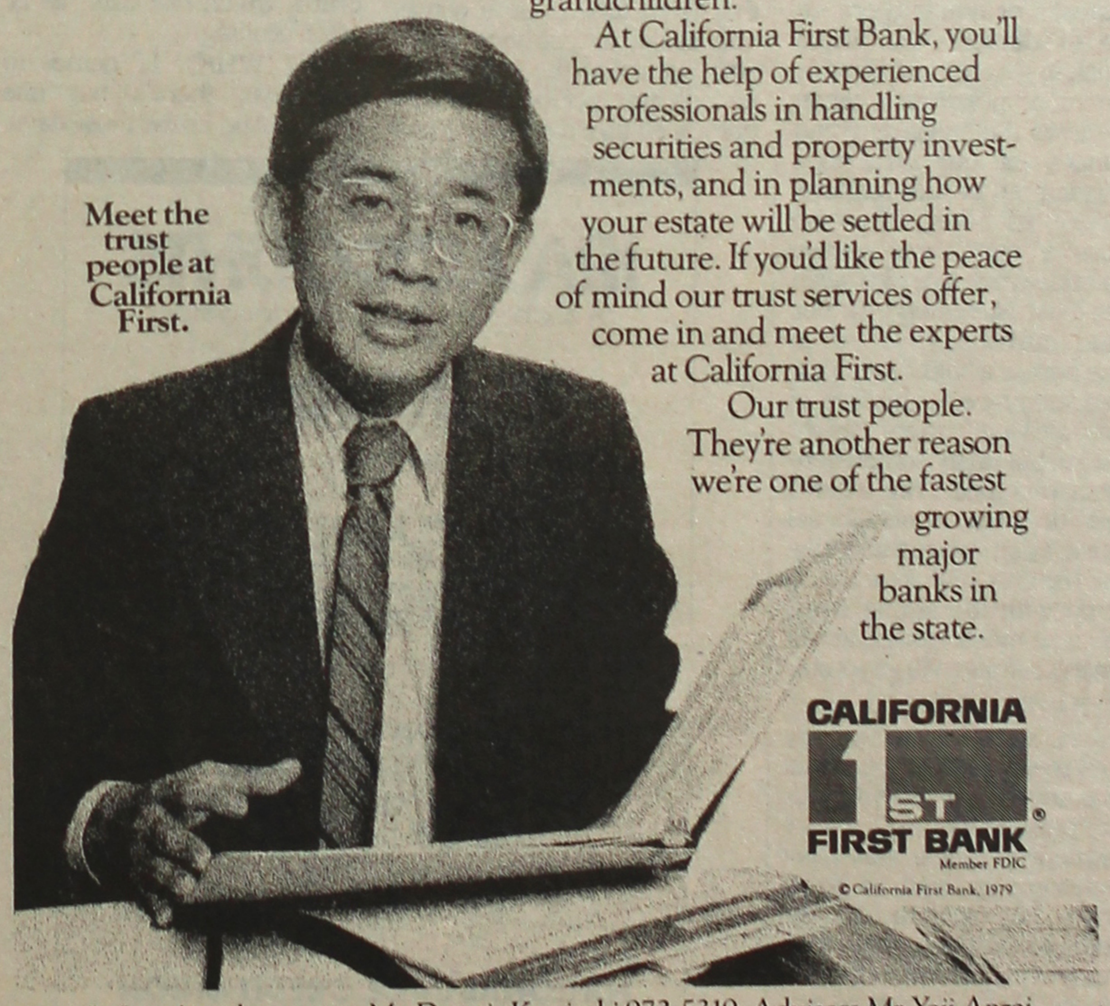

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● Business

In a move designed to broaden its base of operation into Little Tokyo, Pacific Heritage Bank chairman of the board **Vincent H. Okamoto** announced the appointment of former San Lorenzo Nursery manager and vice president **John Fukushima** as business development consultant for the fledgling South Bay Financial institution.

● Organization

Min Yasui was recently elected to the executive committee of the Colorado Humanities Program, which is in charge of awarding grants for area humanities projects, totaling $250,000 per year. Yasui is the committee's corporate treasurer in charge of funding received from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Denver attorney is also JACL National Redress chairman.

1st Asian American honored by vet's council

WASHINGTON—The United Veterans Council of Philadelphia held its 32nd annual Veterans Day Service Nov. 11 in Washington Square. During the memorial luncheon, a special Community Service Award was presented to Flora Lou for her dedication and service to the Sons and Daughters of the Spanish American War, making her the first Asian American honoree in the history of the United Veterans Council.

● Religion

Daughter of Japanese evangelist Toyohiko Kagawa (1888-1960) who is married to a Salinas Valley businessman, John Momii, **Umeko Momii** was ordained Nov. 1 as senior pastor of Lincoln Avenue Presbyterian Church. She is the first Nikkei woman minister of the United Presbyterian Church of America. She began her ministerial studies belatedly in 1948 in Kobe and came to the U.S., obtaining her master's degree in 1955 at Yale. Her husband, also active in the church, was a lay missionary in Sri Lanka (1972-75).

● Sports

Christy Wada of California High School and Janet Hemenway of Santa Fe H.S. were named co-MVPs by the coaches for the Whitmont League girls volleyball in Whittier, Ca. Wada helped her team to an 8-2 record and 2nd place in League standings.

In Portland, Ore., **Tami Maida**, 14, is not only Philomath High School's homecoming princess but also a quarterback for its frosh football team. The Vancouver-born, 5'5", 117-lbs. freshman helped lead her otherwise all-male team to a 7-1 record, in which she played two complete games and saw action in all but one of the others. The daughter of Ralph and Judi Maida, Tami plans to play varsity football, but with the all-girl team.

Three Nikkei named to education commission

LOS ANGELES—Three Japanese Americans were elected to two-year terms on the Los Angeles Unified School District's Asian American Education Commission, it was announced Nov. 24 by director Herb Leong.

Wayne Iwahashi, Janice Shimozawa and Hazel Taniguchi were voted into the commission, which now has a total of 12 Asian/Pacific American persons serving two-year terms, and five serving one-year terms.

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U.S. opens up files on WW2 germ warfare

CHICAGO—Quoting from declassified material kept at Ft. Detrick, Md., Army headquarters for biological research, John W. Powell discloses in the October issue of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists that American prisoners of war were among the 2 or 3,000 Chinese killed by Japan's germ warfare experiments during WW2 in North China.

After the war, U.S. officials granted war crime immunity to the Japanese involved in exchange for data they had developed, despite knowing it was possible some Americans had died in the experiments, according to Powell, a China-born writer who had served with the Office of War Information during WW2.

An FBI memo in 1956 confirmed that captured Americans were used in the tests being conducted in the war against the Chinese and Soviets, the article stated. Experiments took place outside Harbin.

Powell is writing a book about biological warfare and obtained some of the material under the Freedom of Information Act.

(On file in the PC morgue is a report from Jung K. Chung of Ft. Washington, Md., seeking indemnity be paid by Japan to families of the Chinese prisoners and a memorial established for medical research. He said he had written to President Carter and members of Congress for a full investigation to a Washington Post report he found Nov. 18, 1977 datelined Tokyo that contended there was a U.S. military cover-up of the WW2 crime.

(The Tokyo story reported on the controversial TV documentary shown over Tokyo Broadcasting System by Haruko Yoshinaga on the secret germ warfare experiment, which was disbanded one month before the war ended in 1945. The project titled "731", was under command of the Army surgeon, Gen. Shiro Ishii, whose experimenters continued to meet annually.

(The documentary noted all evidence of the secret operation and the buildings were destroyed. The remaining prisoners were either murdered or forced to commit suicide. Yoshinaga had pieced her documentary through interviews, finding four willing subjects.)

More Secret Experiments

In Tokyo, former Lt. Gen. Saburo Endo, 88, told the Mainichi Shimbun Nov. 12 that a clandestine Japanese Kwantung Army unit used ultrahigh electric current in experiments on Chinese prisoners in 1933 at a secret base in Jilin Province, northeast China.

The experiment lasted about two hours, Endo revealed, but he did not know if the prisoners were electrocuted. He was asked by an army surgeon to inspect the campsite, which was staffed by a dozen medical officers and men. Then a major, Endo said he did not report to superior officers about the experiment.

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  Reno—Inst dnr, Ctr for Religion & Life, 6pm; Ron Wakabayashi, spkr.
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  Houston—Christmas party, Anheuser-Busch-7 Up House.
- **DEC. 19 (Saturday)**
  San Jose—Yu-Ai Benefit mochitsuki (2da), Buddhist Church.
- **DEC. 20 (Sunday)**
  San Francisco—Nisei & Retirement Program Christmas party, Mas Satow JACL Bldg., 2-5pm.
- **DEC. 31 (Thursday)**
  Berkeley/Contra Costa—New Year's Eve party, El Cerrito Comm Ctr, 9pm-1:30am.

'82 Asian American calendar on sale

BOSTON—The Asian American Resource Workshop, a non-profit community arts organization in Chinatown here, announces the sale of its 1982 Asian American Calendar featuring photos, illustrations and poetry from various Asian groups in the U.S. Traditional dates significant in Asian American history are also included. For more info contact the Asian American Resource Workshop, 27 Beach St., 3rd Floor, Boston, Ma. 02111, (617) 426-5313.

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Dinner for Issei housing nets $12,400

OAKLAND—A fundraising dinner for East Bay Issei Housing at the Silver Dragon Restaurant here raised $12,400. Ike Nakamura, EBIH vice-president, announced that the organization has now acquired $124,700 from various donations, including the funds raised that evening.

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