

Sansei law group to question constitutionality of Evacuation

SAN FRANCISCO—A group of attorneys and law students have organized ad hoc style to challenge the legality of the Evacuation of 1942. The Bay Area Attorneys for Redress (BAAR), comprised primarily of Sansei, has begun research for a legal brief to be presented to the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

Research focuses on the unconstitutional deprivation of rights suffered by more than 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II. It will be asserted the relocation and detention violated several rights guaranteed under the Bill of Rights; that the orders and acts in effect constituted impermissible discrimination on the basis of race.

BAAR will also argue that the military orders authorizing the Evacuation and detention were unconstitutional delegation of powers beyond the scope of military authority and that the judgment of "military necessity" was unfounded and not based on facts. The order and acts, argues BAAR, constituted an unconstitutional bill of attainder and violated the right to habeas corpus.

The organization has been in close contact with John Tateishi of the JACL National Committee for Redress, the California State Bar and other organizations and legal committees being formed around the nation to coordinate a successful legal campaign.

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U.S. cuttings of Japanese sakura trees arrive in Japan

WASHINGTON—Japanese park service representatives were in Washington in late January to take 3,000 cuttings from the Japanese flowering cherry trees to re-establish some varieties that no longer grow in Japan. (The cuttings arrived Feb. 1 at Tokyo's Narita Airport.)

"Washington's collection of cherry trees now contains varieties not found in Japan today," said Roland Jefferson, botanist at the National Arboretum, "and the Japanese hope to re-establish the trees along the banks of the Arakawa in the Adachi-ku area of Tokyo."

This was the region of Japan that supplied Washington with the original trees in 1912. Then mayor of Tokyo, Yukio Ozaki, sent the cuttings.

'Day of Remembrance' services slated

LOS ANGELES—The National Coalition of Redress and Reparations (NCR) is marking the day (Feb. 19, 1942) when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, the proclamation that authorized the military detention of Japanese Americans during World War II solely because of race, with a weekend of services nation-wide.

It began Monday, Feb. 16, in San Francisco with an afternoon march from Japantown YWCA to an original evacuation site; two meetings Feb. 19—one at Sacramento's Japanese United Methodist Church where Mary Tsukamoto of Florin and Floyd Shimomura, deputy state attorney general, were speakers; the other at San Jose's Wesley United Methodist Church. The remaining events are a candlelight procession in Los Angeles, Feb. 21, 5 p.m., from E. 1st and Central to the Federal Building for a memorial service and ending at Little Tokyo Towers for an udon snack; meetings Feb. 22 at National City Nisei VFW Post 4851 at 2 p.m. and at New York's Japanese American United Church at 3 p.m. #

Moriuchi Changed from Vegetables to Fruit

The Packer
By TAD THOMPSON

MOORESTOWN, N.J.—Worldwide events have directly influenced the lives of many Americans in ways more severe than paying \$1.30 for a gallon of gasoline.

But, few Americans have undergone an experience like apple and peach grower Tak Moriuchi, principal stockholder of Tak Moriuchi Inc., here.

Prior to the Japanese invasion of Pearl Harbor, Moriuchi recently had graduated from the College of Commerce at the University of California, Berkeley, and had returned home to help his father, Heijiro Moriuchi, at his Livingston, Calif. vegetable farm.

Following the Pearl Harbor invasion, Japanese Americans were suspected of being loyal to Japan, and were uprooted and shipped to internment camps.

The Moriuchi family was paid less than \$2,500 for their farm, faring better than most Japanese Americans in compensation for their property. "Most people got nothing," Moriuchi said.

On May 13, 1942, after having been notified by a poster nailed to a telephone pole, the Moriuchi family, by Executive Order 9066, was processed and sent to an internment camp in a desolate part of eastern Colorado.

Life in the camp was difficult, with each family being assigned to a 16x16-foot cubical. They ate in a mess hall. Some camp members who strayed too near the camp borders were shot by watchtower guards, Moriuchi said.

Life in the camp, however, was eased because the camp community was allowed to run its own affairs, and Moriuchi kept busy by being in charge of procuring the camp supplies, a job for

Tenn. Gov. Alexander reprimands protestors

SAN FRANCISCO—Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander commended Feb. 6 by the JACL for reprimanding demonstrators who disrupted a ground-breaking ceremony for Nissan Motor Company's Datsun Truck Assembly Plant in Smyrna, Tennessee.

JACL Acting National Director J.D. Hokoyama, in a letter to Alexander, thanked the governor for his "support and courageous remarks" during the Feb. 3 incident which involved 1,500 jeering and rock-throwing union members who chanted, "Go home Jap!" and "Go home rats!" The protestors had been fearful that Nissan would use non-union labor to build the giant \$300 million dollar assembly plant.

Alexander called the demonstrators "rude and insulting" and later apologized to Nissan. He departed from his prepared remarks to rebuke the protestors for their insulting treatment of the Japanese visitors.

"I have just one question for those people," said the governor, "Why would they be here trying to run off a company that wants to bring Tennessee 2,000 jobs at \$20,000 a job?"

It was later discovered that almost all of the protestors came from outside the area. A Nissan official said, "The incident will in no way change our plans to build the plant," which will employ 2,200 local residents and produce 120,000 light trucks a year when it opens in 1983.

Hokoyama praised Alexander for his "understanding, sensitivity and responsiveness as an elected public official."

"During the 69 years since the United States first received 3,000 ornamental cherry trees (Goshiki-zakura) as a gift from Japan, viewing the annual cherry blossoms has become a spring rite for thousands of visitors to the nation's capitol," Jefferson said.

Takao Watanabe, chief of the Tokyo Metropolitan Park Service, supervised the selection, preparation and transport of cherry bud cuttings from the arboretum and Potomac Park. Such cuttings must be made during the winter dormancy of the parent trees.

Of the 12 cultivated varieties of cherries represented in Japan's original gift of 3,000 trees, only the Kwansan and Yoshino varieties still are growing in the Tidal Basin and Potomac Park areas.

Jefferson has begun to assemble and document what might some day become a national ornamental cherry tree collection unmatched for its variety. To date, more than 60 selections of the flowering cherry are well established at the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C., part of USDA's Science and Education Administration.

Jefferson has already collected six of the lost Tidal Basin and Potomac Park strains from other parts of the country. He estimates that as many as eight of the Arboretum's many cherry strains may exist only in that collection.

In Japan, the flowering cherry tree or "Sakura," as it is known, is one of the most exalted of all flowering plants. The high regard in which it is held is reflected in all aspects of traditional Japanese culture.

which he was paid \$19 a month.

Many Japanese Americans were held for 3½ years, but the Moriuchi family was released after nine months.

While he was in the camp, the Quakers and Brethren remembered the Japanese Americans at Christmastime, sending gifts to the children, and Moriuchi realized that the Quakers "were very good people," and he then became a Quaker.

At the time Moriuchi was released from camp, war still was raging in the Pacific, and he was not allowed to return to California.

So, with his family, he grew for a year in Colorado, but decided Colorado was not the place to make a living growing vegetables.

He traveled to North Carolina and Maryland to look for growing opportunities there, but was harassed by law-enforcement officials. Moriuchi decided to settle in Haddonfield, N.J., a friendly Quaker community.

In Haddonfield, which is a few miles from Moriuchi's present home in Moorestown, Moriuchi began working for a Quaker grower, Lewis Barton, who was on the board of a small bank and who helped Moriuchi to obtain a loan to begin growing vegetables for himself.

After raising vegetables for a while, Moriuchi "realized that you can't utilize your people economically, growing on a small basis, so we decided to get in the fruit business."

In California, Moriuchi had been in the position to maintain his help year-round, but a small New Jersey plot could not be operated with the same efficiency, he said.

Moriuchi, who now is president of the Jersey Fruit Co-op Association Inc., here, said he credited many people, such as fellow grower Tom Decoup, extension specialist Ernest Crist

Hokoyama also noted that U.S.-Japan relations are at a sensitive level and that "Japanese Americans are once again feeling the backlash."

"Unfortunately, the issue of union vs. non-union workers has no connection with the racial epithets hurled at the officials of Nissan Motor Company," stated Hokoyama in his letter.

On the day of the occurrence about 500 of the placard waving union members pushed their way into the tent where Alexander joined company officials from Japan and local dignitaries for the dedication. Another 1,000 demonstrators milled around outside.

The protestors called Alexander a "scab" and carried signs bearing such slogans as, "The union is ready, is Nissan?" and "Is our governor Oriental?"

In scolding the labor demonstrators, Alexander said, "If I didn't think that the rude treatment that a handful of people has given to Nissan here represents less than one half of one percent of the people in Tennessee, then I would have suggested they go on to Georgia."

Nissan Motor Co. shrugged off the demonstration and said on Feb. 6 that it has no qualms about building the plant, which represents the largest single investment ever by a Japanese company in the United States. #

Tateishi resigns as redress chair

SAN FRANCISCO—John Tateishi, writing in his final "Redress Phase 3" column Feb. 10, gave "personal considerations" as part of the reasons for submitting his resignation as chairman of the National JACL Committee for Redress—a post he has nurtured since the fall of 1978.

The column, which will appear in the Feb. 27 PC, suggested someone "who can harness all of the diverse factors, shape and develop the campaign to its fruition" be appointed. He regrets leaving at this time as the "final act of the drama... the opportunity to tell our story to America" unfolds. #

Suzuki-Reagan meeting advanced

TOKYO—Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki plans to visit Washington to meet with President Reagan in early April, a month earlier than originally scheduled, officials said. No reason was given, but government officials in Japan have urged Suzuki to meet the new President as soon as possible. There was speculation at the time that Suzuki, little known abroad, was polishing his diplomatic skills before visiting Washington.



TAK MORIUCHI
... 'crossed off' imprisonment

and county agent Dan Kensler "and other people for having been very helpful" in getting him started growing produce in New Jersey.

Moriuchi said 60 percent of the 110,000 Japanese Americans who were put into internment camps were U.S. citizens, with the median age being 21 years.

He said the group generally did not know any better than to accept their uprooting, and that, "It's amazing that we have crossed it off just as an experience we had. It's remarkable that the Japanese Americans don't show any bitterness."

Ironically, it generally has been the generation of Moriuchi's children who have expressed a resentment for the imprisonment of Japanese Americans, he said.

Moriuchi, as far as his own livelihood is concerned, can see advantages to growing in New Jersey rather than in California. Even before Pearl Harbor, he said, he "always had an idea that I ought to be closer to the markets." With the current high cost of transportation, "That's true more now than ever. We can grow here for the cost of hauling" from the West Coast, he said.

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Ethnic survey of U.S. workers hit

HONOLULU—A union representing civilian workers at Pearl Harbor and other military installations here has blasted the government's method to gather ethnic statistics through "voluntary self-identification" in the coming months. Service Employees International Union president Laurence Ah Nee said the process is futile in the Islands because the Office of Personnel Management is using seven "Mainland minority" designations.

With 70% of Hawaii's population to be counted as "Asian or Pacific Islander", it's "hard to conceive that 70% of us would constitute a 'minority' (in Hawaii)," Ah Nee added. "OPM has failed to exactly designate who are minorities in view of Hawaii's cultural mix."

Coalition unites Bay Area Seniors

SAN MATEO, Ca.—Ten Bay Area Japanese American senior centers have formed a joint coalition and for the first time since the inception of the Japanese community senior services, the centers will celebrate at a joint New Year party March 14 at the College of San Mateo.

The ten participating Bay Area Japanese American Senior Centers are:

West Valley Senior Club, San Jose; San Mateo JACL Community Center, San Mateo; Ikoi-No-Tomo, San Mateo; Yu-Ai Kai, San Jose; East Bay Japanese for Action, Inc., Berkeley; Kimochi Inc., San Francisco; Eden Senior Center, San Lorenzo; Berkeley Nikkei Center, Berkeley; Sakura Kai, El Cerrito; and Sequoia JACL.

The coalition will also have the support of the College of San Mateo Asian Students Club; Cal. State University J/A Studies Dept. J/A Community Seminar; and San Jose State AAS 175A.

Bro. Theophane succumbs, was 78

Bro. Theophane Walsh, M.M., 78, died Feb. 12 of kidney infection at Maryknoll, N.Y. He had been under nursing care for the past decade after a half-century of mission work, much of it with the Issei-Nisei in Los Angeles.

Best remembered by the community for his work with the late Father Hugh Lavery during WW2, he directed the sign-up at Maryknoll Center, Los Angeles, in 1942 before the Army decided against voluntary mass movement and la-

Kitamura explains U.S.-Japan ties

By CLIFFORD I. UYEDA

SAN FRANCISCO—Consul General Hiroshi Kitamura is a brilliant, knowledgeable and articulate diplomat from Japan. He is in great demand as a speaker from various sectors of the American public. He expresses his views, and that of the Japanese government, with unmatched clarity and openness. To many Japanese Americans this was a refreshing experience.

Speaking at the San Francisco JACL Chapter installation dinner, Jan. 24, Consul General Kitamura spoke of the importance Japan places on U.S. friendship, even at a great sacrifice for Japan. To express their opposition to the taking of the hostages, Japan invoked economic sanctions against Iran. For a country that imports 99.9 percent of its oil, he pointed out, this was not easy. After the Russian invasion of Afghanistan Japan not only joined the boycott of the Moscow Olympics, she greatly restricted trade with Russia. While the western European nations increased trade with Russia more than 26 percent in 1980, Japan kept its growth rate down to less than 7 percent. These steps were

taken, said the Consul General, "because the United States is our friend and we are a staunch ally of your country."

Security, he said, was one of the two major aspects of the U.S.-Japan relations, the other being the economic aspect. He said that Americans who accuse Japan of "taking a free ride" on the back of the United States are not aware of Japan's defense efforts. Aside from the military deterrent to outside interference, political deterrent is equally important; and it is in this latter sphere that Japan has played "a positive and ever more active role in recent years." In 1979 alone Japan's official development aid to Asian countries amounted to over two and a half billion dollars.

On military buildup for Japan itself the Consul General reminded the audience of Japan's Constitution which specifically and unconditionally prohibits the use of military power except for defense. He said that the Japanese people resolved after the war never again to become a military giant, and that they have not wavered from this resolve. There was a pro-

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ter organized youth and Scouting activities at Manzanar.

Between 1944-47, he helped evacuees resettle from the camps through his CYO office in Chicago. He served three years with a Catholic news service in Tokyo, 1947-51, and was recalled because of a back injury. He returned to Los Angeles in 1953, to "rebuild" Maryknoll School which he helped accomplish a quarter century earlier. He observed his golden jubilee as a Maryknoll brother in August, 1971 at Los Angeles.



Reno Installation . . .

Consul General Hiroshi Kitamura addressed the Reno JACL installation. The same talk was delivered at the San Francisco JACL installation (see above). Pictured (from left) are Tom Oki, past pres.; Henry Hattori; George Kondo, regional director; Ken Date, 1981 chapter president; Consul General Kitamura; Edna Takuma; and Kiyoshi Hase.

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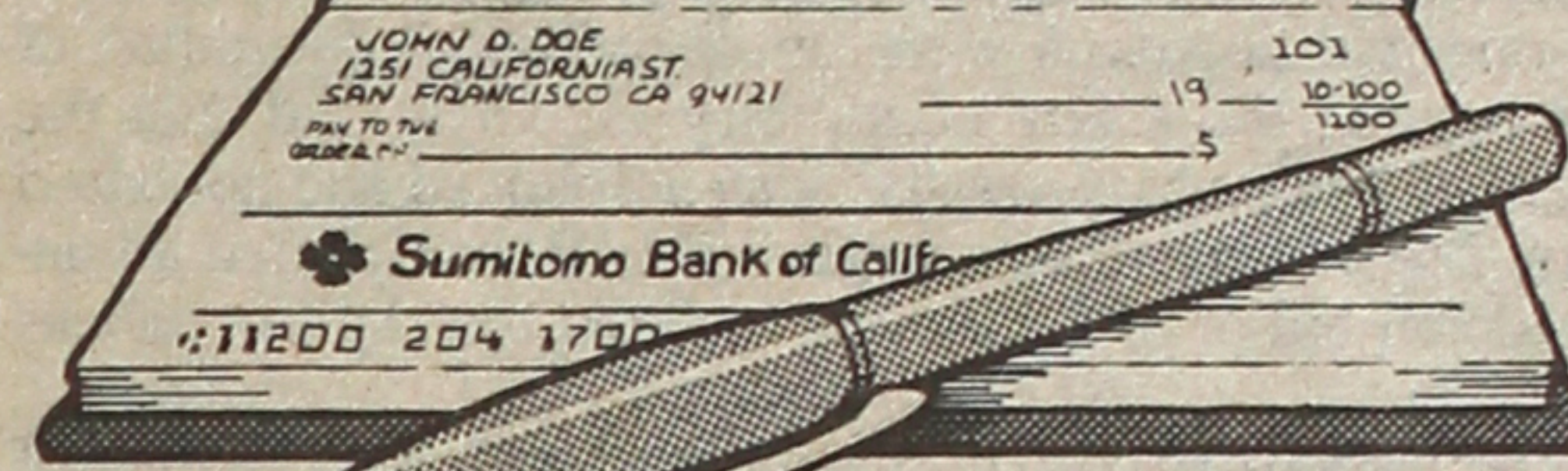
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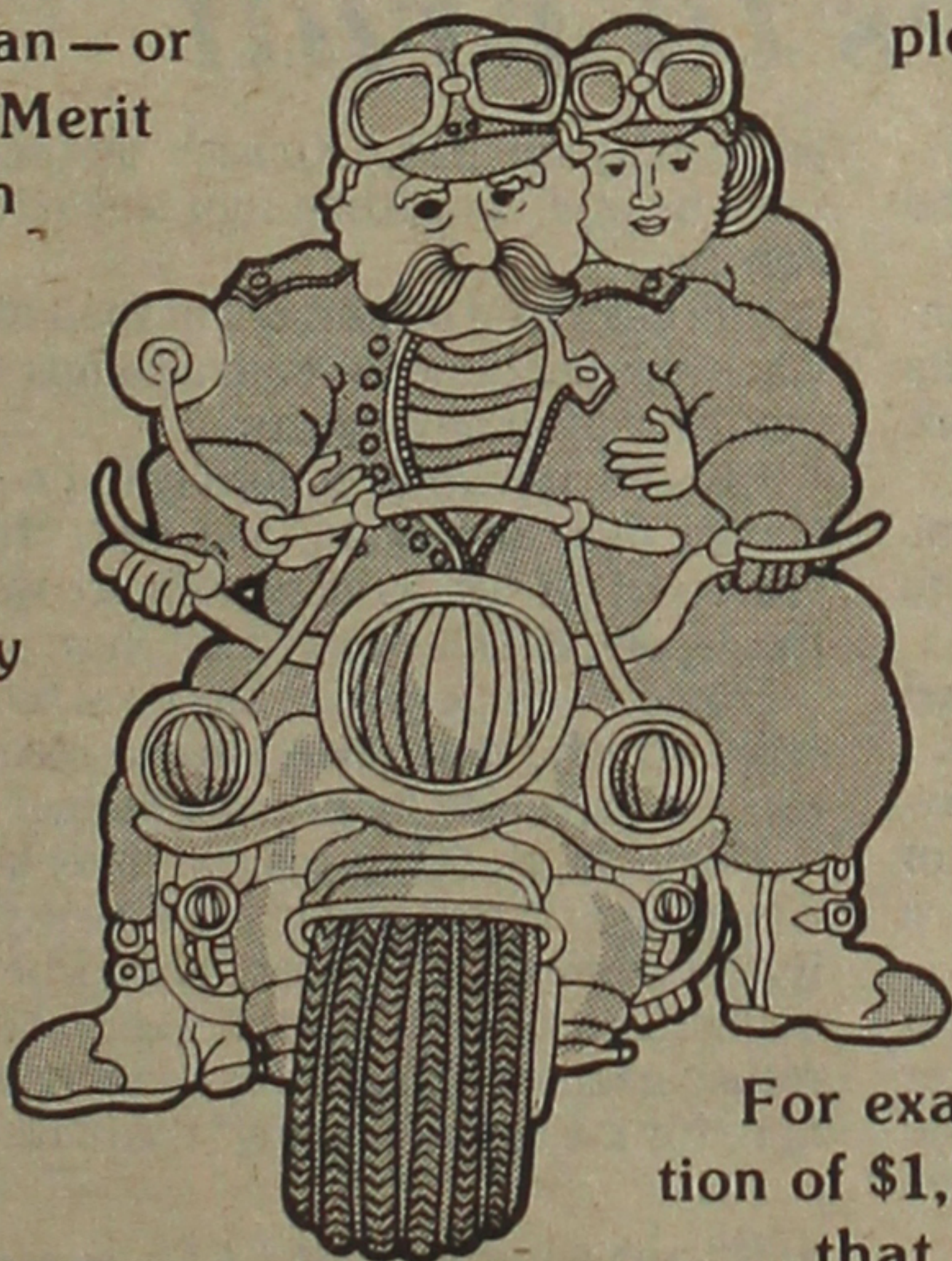
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The Monumental Issei

By PETER IMAMURA

Los Angeles

Amidst the roar of traffic on 1st Street in Little Tokyo, the massive 20-foot "Senzo" photo mural was unveiled at the Japanese Village Plaza on Feb. 7. This ceramic mural depicts the history of the Issei through a series of photographic reproductions silk-screened on tiles: railroad hands, fruit pickers, an Issei couple, mochitsuki, Little Tokyo-1910, the Evacuation of 1942 and the center at Manzanar.

The ceremony was quite small for this artwork of historical importance by ceramist Jerry Matsukuma. Before an audience of 200, Rep. Norman Mineta, Councilman Gilbert Lindsay, David Hyun (chairman of the Japanese Village Plaza, Ltd.) and actor George Takei all gave speeches stressing the notability of this mural. And among this distinguished company was Ai Hanafusa, an 88-year-old Issei who dedicated much of her life to a career in nursing and midwifery in Los Angeles.

In retrospect, the event itself was, perhaps, an allegory which reflected our forefathers' place in history: it was a landmark event for the Japanese American community, being drowned out by the noise of its urban surroundings.

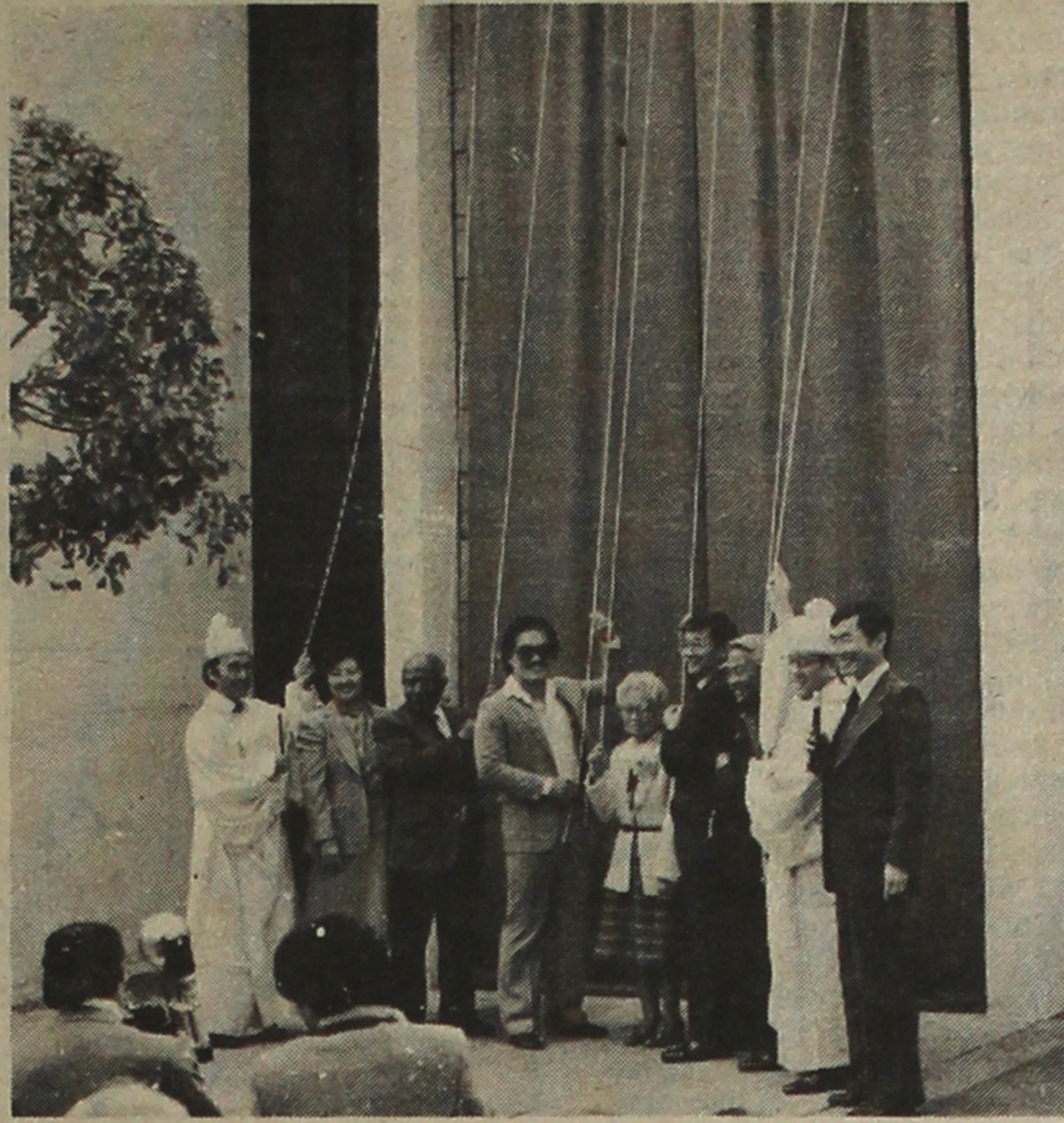
Which was heartbreaking. For here was the unveiling of a monument to some pioneers who helped forge this country (in particular, the West Coast and Hawaii) and its significance was, in a sense, being lost. The mural itself was "asking" for a moment of attention—after all, the people who are represented in this artwork helped make California and other states what they are today.

But the noise continued and the number of buses and cars passing by increased.

However, the ceremony, despite the noise, went fairly smoothly. A Shinto rite was held prior to the unveiling. For all those in attendance, it was a time that was filled with pride and honor.

One might be tempted to suggest that the mural should have been set up in a somewhat more secluded area, somewhere a little more quiet. But why should it be? The history of the Issei and their notable offspring should always be proudly displayed out in the open, not tucked away in some corner. The fact that the mural was constructed on the busy site of 1st Street in downtown Los Angeles was only fitting, not just because of the historical importance of the location, but also because the mural can be seen by many.

So keep those cars and buses passing by. More and more people who travel through Los Angeles can now view an inspiring tribute to the monumental Issei.



Peter Imamura Photo

Ready to unveil the "Senzo" mural are (l to r): Konkō Church Rev. Alfred Tsuyuki; Ruth Watanabe of FOLTA; L.A. Councilman Gilbert Lindsay; mural creator Jerry Matsukuma; legendary midwife Ai Hanafusa; Rep. Norman Mineta; Plaza chairman David Hyun; Rev. Taiichi Tsuyuki; and actor George Takei.

Compulsive woman gambler convicted for slaying Nikkei

TORRANCE, Ca.—Elaine Su-Yuan Wong, convicted earlier of the murder of a Monterey Park Nikkei, was sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole on Jan. 21.

Wong, 30, had been charged with murder with special circumstances (killing during the commission of another felony) and nine other felony counts. She was found guilty of all counts on Jan. 14.

During a five-hour period in which Wong allegedly held seige of the Hawthorne apartment of Dale Soo Hoo last year, she shot

and killed Robert Sakane, 28, of Monterey Park. Sakane died of a single wound to the head.

According to trial testimony, Wong had gone to Soo Hoo's apartment to retrieve jewelry held as collateral for a \$1,000 loan although lacking funds for repayment.

An admitted compulsive gambler, she repeatedly lost sums of money at Gardena poker clubs. She did not know Sakane nor Quan prior to the day of the murder, testimony during the pre-trial hearings and trial revealed.

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Restatement



San Francisco

In recent public forums on the Redress issue, I have been asked on not a few occasions whether or not there is an inherent contradiction between the JACL goals of educating the American public about the internment experience and the view that monetary compensation must be a part of the remedial action of the government. Is not one exclusive of the other? And what about the lofty ideal of preventing a reoccurrence of our experience in the future?

At the risk of redundancy and for the sake of clarification, let me once again attempt to explain what our goals are and the way in which these seemingly dissimilar objectives are incorporated into the broader concepts of the Redress issue.

In looking back over the many years this organization has discussed the Redress concept (it was referred to as reparations until about 1978), there is a consistent idealistic theme that is magnificent for its altruism. What emerges not so much from the past leadership but from the rank and file membership is the explicit belief that if there were to be any campaign for redress, it would be for the expressed purpose of attempting to prevent the reoccurrence of our experiences during WWII.

This, then, was and continues to be the essential point of the campaign: to initiate those measures within government which would help to insure that the peoples of this nation will enjoy the rights of constitutional guarantees and will not fall victim to the arbitrary injustices which we experienced in 1942.

To accomplish this, we believe that an educational process must take place in order for the public and government to recognize the profundity of the injustice, and that the Congress must make some significant gesture acknowledging that injustice.

The education of the public is an integral part of the primary aspect of the campaign because it is so essential to everything we are attempting to do. It is a too common experience to travel away from the west coast and meet with individuals or groups of people who know absolutely nothing about what happened to us. And in the wisdom of Santayana, how can we expect to initiate preventative measures if our experience is met with disbelief and incredulity? Unless the public can be convinced that the sacred rights of constitutional protections at best may be fragile and can be so easily stripped away, we are shouting our pleas from lonely mountain tops into vacant valleys—and it is only we who hear our own echoes.

But there's another important point to the need for educating the public. In my own experience in talking about this issue around the country, I find that so many people believe we were guilty of treasonous acts. After all, were we not incarcerated and detained by armed guards? And after all, such things would never happen in America were we not guilty of something. In the minds of a vast number of Americans, we are still encumbered with the stigma of the racism and misconceptions which were promulgated by the war. If for no other reason, the educational process is important for us and the welfare of our future generations.

It's the future we're looking to in dredging up the pain of that past travail. It's the future conduct of government which is at stake here. We can go to Congress and simply ask for an acknowledgement and apology, but this organization determined long ago that words inscribed on a piece of paper are just not enough. What is important is that Congress make some significant gesture in the form of monetary compensation to rectify the past injustice. The JACL has officially accepted the notion that only by such means can we hope to affect the future decisions of government if a similar situation should ever arise.

Apart from all the discussion about chosen methods in approaching the objectives or amounts in terms of compensation, we should keep a clear focus on what this campaign is all about: the rights of citizenship within the warrants of guaranteed constitutional protections. These are inherent in the basic principles of our campaign and are inextricably vital as an American issue. Let's not lose sight of that. #

(This piece was written prior to his resigning as Redress Committee chair. That he restated the issue at this juncture struck us as a prescient turn of events.—Ed.)

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 Jan. 24—Canadian high court hears arguments of Issei-Nisei deportations; Saskatchewan questions legality, British Columbia supports procedure.
 Jan. 25—Pfc. Kiyoshi Yaomoto, 23, of Honolulu naturalized; first Japan-born alien enlistee in U.S. Army to become citizen in Hawaii.
 Feb. 5—Rep. George Miller (D-Ca) introduces bill to eliminate race bias in immigration law, give Attorney General clemency powers in hardship cases in-

volving Issei aliens up for deportation ... Rep. Herman Eberharter (D-Pa) urges stay of deportation powers of Attorney General be extended to Oriental cases.
 Feb. 9—Gen. Willoughby, intelligence officer for Gen. MacArthur in Pacific and commander of 4,000 Nisei GIs, reiterates contribution of Nisei to Allied victory in Pacific.
 Feb. 10—Two thousands cans of grocery amassed by Nisei to give to Cleveland Nisei CIO strikers.

Black Japanese

Editor:

In the Feb. 6 PC "Asian Images" section, counseling psychologist Christine Hall says she was "delighted to be given the opportunity to author an article about Black-Japanese." That way, she would "never be misquoted or quoted out of context." For example, she continues, "I once said to a reporter that I was like a chameleon. Not in a way where I change personalities and hide in groups (as the article made it appear I said), but that I was like a chameleon because whatever group I stood next to, people thought I looked like. I can adapt to the Black, Japanese, or mainstream culture whenever the situation calls for it. But I do not 'sell out' by changing or denying my philosophies, personal beliefs, or my ethnicity."

Because of the sensitive nature of Dr. Hall's studies, she adds that she "wants and expects quality and serious reporting."

I totally agree. That is why, before I submitted my article on Dr. Hall to The Rafu Shimpo, the Los Angeles Times, and Sepia (a national Black magazine) last summer, I agreed to let her read it and make whatever corrections she felt were necessary. At that time, she had no qualms whatsoever with the "chameleon" reference. Nor was she displeased when the article first appeared in The Rafu Shimpo. Apparently she did not mind—at least, not until a proud colleague of hers expressed dissatisfaction with my choice of words.

Christine, I wish you the best in your research, but your attitudes towards journalists are a mite touchy. Most of us approach our work as conscientiously as you do yours.

EDDIE IWATA
 Los Angeles

Check the Library

Editor:

I have a personal request and you are my only hope.

I am seeking an article written by an out of state JACLer on his visit to Japan I believe to be Shikoku.

The story involves a personal flag of a Japanese soldier during the war in Burma (WW2). It was a flag which I had brought home as a souvenir and, somehow it was returned properly to the soldier's family. I did receive a letter from the family, but I lost the address.

Someday, I hope to visit Japan and I thought it would be nice to visit this family.

I do not recollect the date of the issue, but I would have to place it somewhere between mid-60's and early 70's. I realize I am asking for a momentous task, but, if by chance you are successful, will you please send me a copy of the article? The article did mention my name and as a member of the Seattle chapter.

HIRO NISHIMURA
 Seattle JACL

The Univ. of Washington Library and the Seattle Public Library have been subscribing to the Pacific Citizen for many, many years. It would make the librarian happy to have someone ask for back issues for research. Our files are not fully indexed—so we are unable to begin to locate the specific piece.

Redress Commission

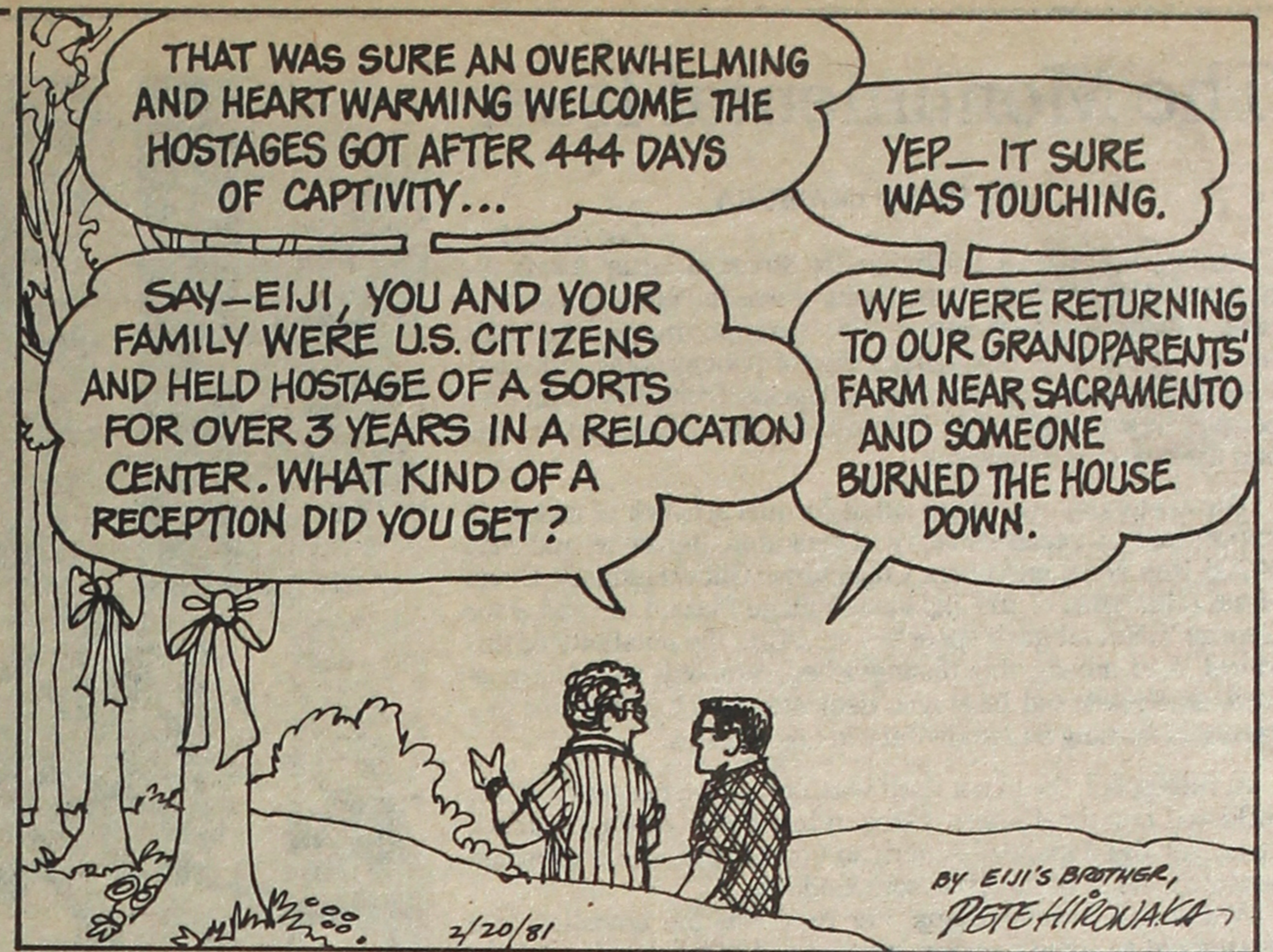
Editor:

In regular trials and hearings, judges and juries and commissions are supposed to be unbiased and objective—not arriving at conclusions until all the available and relevant evidence is heard. Therefore it is queer and highly suspect that on the recommendation of JACL, President Carter has appointed Judge William Marutani to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

Marutani, in his Pacific Citizen weekly column has made it clear he is not for direct monetary reparations, calling \$25,000 payment per person a "pittance". But the aggregate lump sum of, say, \$3 billion for JACL to control directly or indirectly would not be a pittance, as implied in "Mr. JACL" Mike Masaoka's public utterances.

In view of Judge Marutani's pre-judgments on the issue of redress, he should in honesty disqualify himself, or be disqualified, as a member of the Commission.

MARY TANI
 Los Angeles



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

Cooking: an Art of Survival

Salt Lake City
 I could not look at another egg roll. Maybe tomorrow, but not tonight. Eight golden rolls remained on the plate. "Have another one," my husband urged, holding the platter under my face. As he circled the table, no one else wanted anymore. I said, "You eat another one." He couldn't, either.

He had spent all day cooking the two dinner entrees, egg rolls and chashu. The last three Sundays, he has fixed dinner. After 29 years of cooking, relief is finally in sight for me. Too bad it didn't happen earlier. I could have conserved my breath for more constructive complaints. We had a regular routine about meals. He would say, "Everything tastes so much better when it's cooked at home." My glum reply was, "I hate to eat my own food. Why don't you learn to cook?"

He reminded me he made all the "hard stuff". This referred to his pound cake and fudge. Both are superb. People beg him for recipes and samples. Sometimes, my husband talks of moving to Mexico and opening a shop to sell cake and fudge. He is crazy about Mexico. I think it is a crazy idea, so I listen and wish him luck. When I am in a less charitable mood, I remind him that all he makes is "junk food". Who can survive on sweets alone?

Late last year, we visited Ken and Frances Takeno. My husband had baked a new pastry and wanted them to taste it. As usual, I made my unsolicited observations about "junk cooks". Then, impulsively, I said I was going to enroll my husband in a real cooking class. Ken said he'd like to go, too.

In January, my husband and Ken registered for the community education class in oriental cooking at Highland High School. The instructor is Doris Matsuura, one of the town's acknowledged gourmet cooks. Doris is also known as the originator of the JACL Women's Auxiliary Blue Cross-Blue Shield. She has been

its administrator for 35 consecutive years. In addition, she teaches cooking every Wednesday night for two and a half hours. Each Sunday, my husband repeats what he has learned from her. It amazes me that it requires almost two days to duplicate the lesson. A good part of one day is spent shopping for ingredients. Yesterday, he was very perturbed when I said all bean sprouts look alike. He bristled in the same way he does when we are told all Asians look alike. So we went to three stores to find the right bean sprouts.

I avoid the kitchen when he is cooking. The kitchen is generally the tidiest place in the house. It has to be. There are no considerate doors to conceal it. A male architect designed the house. When my husband yells for some missing ingredient or utensil, I am forced into the kitchen. It makes me sick. His creativity thrives in chaos. The activity can also be measured by the sounds. Chopping, splattering, cursing. For additional atmosphere, he has already scorched a kitchen wall with his wok. There is a price to progress.

The cooking lessons are part of the survival skills we are trying to acquire. At our age, one practical consideration is life without a spouse. When our generation married, there was a distinct separation of husband and wife roles. Among Asians it was also part of a cultural pattern. Cooking was regarded as "squaw work". Women stayed in the kitchen while men worked in their studies handling domestic financial matters. As satisfactory as the arrangement may seem, it adds hardship to survival alone. Exchanging skills now is only being prudent.

Even our son thinks our scheme makes sense. Not to be outdone, last week he learned to make a peanut butter-jelly sandwich. He has made several since. "Want a sandwich?" he inquired. My husband, who heard this, asked, "How about another egg roll instead?" Maybe tomorrow, but not tonight. #

Kitamura explains

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phetic ring to his statement that "Japan may become the first nation in history to achieve significant economic and political power without military might to go with it."

The Consul General, however, further explained that Japan is committed to improving its defense capabilities and to enhancing its cooperation with the United States under the terms of the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty. Therefore, throughout the 1970's the Japanese military expenditures increased at a rate of 7 percent per year, mostly for equipment manufactured in the United States. "That was the highest rate of increase recorded," he said, "by any of the allies of the United States." In dollars spent, Japan has reached a level as great as that of either France or Great Britain.

While serving as Deputy Director General of the American Affairs Bureau in the Foreign Ministry during 1976-1979, the present Consul General was deeply involved in the effort to increase Japan's support for U.S. military bases in Japan. During that period Japan's contribution to "cost-sharing" was raised from 700 million to \$1 billion. Japan now covers 20 percent

of the wages paid to Japanese personnel hired by U.S. forces as well as welfare benefits for these employees. Japanese government also pays for leases on lands used by the U.S. military. These were just few of the examples cited by the Consul General.

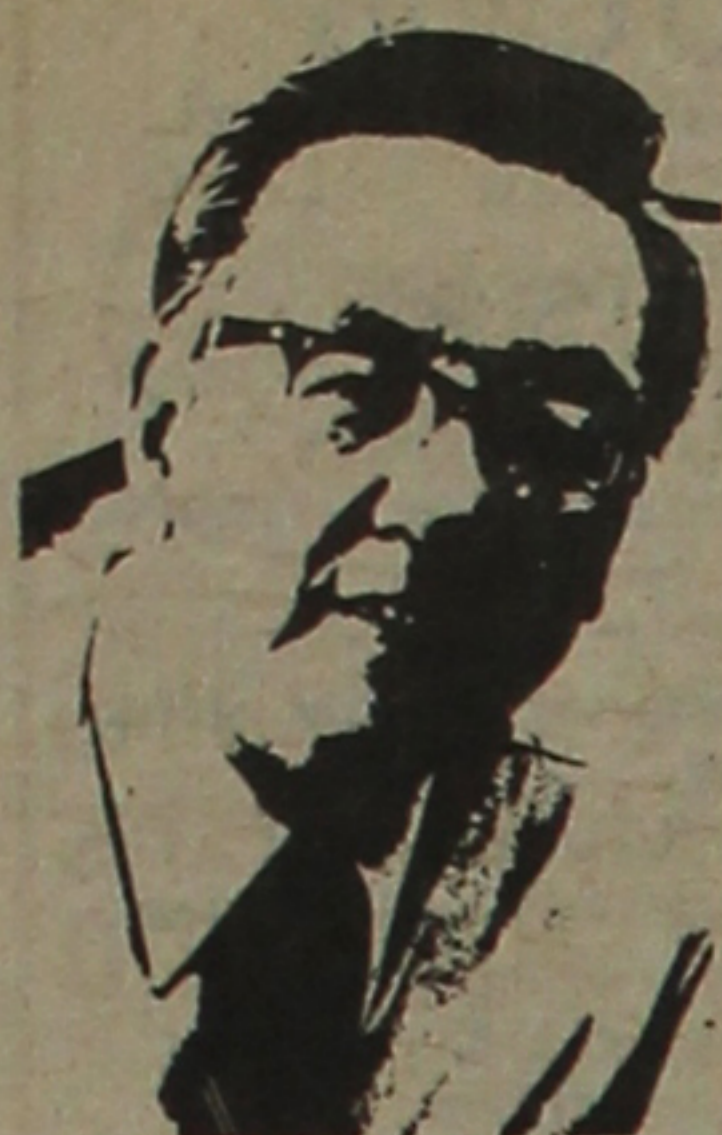
Turning to economic affairs the Consul General focused on the trade imbalance as one of the irritants. This condition had existed for years. Japan as a nation poor in resources has no choice except to export to pay for the raw materials and food she must import. The Consul General pointed out that Japan's reliance on foreign trade is not unique. The ratio of Japan's exports to total GNP is 12 percent, only half of Great Britain or of West Germany's. There are, therefore, other nations that rely on exports to an even greater extent than does Japan.

The Consul General stated that because the United States has not historically depended very much on foreign trade, Americans had not studied foreign markets thoroughly. However, he said, American business people are becoming more export conscious and there is a defi-

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

U.S.-Japan Ties in Reagan's Eyes

Denver, Colo.



No one should doubt that the federal government is serious business. As Exhibit A, we present a book titled "Mandate for Leadership," running somewhere in the neighborhood of 1,100 pages, which landed with a loud thud on my desk this past week. It is a blueprint for government action in a conservative (read that Reagan) administration, researched, written and published by the Heritage Foundation, a conservative Washington think tank.

In other words, advice for the administration, although many of the ideas proposed by the Heritage Foundation already have found their way into (or, perhaps more accurately, reflect the thinking of) the inner councils of the Reagan transition team.

The report is divided into three parts: the cabinet departments, independent regulatory agencies such as the Civil Aeronautics Board and the Federal Communications Commission, and other agencies such as the Office of Management and Budget and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Of course an overview of the entire report is too much

to attempt in a single column—not that I intend to read the whole thing—but let's take a look at one area which interests us as an ethnic group, the State Department and particularly its policy for the Far East.

On page 590 the report says "U.S. air and naval forces in the Pacific should be numerically increased to obtain parity with our forces in the Atlantic and Western Europe. Such an increase would allay the fears of Asian and Pacific leaders that the United States is withdrawing into a neo-isolationist position . . . Such an upgrading of American forces in the Pacific would assure our allies of our commitment to keep open at all times, the Straits of Malacca, thus assuring safe access to the Indian Ocean.

With regard to Japan, on page 591: "The United States should encourage Japan to raise its defense spending from the present level of 0.9 percent of its gross national product. The present compromise of a 9.7 percent defense budget increase for fiscal year 1982 is insufficient to deal effectively with the critical problems faced by Japan's Self-Defense Force . . . The U.S. should establish a regular parliamentary exchange program with Japan as the U.S. currently runs with Western European parliaments."

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

The Thrashing of Our Children

Philadelphia



NO DOUBT THERE are a number of things in our social order that trouble you. I have a few that trouble the dickens out of me. For example, for the life of me I just cannot understand how we continue to "graduate" functional illiterates from our educational system; why we simply discuss it as the malady continues to run its course, spewing out academically disadvantaged future citizens. Another also deals with an aspect of our schools: the poisonous encroachment of drugs, even into elementary schools; and the seeming permissiveness that results in physical attacks on our teachers. All of which continue while sociologists, psychiatrists and the other humanists debate the causes.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED from those days when a pupil was sharply reprimanded for so much as whispering, gum-chewing drew a black mark, as did sneaking a puff on a cigarette in the washroom? Assault the teacher? Goodness, if one so much as talked back out of turn, that meant expulsion. And what became of those rulers which, in addition to taking measurements, were applied across the knuckles if one were not paying attention (as I once found out)? Indeed, being the rambunctious rascal that I was, I recall the principal had a paddle that stung. And I never forgot, and acted accordingly thereafter. Brutality? Bosh!

THERE ARE UNDOUBTEDLY readers out there who may dismiss these views as being "old fashioned" or concepts of another era, that East Wind is out of date, and so on. But it would be much more meaningful if such responses were coupled with concrete answers to stopping what amounts to the thrashing of our children.

WE DO NOT here advocate a regression to what some, with nostalgia, refer to "the good ol' days". Dreaming back to the halcyon days of the past is unrealistic: it is day-dreaming and is as meaningful and productive as such suggests. But there has to be an answer to alleviating and then remedying the pall that is

smothering our schools and those within it. We cannot afford to continue to tolerate what presently exists and what we appear to be doomed to continue. We just can't!

NOR DO WE place the blame on the schools and those who staff them. They need society's—that's us, by the way—resolve and firm support. If we care enough, and I trust that we do, we'll provide that resolve and the support that goes with it. And that

Moriuchi

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He said that when he began his apple farm in 1948, the number of apple trees in the country was declining, making the decision to plant apple trees economically logical.

After moving to the East Coast, he met his wife, Yuriko, who also had been in an internment camp.

The couple's son, Fred, is vice president of Tak Moriuchi Inc., and they also have three daughters. One of the daughters, Carol Kiyo Moriuchi, recently received a master's degree in entomology and is "thinking about" coming back to her father's orchards.

Fred Moriuchi's education includes a master's in business administration from Rutgers University, Newark, which he is applying to the business end of the fruit industry.

The company built a new packing plant for its apples and peaches in 1977, and is continuing to improve its facilities within the business.

Last year, a two-lane electronic weight sizer, built by Durand-Wayland Inc., was added, and it will be expanded to three lanes for the coming controlled-atmosphere apple deal. A bagger option also will be added to the line.

■ *One can stand still in a flowing stream, but not in a world of men.*

—Japanese Proverb.

Kitamura explains

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nite trend toward changing this disinterest.

Is there a solution to the present strain between the two nations? Consul General Kitamura was very optimistic. On the security issue he asked that Americans be cognizant of and respect the deep pacifism that has been the predominant feeling among the Japanese people since 1945. Although recently there has been more awareness among the Japanese of the problems of their own security and defense, he felt that the leaders of both Japan and the United States must deal cautiously and carefully with this new awareness and avoid any hasty or wreckless pressures which might threaten the new feelings before it has a chance to grow into a national consensus.

On the economic issue the Consul General was even more optimistic. He felt that the greatest promise for easing the U.S.-Japan trade imbalance was the trend already seen in recent years of the American's greater attention to productivity and quality control, and more generally in developing policies for the revitalization of the U.S. economy.

In the final quarter of 1980, there has already been a downward trend in Japan's share of the U.S. auto market, down from the high of 22 percent to the 16-17 percent range. Japanese auto manufacturers had expected this.

The Consul General expressed his belief that the Japan side must not view the U.S. automo-

bile problem in purely economic terms. He felt that it was just as important to consider the long-standing friendship between the two countries and help each other where help is needed. He stated that the Japanese government has worked hard to persuade the Japanese auto industry to invest production facilities in the United States, and at the same time has urged the Japanese auto companies to take "prudent and cautious approach" on exports to the United States. He emphasized that "we cannot, indeed we must not, ever take our good relations for granted."

Consul General Kitamura's closing remarks struck at the core of Japanese American hearts. He cited the historical evidence of U.S.-Japan relations affecting Americans of Japanese heritage in the United States, and closed with a statement, "Therefore, Japan must be careful not to take actions which might adversely affect Japanese Americans in the United States."

It was an eloquent address, sensitive to the feelings of both the Japanese and the Americans. It was also an optimistic address although fully cognizant of the problems on hand. To the Japanese Americans it was a heart warming address in the appreciation of his awareness of our past and in the hope he expressed for our future in America. #

Letterbox

● Century Life No. 1

Editor:

Just received a note here that Ed Yamamoto of Columbia Basin, who has been a staunch JA CLer, had donated \$1,000 to be a Century Life Member back in 1974, so I guess he is No. 1. Thank you, Ed!

According to this letter, although Ed Yamamoto is a very wealthy person, he borrowed the \$1,000 from the JA CL Credit Union to make the money turn over and also to allow the Credit Union to draw some interest from this particular loan which I think many of us could handle the same way!

DR. FRANK F. SAKAMOTO
Chairman,
National 1000 Club
Chicago

Ed Note—Dr. Jim Tsujimura of Portland, who was thought to be No. 1 as a Century Life member, gladly transferred the honors to Ed Yamamoto when this was called to his attention.

The high prize of life, the crowning fortune of a man, is to be born with a bias to some pursuit which finds him in employment and happiness.

—RALPH WALDO EMERSON

There is a bit more in a conclusion, but it doesn't say much more. The point we are trying to make is that in a blueprint for action that must run several hundred thousand words, there is little more than passing mention of our relations with our most important friend in the Pacific.

President Reagan repaired our ties with South Korea and it would seem he is very much aware of the need for a strong East Asian policy. But so often in the past American administrations have paid no more than lip service to better ties with Japan.

U.S.-Japan relations are as complex as any between friends, complicated by intense trade rivalries, cultural differences, past misunderstandings, competing interests, etc., etc. Yet it is to the advantage of both to work together.

Japanese Americans by themselves don't have nearly enough clout to influence the thinking in an administration, or even in a think tank like the Heritage Foundation. But they have far more friends than they did 40 years ago, and they've acquired a lot of know-how about utilizing those contacts. That may not be much assurance, but we can keep pecking away.

includes digging into our pockets.

THIS IS NOT to say that all is lost. By no means. I've had the pleasure on several occasions to meet with and speak to assemblies of high school students at the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans held annually in Washington, D.C. And each time I've come away inspired by the vigor, ideals and intelligence of these future leaders—and my hope is rejuvenated. But also, upon returning to the general milieu that is typical throughout our land, depressing concern again sets in.

UNLESS WE ALL do what must be done, we shall surely pay a heavy price in every respect. We already are. #

The weight sizer records the weight of an apple, which has been deposited mechanically into a cup, and releases the apple within its proper program-weight designation at a preprogrammed packing lane.

Fred Moriuchi said that because of the uniformity the machinery provides, the company is able to make a more-attractive pack, which he said would pay for itself by providing a more-accurate box weight.

Prior to the installation of the machinery, the 42 pound apple cartons were as much as 3 pounds overweight, amounting to tremendous losses when considering the tens of thousands of apple cartons handled each season.

The machine is used to pack tray-pack peaches, as well as apples. The company has a separate packing line for the smaller-sized peaches.

The packinghouse has a capacity to pack about 1,000 boxes of apples a day, and up to 3,000 boxes of peaches a day.

The company shipped 60,000 boxes of peaches last summer and has the same number of boxes of apples in CA storage at the current time.

Two-thirds of the apples are Red Romes, and the remainder are Red Delicious. The company put virtually all of its fresh-market apples into CA storage, Fred Moriuchi said.

Because of the dry summer, in which only about 3 inches of rain fell from early June to September, the fruit-production figures of the company were down this year, he said. It has the potential to grow more than 100,000 boxes of apples a year, and as many as 70,000 boxes of peaches.

The company sells all its fruit through the Jersey Fruit Co-Op Association.

Fred Moriuchi, who is chairman of the Jersey Apple Industry Council, Trenton, said his company would be late in opening its CA storage this year, because of the regular-storage apples that still are on the market, but he said he expected to start packing the fruit sometime in February. #

The Moriuchis are staunch Philadelphia JA CLers. They also provide the annual scholarships in the National JA CL undergraduate program.

THANK YOU

The "Carole Fujita Support Committee" wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to all the friends and supporters who generously donated to the recent Chow Mein Luncheon and Legal Assistance Fund.

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Business
Linda Mayeda, 27, of Chicago was recently promoted to manager, strategic analysis/corporate planning with Conrail, Philadelphia. She joined the corporation in June, 1980, after finishing Amos Tuck School of Business Administration at Dartmouth with a master's degree and a half-year stint with a hospital supply firm at Evanston. Following graduation from MIT in 1973, the daughter of the Hiroshi Mayedas served in the Peace Corps teaching chemistry in Ghana.

Cultural treasures
WASHINGTON—The U.S. should join other U.N. member nations in an effort to protect cultural treasures from theft, Sen. Spark Matsunaga said in introducing legislation to implement the U.N. Convention, previously ratified by the Senate in 1972, but never enacted.

Milestone
Ronald and Barbara Ikejiri, Washington, D.C., are parents of their first child, Jeffrey Hideki, who was born Jan. 28 at Georgetown Hospital. He weighed 5 lb. 14 oz. and was 19 inches long.

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