

National Convention packets sent to all JACL chapters

GARDENA, Ca.—Information packets for the 27th biennial JACL National Convention on Aug. 10-13 have been sent to all chapters, containing:

(1) Advance registration forms—containing a "Package Deal" that includes registration; JACL Awards Luncheon; Shig Wakamatsu Testimonial; The Mike M. Masaoka Distinguished Service Award; The JACL Sayonara Ball and Nisei of the Biennium Award Presentation. Price: \$115 before June 15 and \$150 after June 15.

(2) Registration forms for individual events, such as those listed above and The Mas & Chiz Satow Memorial; 1000 Club Whing-Ding; Gardena Valley JACL Fashion Show and Luncheon; Selanoco JACL Golf Tournament; JACL Youth Reunion; Gardena Luau and National President's Forum.

Some of the issues that will be discussed at the convention this year include a thoughtful plan for redress; organizational development; effects of the U.S.-Japan trade imbalance on Nikkei; and the future of the JACL.

The Gardena Valley JACL is providing all chapters with a 50% rebate on all tickets sold and turned in by June 1, giving chapters a vehicle to help cover costs of sending delegates to the convention.

Since hotel reservations are difficult to obtain in the summer, early confirmations have been urged by the Convention Committee.

Japan's economy will outpace Europe & U.S., forecaster says

WASHINGTON—Despite sluggish domestic markets in Japan and a slowdown in government spending there, the Japanese economy will continue to outpace both Western Europe and the United States during the 1980s, said a leading American forecasting firm Apr. 29.

A new 10-year forecast, written by John Borris of Chase Econometrics, said:

"Japan's high productivity and low wage gains relative to Western Europe and the United States will keep her unit labor costs down and her international price competitiveness up through the decade, and provide the major support of growth in the Japanese economy."

Norris also forecasted: "In the 1980s, Japan's total exports will grow 214% in real terms;

—Exports of Japanese machinery and equipment will grow even faster, and by 1990 will make up almost three-quarters of total

merchandise exports.

Norris said that the Japanese economy will continue to become more export dependent and he added:

"Our forecasts indicate that in real terms, Japanese exports will rise to \$152 billion by 1990 which will represent an export deficiency, or ratio of exports to gross national expenditure of 27.7%."

"Machinery and equipment exports will show the most rapid growth—approximately 20% in real terms—and by 1990 will represent fully 73.9% of Japan's total merchandise exports."

Import quotas and other protectionist barriers have frozen Japanese auto markets in the U.S. and Western Europe. So Japanese automakers will focus their export efforts on Third World markets, particularly in Latin America and the Far East. In the American and European markets, Japanese electronics manufacturers will increase their market share with computers, office machinery and industrial robots, he said.

Norris noted that a major reason for Japan's new export drive is a drying-up of domestic consumer demand. In the next 10 years, he stated, the consumer sector will shrink relative to the total Japanese economy, because the population is rapidly becoming the oldest society in the industrialized world.

He also said rapid increase in the retired population in both absolute and proportional terms means not only lowered personal income growth on a per capita basis, but also higher social security pay-

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GARDENA JACL QUEEN—Deena Lynn Akemi Hard (center) is crowned Gardena Valley JACL queen on May 1 at Hyatt Airport Hotel, surrounded by her court (from left): Sharon Emiko Kawasaki, first princess; Jeri Christine Okamoto, Marilyn Michi Higa and Pamela Lynne Ota. Deena is Gardena's candidate for the Nisei Week Festival queen title in August.

JACL urged to build partnership with private sector on programs

WASHINGTON—At a time when JACL and other voluntary organizations are facing the prospect of higher operating costs and reduced programs, the White House with President Reagan invited a vast array of representatives Apr. 27 to a briefing on the Private Sector Initiatives.

The President's message highlighted the need for organizations to "Build Partnerships" with the private sector to solve local and community problems, including funding of programs and delivery of services.

"Relying on government alone to solve our problems has proven ineffective," the President's bi-partisan task force stressed. "We know now that if these problems are to be solved, each of us must be part of the solution. And there is no better place to start than in the communities where we live and work."

JACL National Director and

staff are developing for use of the chapters a comprehensive checklist to implement community partnerships, strategies to seek contributions from the community, better utilization of communication among the chapters and national and creating a speaker's bureau to encourage highest recognition and utilization of JACL's most important resource: the 30,000-plus volunteer members.

Because Dr. James K. Tsujimura, National JACL President, was unable to attend, Washington Representative Ron Ikejiri represented the JACL. Others present repre-

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ESGV center picks Nisei Week candidate

WEST COVINA, Ca.—Janet Midori Barnes, a 20-year-old Mt. San Antonio College (Walnut) student, was selected to represent the San Gabriel Valley and the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center as a candidate in the annual Nisei Week Queen Contest coming up in August. Ms. Barnes was born in Okinawa, where her mother, Mariko Oyakawa Barnes, currently resides.

Supreme court hears arguments in Sumitomo discrimination case

WASHINGTON—Japanese companies operating in this country are entitled to reserve some top positions for Japanese citizens, the U.S. Supreme Court was told April 26 in arguments pitting U.S. civil rights laws against firms from more than two dozen of America's key international trade partners, the Associated Press reported.

To what extent does command of the Japanese language, customs and business practices enter into this? Chief Justice Warren Burger asked the lawyer representing the Japanese firm involved in the case.

Abraham Chayes, attorney for Sumitomo Shoji America Inc., said such considerations are important, considering the long-term relation

between Japanese companies and their employees. "They're like civil service or a foreign service," he said of the Japanese workers, noting that the employees often have tours of duty in various locations.

Treaty vs. U.S. Law

At issue is whether a 1953 U.S.-Japan commercial treaty exempts Japanese businesses from complying with provisions of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which bars discrimination due to race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

The treaty provides that companies of either party (U.S. or Japan) shall be permitted to engage technical experts, executive personnel and other specialists of their

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Fresno County Supervisor Huey campaigns for second term

FRESNO, Ca.—Chairman of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors Harry Huey is now campaigning for a second 4-year term in office.

On January 1 of this year Huey became the first Asian American to serve as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors here. He was elected in November 1978 in his first bid for public office.

An architect by profession, Huey also owns and trains thoroughbred race horses. He is a UC Berkeley graduate.

Huey is married to the former Barbara Toshiyuki, a registered occupational therapist and a graduate of the Univ. of Southern California. They have three children, 15, and Carlen, 16, both local high school students, and Corie, a student at UC Davis. Harry's father, Yee Chong Huey was born in Canton and moved to the United States as a teenager.

"I am running on my record. I've worked hard to cut governmental red tape and to make the machinery of county government run smoother," Supervisor Huey said. "I do not consider myself a politician but rather a concerned citizen. My culture and heritage has taught me that if we really care about our government then we should be willing to contribute and offer ourselves to public service."

Huey's Supervisorial District 1 takes in the rich agricultural areas of Fresno County as well as the Chinatown area where he was born and the minority populations in West Fresno.

Yakuza a growing problem in U.S.

LOS ANGELES—Two women filed a suit against several companies and individuals who were under investigation for possible links to the yakuza or Japanese organized crime.

The lawsuit, filed May 3 in federal court here, seeks over \$3 million from a talent agency, a travel bureau and other individuals who had promised the women jobs as entertainers in Japan.

The two women both claim that, instead of work as entertainers, they were almost entrapped into prostitution "through threats of physical force and coercion". The defendants, however, deny any role in the alleged "white slavery" activities.

While this civil case is moot, LAPD Detective Fred Clapp said that for the past eight years authorities have been aware of other cases which possibly involved the yakuza. Fifty alleged victims have been interviewed by the LAPD.

Authorities Wary
American law enforcement agencies are becoming increasingly alarmed by the presence of the yakuza in the United States. In addition to the "slave rings", authorities believe there are firm indications that the yakuza is infiltrating the illegal drug and black market trade.

Jimmy Sakoda, head of LAPD's Asian Task Force, said that a common business involving yakuza in Los Angeles is on-the-street loans. "Once, I caught a yakuza with

\$500,000 in cash at an airport." He noted, however, that it is extremely difficult for police to indict yakuza for these loan shark operations.

John Wooze, an FBI public information officer here, concedes that numerous charges against the yakuza are reaching his office. "We have already launched investigations on them." He declined to comment on how many yakuza and which illegal businesses are involved.

Last November, testimony before a subcommittee hearing of the Senate governmental affairs committee revealed that four Japanese mobster groups were extending their business bases into Los Angeles.

Black-Market Dollars

Dennis Morton, a narcotics investigator on the west coast, acknowledged that since 1978 American mob syndicates have been funneling tremendous amounts of black-market dollars to the west coast. A recent intelligence photo showed a mafia member and a yakuza drinking together.

Morton called for a tighter crackdown on the yakuza by citing two cases: In 1978, the yakuza established a bank in Hawaii to defraud a massive amount in dollars. In 1972, Hawaiian police nabbed a yakuza named "Inada" on heroin trafficking charges. Later, his colleagues killed him, apparently to shut him up.

Morton said, "We are seeing an increasing of yakuza landing on the

mainland, with Hawaii as a stepping stone. America needs more preventive measures, before the yakuza organize an American sales network of Asian-produced heroin."

JA Teenagers

The presence of a Japanese-American society and street gangs involving teenagers of Japanese

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SF Foundation gives \$10,000 to JA library

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Foundation recently awarded \$10,000 to the Japanese American Library project of the Center for Japanese American Studies here.

The library, located at 1759 Sutter St. here, will be the first of its kind in the U.S. to systematically collect and maintain publications on Nikkei.

The library has been seeking and collecting books and items pertaining to Japanese American history, with a goal to preserve the cultural heritage of Nikkei. Research operations are under development, and eventually a loan library will make available materials and information on Japanese Americans.

The grant proposal was compiled by Karl Matsushita and JACL past National President Dr. Clifford Uyeda. Both have been on the center's library committee since 1969.

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Dudley Yasuda

San Francisco

In the Apr. 23 PC, buried on page three, was a short article about the shooting death of an instructor at the City College of San Francisco, where I had spent eleven of my 16 years as an educator.

His name was Dudley Yasuda. We were friends, but to say that we were close friends would be to stretch the point. For most of my eleven years at City College, Dudley and I were two of only three Japanese Americans on a full time teaching faculty of over 650 instructors. He and I acknowledged each other, we knew each other, and we identified with our similar backgrounds. We were even the same age.

But I guess it was more than just our backgrounds that drew comparisons among our students and colleagues. For a long time, we had similar teaching styles in which we both liked to draw seemingly disparate ideas and to synthesize them into some kind of coherent structure. It was the kind of teaching style that the best of students revelled in, and we both shared in common the love of dealing with intellectual ideas in the classroom. But Dudley was much more intense than I. Students either loved him or they hated him.

My teaching career ended with a letter of resignation. Dudley's ended with a crazed assassin's bullet.

He was an enigma to the rest of the staff, who thought of him as some kind of screwball. I never did. I always thought he was one of the best instructors among all of my colleagues at the City College, not because we shared similar styles in the classroom or even dealt with similar ideas, but because I knew that he was good at what he did.

If there was anything enigmatic to Dudley about me, it was what he once in conversation fatuously (because he detested intellectual jargon) referred to as the "absorption mechanism of conviction" in my belief that there was a need to rectify the internment experience. Not that

he was critical about it, nor that he didn't feel empathy. He just didn't fully understand it. But Dudley was from Hawaii, and we both laughingly cast that off as the reason for what he acknowledged as his lack of understanding.

OCA's First Decade

By MIN YASUI

Denver, Colo.

Austin Tao is a big, handsome, young third-generation Chinese American, who is employed as an engineer in St. Louis, Missouri. He is married to a Japanese American. He is also the national president of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), which is yet a struggling, fledgling organization of some 23 chapters nationwide.

OCA was founded in 1973. Despite large concentrations of Chinese Americans on the West Coast, OCA primarily had its genesis on the East Coast and in the Midwest. Founding chapters were established in New York, New Jersey, and St. Louis, with other chapters in Chicago, Detroit, Wisconsin, Texas, and Colorado joining in. Today, there are also OCA chapters in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, and Seattle on the West Coast.

Interestingly enough, although the Chinese in America were 50 years ahead of the mass migrations of Japanese to the United States, and Chinese were already in San Francisco to meet the '49ers streaming to California from the East, broad-based community organizations among the Chinese Americans, with a national perspective, did not arise until recently.

Since about 1975, there have been a substantial influx of Chinese immigrants into the United States. As a matter of fact, we hear asked "Are you ABC or FOB?" We learn that "ABC" is American-Born Chinese, whereas "FOB" is "Fresh Off the Boat." We also hear sensationalized, and perhaps true, stories of Hong Kong "gangs."

Because of such concerns, we presume that cosmopolitan Chinese American leadership felt a need for a national organization. The vision of OCA leaders is clear. Tao says that whenever issues of prejudices come up, "We must be willing to stand up and state our case." More than that, he notes that Chinese Americans must continue working for a more just America. He is well aware that problems and discriminations affecting other Asian Americans are similar in essence, and there is need to

To talk about Dudley Yasuda has very little to do with what this Redress column is supposed to be all about, I realize. Except perhaps to say that I had always intended to sit down with Dudley and explain about the camps, explain why there is that absorbing mechanism and that conviction. But I never did.

work together. "Whenever there is a problem affecting Asian Americans, OCA must show concern", Tao said, "so that maybe the next time, the government will take notice."

The national board of OCA met in Denver the other day. Colorado has two OCA chapters, one in Denver and the other in Boulder. They were eager to be co-hosts of the national board meeting. Colorado has less than 4,000 Chinese Americans, or less than half as many Japanese Americans—except that it is impossible to enumerate the Chinese ethnics among the more than 8,000 Indo-Chinese refugees who have been resettled in Colorado since 1975. We know that there are more than 25,000 Asian Americans in the Denver metropolitan area; we also know the attitudes of the general public regarding "Asians" affect all of us whose roots are from Asia. This is true not only in Colorado, but also nationally.

Because of this spirit, we were invited to the OCA National Board dinner at Canton Landing. The concern of Japanese Americans for redress was indicated. We met Laura Chin, the newly-hired director of OCA's Washington, D.C. office (and also newly-married to a Caucasian lawyer in Washington, D.C.) Laura Chin is no glamorously mysterious "Dragon Lady" type—but she is articulate and talkative. Knowing a bit about the rocky financial history of trying to maintain OCA's Washington office, we wondered about her generous offer to assist JACL—but we welcome the open and eager gesture of cooperation and common concern.

We know not what the future portends for OCA—nor, indeed, do we know what JACL will be able to accomplish as national programs... But, we are unshakably committed, as a last hurrah for us old-timers, to the cause of redress for the sake of America and all Americans.

We know, too, that if the 1980 U.S. census counts 3½ million Asian Americans in the United States—(and we believe the figure should be nearer 6 million)—then, by combining the organizational strengths and influential contacts of such groups as OCA and JACL, and other Asian Americans, we can have a substantial impact on a national basis. Coalition building, not excluding non-Asian groups, will be a key to the future.

We join the Organization of Chinese Americans in working for a "more just America".

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With Noguchi out, supervisors move to revamp coroner's office

LOS ANGELES—Since transferring demoted Coroner Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi to a different department, the county Board of Supervisors have voted to restructure and streamline the agency Noguchi headed for over 14 years.

Noguchi, 55, was transferred from the coroner's department to County-USC Medical Center May 3, where he was assigned to perform autopsies as a physician specialist. Six days earlier, the board formally demoted Noguchi from his position as Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner, and cut his pay by \$1,600.

The board, on a 4-0 vote May 4 (Supervisor Kenneth Hahn was absent on an official trip to China), moved to adopt several recommendations by Chief Administrative Officer Harry L. Hufford. This series of changes included:

1) A new system to tighten control of criminal case evidence, improving training programs for employees and hiring more personnel to cope with heavy workloads.

2) Authorizing the CAO to give an extra \$100,000 to the coroner's office to buy equipment for its toxicology lab.

3) The addition of nine employees to the department at a cost of about \$500,000 a year.

Acting Coroner Dr. Ronald Kornblum said he had already implemented some of the CAO's recommendations, noting that he hired criminologist Gary Siglar of the Sheriff's crime lab to be the new chief of the coroner's Forensic

Laboratories Division.

Meanwhile, Noguchi is appealing his demotion to the Civil Service Commission and a hearing date will be set sometime in the summer. Supervisor Ed Edelman won approval of a motion Apr. 27 which called for the commission to consider Noguchi's case with "the highest priority" and asked for the hearing to be scheduled at the earliest possible date.

Noguchi has said he is "quite confident of victory after a full hearing" and added he would "diligently perform the duties assigned to (him)" until he was restored to the coroner's office.

Noguchi was demoted for allegedly mismanaging and misusing the coroner's office and was also charged with making "unprofessional" statements about celebrity deaths. Noguchi, however, has denied the charges, and his attorney, Godfrey Isaac, has maintained that the supervisors have not treated the coroner fairly. Noguchi said in a letter of response to his demotion that the board took action on ground smacking of "sham and subterfuge."

Merchants protest widening E. 1st St.

LOS ANGELES—Little Tokyo Business Assn. board of directors voted unanimously Apr. 22 to protest the proposed widening of E. 1st St. from San Pedro and Alameda. The action came in wake of another northside redevelopment proposal calling for widening the thoroughfare.

T. C. Taiyoshi, board chair, said the "character of Little Tokyo along First Street as the historic center of the Japanese community in Southern California must be preserved" and any redevelopment of the Northside (see May 7 PC) must include provisions for store front and commercial usage by merchants.

The action was directed at the Community Redevelopment Agency's Little Tokyo office.

Asian American fire fighters being sought

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles County Fire Department is actively seeking recruits from the Asian American community during May. Persons, 18-30 years old, should apply between May 14-29. The written examinations are to be held in late June, 1983. For info, call (213) 267-2436.

EWP to present 'yose' style shows in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—East West Players will present "Komedo Ikki" (Comedy Uprising), theater in the traditional Japanese yose style, which will consist of storytelling, magic, pantomime and manzai. The show will tour various L.A. areas: Senshin Buddhist Temple, (June 6); East San Gabriel Valley Community Center (June 9); Japanese Retirement Home, Boyle Heights (June 11); Gardena Japanese Cultural Institute (June 16); San Fernando Valley JACC (June 18); Nishi Hongwanji Temple (June 20); West L.A. JACL (June 25); Venice Pioneer Center (June 26); and the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center (June 27). For info call (213) 660-0366.

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FOR YUKI SHIMODA FILM—JACL PSWDC Governor Cary Nishimoto (r) presents a check for \$1,200 on behalf of the district to John Esaki, director of Visual Communication's upcoming documentary film on the late actor Yuki Shimoda. The recent donation will go towards completion of the film.

Nikkei charged as 'slumlord' in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—A Japanese American was among four landlords in the downtown skid row area accused of being "slumlords" by City Attorney Ira Reiner. Robert K. Higa, chief officer of Haskell Hotels, Inc., and three other hotel operators face 36 health and building code violation counts, which were filed Apr. 29 by Reiner.

The criminal charges against the four include rodent and cockroach infestation, inoperable communal plumbing, exposed wiring and shattered windows.

Higa faces 11 counts, and each charge carries a maximum penalty of six months in the county jail and a \$500 fine. Reiner said he would demand jail terms for those landlords who are convicted, because, as he put it, "a fine is merely a cost of doing business."

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descent explain why the yakuza have concentrated on Los Angeles. Clearly, the English-speaking ability of the delinquent Japanese American gives the yakuza valuable assistance.

Authorities believe the yakuza established their financial foundation by legally investing in hotels and buildings. Then it managed to make profits in the underground loan business, gradually moving toward the heroin trade.

An American investigator sur-

mised, "The yakuza world is becoming more and more sophisticated. Today, the yakuza wear the same suits as ordinary Japanese businessmen. At first glance, it is quite hard to discern as to who is yakuza and who is not."

Mafia Involved?

"As things stand now, we can surely expect a deeper partnership between the yakuza and mafia, therefore we must launch an extensive crackdown. The solid fact is that it is not only California. They are moving into Nevada, Arizona and Texas."

The L.A. Asian Task Force, formed in 1975, is attempting to discourage the yakuza, and with good reason. Figures show that the number of Japanese American residents rose to 103,000 in 1980, doubling the figure of a decade ago. In addition, the west coast area has an average 370,000 Japanese tourists a year.

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Sansei opposes cuts to Calif. women's panel

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—A recent proposal to virtually eliminate all funding for the California Commission on the Status of Women is "an affront to the majority of the state's population—which happens to be female," said commission chairperson Irene Hirano of Los Angeles.

The cut was one of 295 options for reduced state spending proposed by the Legislative Analyst, a non-partisan office that performs financial analysis for the legislature, for the 1982-83 budget, in light of the estimated \$2 billion deficit.

Hirano said the analyst's proposal is "unthinkable," and she noted:

"Unemployment is at an all-time high. The economy is in disarray. Vital assistance programs for women and children are being cut right and left. The legislature is making critical policy decisions that could leave needy people without food or shelter or medicine."

"We are sensitive to the state's fiscal crisis, and we are not afraid of working within a tight budget—we've been doing it for years."

"But we are also sensitive to the hundreds of women we hear every week, women asking for assistance, for information, for tools they can use to help themselves. The budget should not be balanced on the backs of women."

The analyst's report suggests reducing the commission's proposed 1982-83 budget from \$420,000 to \$10,000. This amount would cover only the commissioner's per diem.

Under the analyst's proposal, there would be no staff or office. The commission's extensive library and educational materials would be transferred to the state library and its duties performed by other state agencies or such groups as the National Organization for Women (NOW) and Women in Politics (WIP).

"The recommendation is absurd," said Joyce Graham of WIP. "The commission acts as a state-wide information center for women, distributes two essential publications, and conducts in-depth studies in areas of particular concern to women. There is no way that a volunteer organization like ours can provide the depth and breadth of services that the commission delivers."

Yu-Ai-Kai Sakura benefit set May 22

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Spring fashions from Ken & Co. and Livingston Bros. will be modeled at the third annual Yu-Ai-Kai Sakura benefit fashion show luncheon May 22, 11 a.m. at the Marriott Hotel. Tickets are \$20 per person at the Yu-Ai-Kai office, 171 E. Jackson St., local Nikkei banks, 4th St. Pharmacy and Hashimoto Drug.

The community group also published "Beginnings: Japanese Americans in San Jose" (\$10), a bilingual glimpse plus photos of prewar San Jose Japanese town.

Renew JACL Membership

Occidental College to stage 'Fast Lane'

LOS ANGELES—"Life in the Fast Lane, Requiem for a Sansei Poet", by Lane Nishikawa, will be performed at Occidental College's Thorne Hall, 1600 Campus Rd., on Sunday, May 16, 7 p.m. For ticket info, call (213) 259-2605.

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Voting Rights Act

Washington, D.C.

On May 4 (Tuesday), the Senate Judiciary Committee voted 14-4 in favor of a bipartisan compromise of the Voting Rights Act. After months of heated debate, the compromise was worked out by Sens. Robert J. Dole (R-Kan.), Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Charles McC. Mathias (R-Md.). The Administration, as well as leaders of civil rights groups, have openly expressed their approval.

Although the Senate version is different from the House bill, it is thought that the House will accept the changes so that it can be brought to a final vote.

The issue at the center of the controversy was the parameters being used in determining a voting rights violation. In 1980, the Supreme Court ruled that it must be shown that a locality "intended" to discriminate before a voting rights violation could be proven. This drew strong criticism from civil rights leaders. They asked Congress to change the law so that election "results" could be taken into consideration when determining whether minorities were being excluded from the political process. However, critics of the civil rights leaders' position claimed that to implement such a proposed change would sanction proportional representation of racial quotas in elections.

The compromise measure seeks to satisfy both valid concerns. It allows the effect or the results to be used as evidence in proving if in fact a violation was committed. At the same time, it includes language that specifically states that minorities do not retain any rights of proportional representation in election results.

What the Voting Rights bill does now is reaffirm two permanent provisions that ban racial discrimination and literacy testing nationwide. In addition, it will extend the life of the provisions that require state and local governments to be accountable for any changes in their voting or election procedures. It requires that political jurisdictions with a history of discrimination must obtain a "pre-clearance" with the Dept. of Justice or the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia before changes are made in their election procedures.

A third major point is that it extends the bilingual election provision until 1992. The intent is to insure for language minority citizens their constitutional right to vote.

The JACL joined with other civil rights groups in voicing approval of the Voting Rights Act. JACL had been committed to passage from the beginning.

Last March 25, the membership through a Washington Office chapter action memorandum was asked to urge their senators to support the bill and to oppose any attempts to weaken the bill through amendments.

In response to the memorandum, the following wrote to their respective senators: Henry T. Tanaka, chair, MDC redress committee; Bill Yoshino, Midwest Office regional director; Robert R. Kodama, pres., Marysville JACL; Wayne K. Tanda, pres., San Jose JACL; John J. Tani, gov., Midwest District Council; Yasuko Matsumoto, legis. liaison, Hoosier JACL; Julius Fujihira, Milwaukee JACL; Ronald Yee, pres., Detroit JACL.

It is important that JACL continues to lend its support and press to make sure that our views do not go unheard in the political process.

Because of the personal efforts of the Tanakas, Yoshinos, Kodamas, Tandas, Tanis, Matsumotos, Fujihiras and Yees, the organization's legislative efforts continue to meet the difficult challenges of protecting the civil rights of all Americans.

The entire JACL membership warmly applauds the efforts of these JACLers. #

West Valley hangs up scrapbook box

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Recipient of the 1981 NCWDC Award for the best chapter yearbook (scrapbook), West Valley JACL is shooting for a repeat as Tom Miyamoto, '82 historian, has placed an "in" box on the chapter clubhouse wall for clippings, pictures and mementos for the 1982 yearbook. #

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May 1—War Dept. report shows 33,000 Nisei among the 11 million who served in Army during WW2, 40 were alien Issei.

May 12—JACL calls GI brides law admitting "inadmissible" war brides if married by Jan. 1, 1947 discriminatory; Mike Masaoka tells House Judiciary committee deadline "negates very spirit of

Letterbox

• Heritage Week

Editor:

The PC article (Apr. 30) on Asian Pacific American Heritage Week failed to note a significant phrase in an otherwise pro forma Presidential proclamation [see below]. President Reagan stated, in part, "In spite of years of struggle and toil, in spite of exclusion and incarceration and discrimination, people whose roots lie in Asia..." (emphasis mine).

I believe this proclamation is one of the rare instances where a high government official has admitted that Japanese Americans were incarcerated rather than merely "evacuated" or "relocated".

RAYMOND OKAMURA
Berkeley, Ca.

PROCLAMATION 4927
ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN
HERITAGE WEEK, 1982

The spirit of America lies in the richness of our diverse cultural heritage, with ties forged through the struggle of all of our people in the quest for freedom and opportunity.

Asian and Pacific Americans have long shared the dreams common to all Americans and borne the heartaches and triumphs of the American experience. In spite of years of struggle and toil, in spite of exclusion and incarceration and discrimination, peoples whose roots lie in Asia and the Pacific Islands have brought forth myriad contributions to this country—in the arts and literature, science, industry, commerce, government, and agriculture.

America owes a profound debt to its Asian and Pacific immigrants, who came to these shores to escape poverty and oppression. They brought to America a spirit which renews the hopes and ideals of the American Republic in forming a more perfect Union.

As we celebrate the accomplishments of Asian and Pacific Americans, we dedicate ourselves to overcoming the legacy of the past, knowing that the tasks in the struggle for full participation and equal opportunity remain incomplete. We are grateful to Asian and Pacific Americans for their presence and for their enduring belief in the unalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, declare the seven-day period beginning May 7, 1982, as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

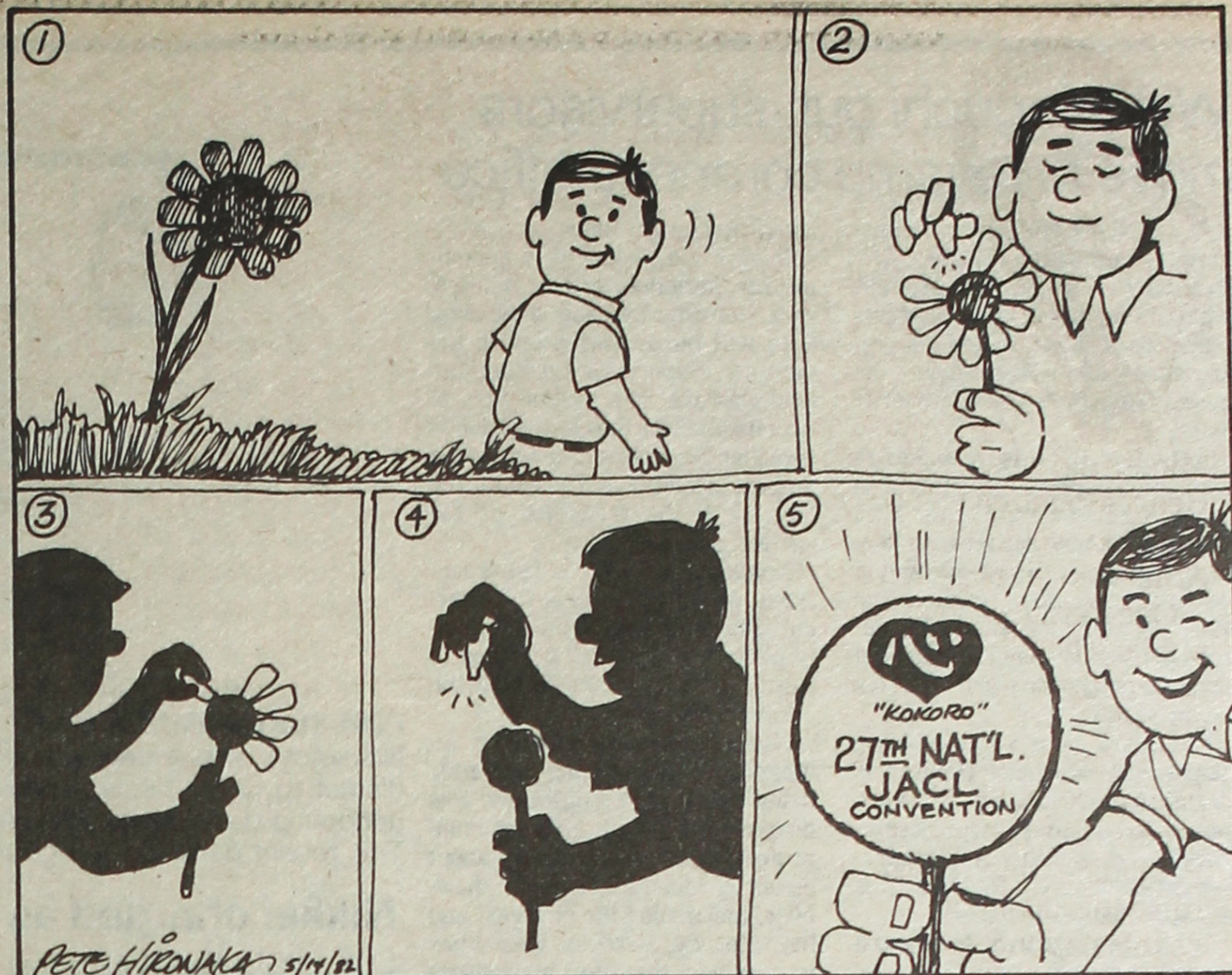
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixth.

/s/Ronald Reagan

the amendment to the Exclusion Law".

May 12—Atty. Wayne Collins asks Congress to terminate internment of 300 Japanese from Peru in U.S. camps; 90 at Crystal City, Tex., camp; another 178 working at Seabrook, N.J., under "relaxed internment"; 26 on parole to friends, and 3 hospitalized.

May 13—S.F. '49ers sign Wally



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

Unaccustomed as I am to being observed

Salt Lake City

Reading about the "Reunion at Happy Valley," (PC Guest's Corner, 4/23) by Arthur A. Sasahara of Boston, Mass., was a new experience for me. No one has written about me previously. I am accustomed to being the observer, not the observed. My family and I are honored by the warm and funny expression of friendship. My dog is aghast. He is relieved that Art is not a veterinarian. Nicholas is a German shepherd and not a St. Bernard.

Art has simply identified himself as M.D. Any other person would have used his more prestigious title, Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School. He would also have added, Chief of the Integrated Medical Service of West Roxbury and Brockton VA Hospitals, which are both Harvard teaching hospitals. He also casually mentions that he "accepted an invitation to serve as Visiting Professor of Medicine at the University of Utah Medical Center." He omits the fact that this was one of more than 40 lectures that he delivered that year in various parts of the world. Art just happens to be one of the world's leading authorities on cardiopulmonary disease and is a pioneer in the use of Urokinase.

Our friendship may appear curious to some. As one of our other Gila classmates said to me in Berkeley many years ago, "I suppose you're just a housewife." That is no great secret, for I am an avowed ordinary woman, who has lived in extraordinary times. And who, through some accident, has been extremely lucky with friendships.

My reunion with Art would have been impossible except for Oscar Inouye, our mutual friend. In 1978, on his death, I wrote a tribute to Oscar. Someone else would have probably written it better, more eloquently. Mine was simply from the heart, a remembrance of friendship. An incongruously common daisy in an elaborate bouquet. Not a last remembrance, for to this day, there are times when I think I must write Oscar about some absurdity. And then am shocked

and deprived anew to know that he is dead. So forceful is his memory that his name is written, is spoken aloud, is smiled upon.

Art was one of several who wrote me after Oscar's death. Last year, a letter from Argentina. Art was invited to deliver two lectures and to serve on two panels. He took the time to view the opera house. He thought Oscar had been there. I had to write and tell him that Oscar was in Brazil and Peru, not Argentina, on his last good trip. Although it was the wrong place, the gesture was nice. Fidelity to friends in life and to their memories after death remains among the most splendid human gifts.

How I wish that Oscar could have shared our reunion. He, who was the most unique and brilliant of our generation, knew the elixir of life is friendship. From the vast armies of people who pass through one's life, only a few become your friends. When one dies, he or she is never replaced. A husband, wife, lover or dog may be replaced. Well, maybe not a dog.

Friends generally have a claim from the past, a particular time or place. It is this way with me and Gila. Years later, a certain interior territory belongs to those whose friendship was a gift of Gila. There could not have been any truer testing ground for the human spirit than an American Concentration Camp. Contrary to the beliefs of some, we did not perish there. The human soul not only endured, but prevailed. From the wells of deepest darkness came the incredible, wonderful sound of laughter.

The proof is in this. Forty years later, a distinguished and esteemed scientist signs his name to a superbly written, mirthful piece. It is obvious he laughed through his labor. And almost at the other end of the continent, a graying and wrinkled woman reads it with enormous enjoyment. Since she is both outrageous and sassy, she sends this very public response, "I like you, too, Art. Maybe even more today than yesterday."

Yonamine, UH halfback.

May 15—Former anti-Nisei group leader in State legislature, Assemblyman Chester Gannon (R-Sac'to) reverses stand, urges budget drop funds to enforce alien land law at ways & means committee hearing. (Gannon had supported alien land legislation when it was introduced in 1920 when it was "justified" but "times have

changed".) ... VFW nat'l aide Al Fleming calls for repeal of alien land law.

May 15—U.S. Post Office resumes parcel post service to Ryukyus; service to Japan had been started earlier but not to Okinawa, until JACL made repeated requests.

May 15—San Jose JACL calls meeting to explain Blue Cross Plan to membership.

May 15—Issei-operated (George Hakata Sr.) dry-cleaning firm in Elko, Nev., collapses in adjoining excavation.

May 16—Utah VFW moves against reported anti-Nisei GI sentiment at Clearfield; Bataan Death March survivor, Maj. Garry Anloff of Ft. Douglas, addresses mass rally at North Davis Jr. High.



Rep. Mineta's Sobering Reunion Message

Denver, Colo.

Is it news when a respected, veteran United States Congressman flies across the continent to address nearly a thousand Japanese Americans on a matter of national and international concern? This is what Rep. Norman Mineta did when he flew from Washington to speak at the Heart Mountain camp reunion in Los Angeles on April 3. But you wouldn't know it from reading the Japanese American press which all but ignored the event.

One must ask what kind of job the press is doing for the public when it fails to report Mineta's message. Let me devote the balance of this column to quotations from his speech:

"Today we once again face the issue which none of us likes to do, but is also the reason why we are all here as a group: the history of racial prejudice in this country. Prejudice which never seems to disappear completely. I raise this unhappy subject because I am concerned that as this nation's economic difficulties grow, we will once

again become the scapegoats. This is especially true given the growing U.S.-Japan trade problems. No matter how hard we try to fit in, when there are problems between the United States and Japan, it affects us all ...

"My concern ... is that the awful specter of discrimination is beginning to reappear. When I was in Detroit last year, I heard stories of Japanese Americans who are afraid to drive imported automobiles in Michigan. Parking lots have signs saying 'No Japanese Cars Allowed.' I even heard of a Japanese American Datsun driver whose windshield was broken by a baseball bat-wielding pickup truck driver.

"The very legitimate discontent over that state's economy carries with it a sense that Japanese industry has created the problems in our domestic automobile market. However true this notion may be—and I for one do not find it convincing—it is no excuse at all for the racist behavior against American citizens of Japanese ancestry that we have begun to see in Michigan.

"Racism and prejudice is something that I know many of us have seen all our lives in subtle ways. My concern now is that it is moving into more overt acts than we are used to.

"For example, I receive nasty and bigoted phone calls and letters every time there is a major news story about the trade deficit, the Redress question, or similar events. I even received an angry letter after New York City decided to buy Japanese subway cars. The writer of that letter warned he would be 'watching' me, to make sure I do not personally destroy the U.S. economy in order to advance Japanese interests.

"The idea that somehow I am personally responsible for the Kawasaki subway car purchase is, of course, ludicrous. But there are people out there who feel that

way.

"I understand that as a public official I receive and hear about more of these incidents than others might. But my experience is not unique. We must all be aware of this phenomena, and confront it every day. Racism as we see it is a sorry thing. I even read recently of a senior member of Congress who said in a meeting that the automobile industry's problem was competition from 'the little yellow people'.

"When I confronted him a few days later, this Congressman said to me, 'Well, I wasn't talking about you, Norm.' Who did he think he was talking about? What makes an important public official say such things? I do not understand racist behavior. But I do know I hate it. I do know we must fight it every day.

"I believe if a swastika is painted on a garage door, the story should be on the front page of every newspaper. If someone calls you a racist name, tell the world.

"Most of the people in this country truly believe in the principles of equality, fairness and justice. But they cannot stand alongside us in our struggle if they do not know about the problem. If we cry foul when our rights are threatened, the nation will respond. If we try and hide these problems, and hope they will quietly pass away, we will only fool ourselves and make things worse.

"Not just our rights are at stake. We are a nation of laws, founded upon principles of equality and fairness. If our rights are threatened, then every citizen is in jeopardy. If we are discriminated against, then the whole society suffers.

"Our Constitution is a fragile document. It depends upon the active support of an informed citizenry. If its principles are threatened, we have a responsibility to alert the nation. Not because of what may happen to us, but out of a concern for the basic foundations of the entire nation. As citizens, we have a duty to defend the Constitution ... We owe it to ourselves. We owe it to our parents. We owe it to our children. We can do no less." #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

When 'to Be, or Not to Be'

Philadelphia

THE OTHER EVENING, longtime friend Hiro approached me and, with a mischievous grin on his face, commented, "I hear you're participating in the Asian/Pacific Heritage Week Parade." Upon hearing confirmation thereof, he challenged, "I thought you were against us being draped in kimonos and walking down the streets." (Of course, I was not about to be draped with anything other than Western attire in the parade.) Hiro was referring to this writer's vehement opposition to a proposal made some fifteen years or so ago.

I DON'T RECALL the details, but some agency or other in the city approached the JACL to participate in some kind of parade in which the Nisei were to wear kimonos, perhaps carry parasols, the men to wear presumably so-called *happi* coats, *yukata* and *geta*. Presumably, we Nisei were being called upon to represent Japan or our Japanese culture. I opposed the whole proposal because I felt that we were being asked to portray—not what we *were*, not what we *wished*, but rather *what others envisioned us to be*. What a misrepresentation it would have been for a group of Nisei men to be clattering down the streets in their *geta*! I'm not ashamed of the proud culture handed down to us by our Issei parents; but I'll be dog-goned if I'll permit others to satisfy their misconceptions of me as some "Sakini" from the "Teahouse of the August Moon". (If I want to make an Oriental ass of myself, I can do it without help from others. Just ask my wife.)

THERE IS A distinct and critical difference between presenting your own self as you wish and, on the other hand, portraying a role that someone else envisions for you to fortify *their* misconceptions of you. And so when the Asian/Pacific group arranged its own parade, its own contents, its own format—in short, controlled its own ethnic integrity—yes, I agreed to participate. And I trust that friend Hiro recognized that all-important distinction.

THE PRINCIPLE OF "ethnic self-determination" has currency in other aspects of our lives; for example, what we wish to call ourselves. In years past, this column had proposed the eventual reformation of JACL into the Oriental American Citizens League ("ORACLE"), and about that time a Californian Nisei, for whom I have the highest respect, wrote and suggested that the term "Oriental" had sinister connotations for other Americans and, therefore, perhaps "Asian" would be more appropriate. And he may be absolutely right, and probably is. But I did not, and cannot, concur with the inference that other people's "hang-ups" should control what we might freely wish to adopt—so long as there is nothing inherently offensive in our action. (When Blacks elected to move away from the label "Negroes", were they required to take a poll of non-Blacks?)

AND SO IF a Nisei group wishes to dress however they may wish and perform the *tanko-bushi*, I say "Great!" But if some agency wants you to play "Sakini", I say, "Forget it!" And that's the way it was. And is. #



MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi

Drug Abuse

A few weeks ago Judge Marutani expressed concerns about drug abuse in the adjoining column. As one who worked in the field for several years, his comments were well received on this side of the PC page.

Drug abuse is a highly charged term. It conjures up all sorts of negative images and stigma. I would guess that media portrayal and public education strategies that depict the most horrid and devastating picture of the problem contribute to this image. It is important, I think, to take a more comprehensive look at the problem.

The extreme images and horror stories about drug abuse are the best known. However, the problem exists on a continuum. It ranges from curious experimentation to overdose death. It is important to view a particular incident on its appropriate place on this continuum. There should be concern about experimentation. There should be a high anxiety about lethal levels of drug injection. Experimentation, however, should not be treated in the same manner as overdose. Simply, a real definition of what the particular drug abuse behavior is is needed, not stereotypes.

The stereotype is influenced by who is using the drugs. A valium abuser, perhaps, even a Nisei housewife with a prescription, is not defined as a problem. A young woman with a modest cache of methaqualone (qualudes) may send parents into trauma with worry about her depreciation as a potential marriage partner. A young man found with a personal supply of marijuana may be dismissed in a "boys will be boys" manner. A Sansei interfacing with the police on this subject may be more likely to be counseled and released because of a belief in the stereotype of a strong Japanese family. I think the consequence of basing a response on whatever constellation of stereotypes is obvious.

Drugs are a pleasurable experience. That is why people use them. They have consequences, however, that offset whatever pleasure is experienced. The decision to use drugs is based on the absence of judgment regarding consequences or poor judgment. Difficulty is that the pharmacology is complicated by the curious history of drugs in Western civilization, often difficult to reconcile.

Alcohol is an accepted, legal drug. It is a drug in every way, except for its status on the list of controlled substances. Most people would not be antagonized in a setting that provided social drinking. A good portion of

those same persons would be made anxious by the introduction of a participant inhaling on a marijuana cigarette. Law and social custom aside, there really isn't that much difference between the two acts. Try reconciling that to a young person.

In effect, it seems to me that what can be provided is general guidance that may be helpful to making judgments about the decision to use drugs in any way. A debate that attempts to reconcile the various contradictions in our society is a digression from the personal judgment and decision regarding drug use. On an individual level the personal decision-making process regarding any issue like drug abuse is assisted by the modeling that is reflected by caring folks, who have gone to the trouble to study the specifics about the issue. The reaction and alarm response to drug stereotypes more often elicits an equally knee-jerk reaction. #

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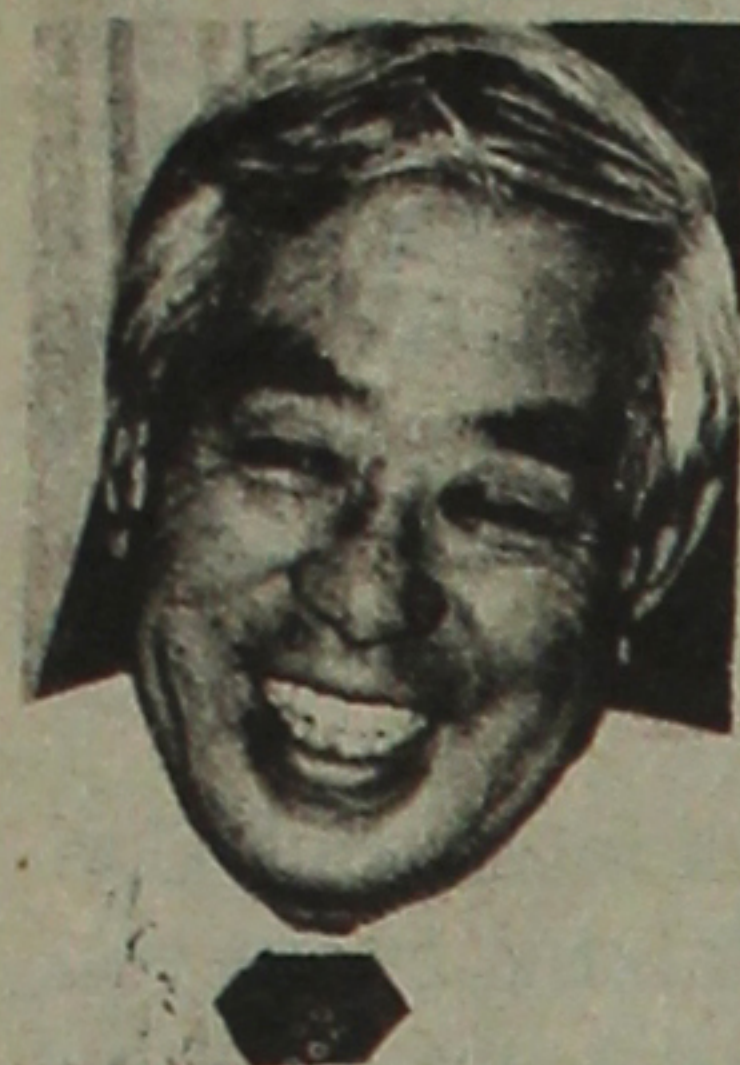
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KOKEKOKKO: by George Kondo

Magic of Reno

San Francisco Northern California-Western Nevada Pacific District Council's 1982 second quarterly meeting was scheduled for Saturday, May 15 at the Eldorado Hotel/Casino in Reno. As of this writing (before the meeting), it should be well attended.

NC-WN-PDC averages about a 83% attendance at the meetings and from past records we find that when the district council meets in Reno the turnout is slightly greater (87%), even though it can be the farthest for many of the delegates.

According to the assigned schedule, the Japan Chapter was to host the 1982 second quarterly meeting, but understandably—if not by popular demand—the Reno Chapter graciously accepted the responsibility. The last DC meeting hosted by Reno was in November of 1977. It seems more recent as they did host the Tri-District Conference in 1977 and will again in 1983.

These occasional gatherings in Reno offer the constant delegates an opportunity to mix business with pleasure. We would like to think that the primary reason delegates attend these meetings in Reno is their commitment to serve the organization. The consistent attendance to all meetings, wherever held, is proof of this hypothesis. Should our meetings be held in Timbuktu they will be there. To our many dedicated delegates our sincere thanks for without them the NC-WN-PDC could not function in a conscionable manner.

Governor Yosh Nakashima (who promised to conduct the meeting with thorough dispatch) had such agenda items as: assignment of NC-WN-PDC youth delegates to the National Convention in August and the amount of allotment towards their expenses, presentation of annual awards for the "Chapter of the Year" and "Scrapbook of the Year", status of the proposed self-insured health program, results of the survey on the goals and priorities of the National and District JACL organizations, issue of membership renewals (calendar year or anniversary date), proposed amendments to the District Constitution and By-Laws, Redress, Nuclear Freeze initiative, District and chapter support for the candidates for National JACL offices, and new business.

The agenda contains matters of National, District and chapter import. As usual there will be a post-mortem: "Should have hit or stayed", "Should have marked the ticket diagonally instead of horizontally", "Should of changed slot machines", "Should have put my money on the pass line or come line", "Should have stayed home", "Should've—", etc... There will be a few silent winners, a few audible losers and many mythomaniacs who broke even.

Regardless of the outcome, all the delegates are winners for their dedication as representatives of their respective chapters in contributing to the viability of the District Council.

Fremont JACL sets graduation luncheon

FREMONT, Ca.—The Fremont JACL Chapter will hold its Graduation Luncheon for high school seniors on Sunday, May 23, 1 p.m. at Lucia's Restaurant, 700 Mowry Ave. Guest speaker is Judy Kadotani, manager, California First Bank; for reservations call Aileen Tsujimoto 793-2744 or Gail Tomita 657-4498.

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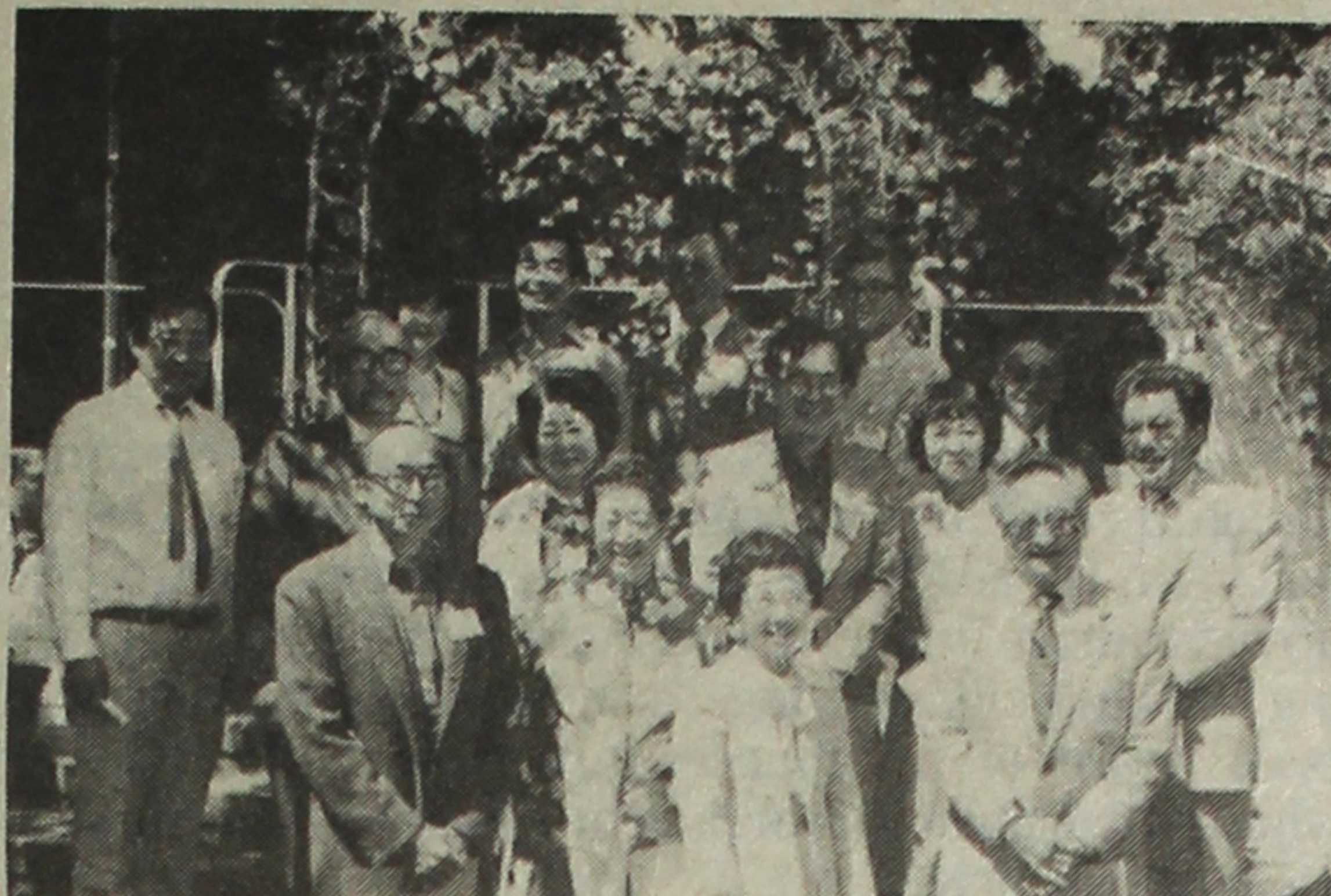
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San Francisco JACL offers scholarships

SAN FRANCISCO—San Francisco JACL scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to two deserving 1982 high school graduates of Japanese ancestry who are chapter members or whose parents belong to the chapter, it was announced by Hiro Tokubo.

Criteria for the awards include scholarship, academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, defined purpose of education, community involvement, commitment and financial need.

Applications are available from high school counselors or by calling Tokubo (666-4021 days, 567-4685 eve). Deadline for submission is May 28, 1982.

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This is a man who, for more than 35 years, has given himself to all of us and has tried to make a difference.

For instance, following his term as National President of JACL, Shig helped start the Issei History Project, simply because he believed that the Issei story had to be told. To ensure that the saga, the struggles and contributions of the first Japanese immigrants wouldn't be forgotten.

This project blossomed into the UCLA-JACL Japanese-American Research Project (JARP), and from this came books like *Nisei: The Quiet Americans*. And *East to America: The Japanese in the United States*. The collection of writings spawned by JARP enhances the history that's ours, and ultimately America's.

But there's more to Shig's story. For five years from 1947 to 1952 he served on the Executive Committee of the Anti-Discrimination Committee. During his term, this committee was responsible for abolishing more than 500 discriminatory state laws and ordinances against Japanese-Americans.

Besides being National President of JACL, Shig has served as National 1st Vice President, National

Membership Committee Chairman, National 1,000 Club Chairman, Midwest District Council Governor, Chicago Chapter President and the list goes on and on.

But the bottom line is that he *has* made a difference. And it's pretty safe to say that nobody has been a more enduring or faithful contributor than Shig Wakamatsu.

Now it's time to give a little back to him. To honor him.

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We Will Miss 'Kap'

In the parade of life there is very little one can do to halt the inevitable march of time; and so inexorably, a great man has had to leave our earthly ranks, a casualty of time and toil. With the recent passing of Justice Stephen Tamura, many of us who were fortunate enough to have known him feel an immediate sense of loss. However, although having known Justice Tamura for only a short time, I realize that he has touched my life in a very positive way, just as he must have touched the lives of his long time friends, associates and of course his family. Thus, I am grateful for having had an opportunity for even a brief encounter with Justice Tamura.

I am certain that without exception, friends and acquaintances of Stephen Tamura would recall his academic achievements, but never because he reminded you that he had degrees from Pomona College, University of California and Harvard University. I am equally certain that his peers in the legal profession would remember Justice Stephen Tamura's judicial expertise, although he would be the last to mention that he was named Justice of the Year by the Orange County Bar Association. But more than anything, all of us who have had the honor and privilege to have known Justice Tamura recall his humility. Stephen Tamura, was a man of great letters and professional achievement, but evidencing his humble and humane nature, Justice Stephen Tamura answered to simply, "Kap"

We will miss him but we have been enriched.

WARREN Y. NAGANO

Orange County JACL President

SUMITOMO

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choice, within the territory of the other country.

The U.S. has similar treaties with more than two dozen other nations, including some of its major trading partners. The high court's decision, expected by July, will apply to those countries as well.

The justices also will have to decide whether it makes any difference whether a company is an incorporated subsidiary of a foreign firm or simply a branch operation.

Their decision could have a significant impact doing business in this country.

"Sumitomo is not claiming a general exemption from (the 1964 law)," Chayes said, just the top executives and specialists.

But Lewis M. Steel, lawyer for 12 women who challenged Sumitomo's practices, said that in reality the company was trying to reserve a large portion of positions for Japanese.

Government lawyer Lawrence G. Wallace argued that at least on

the surface, the treaty does not exempt from anti-discrimination laws Sumitomo and other foreign owned subsidiaries incorporated in the United States. "The view of the Japanese government is the view you have taken?" Justice Sandra Day O'Connor asked him. "That is correct," Wallace replied, although he noted that other questions remain to be answered in the case.

Appellate's Decision

In January, 1980, the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Sumitomo must comply with the anti-discrimination provisions of the federal law, but said the company could try to make a showing that it needed to give references to Japanese.

A New York subsidiary, Sumitomo Shō is an import-export firm that handles everything from metals to fertilizer. Of the 12 women who filed that case against Sumitomo, only one is still with the firm.

N.Y.'s AALDEF denounces INS sweeps

NEW YORK—Labeling the recent nationwide sweeps of undocumented alien workers as "racist," the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) denounced the arrests by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, adding that the raids were "... a totally ineffective measure" to curb high unemployment rates and illegal immigration.

INS agents had been conducting large scale sweeps of undocumented aliens across the country last month as part of "Operation Jobs," a crackdown that would supposedly remove illegal aliens from "desirable" jobs, thereby allowing citizens and legal aliens to fill them.

While many of the illegal aliens arrested have been Hispanics, spokespersons for AALDEF noted that Chinatown residents here have complained of INS harassment.

Arthur Soong, AALDEF president, said Apr. 30, "These immigration raids have had a chilling

effect on the Chinatown community. Many Chinese—both legal and illegal immigrants—are staying home from work because of the fear that INS will arrest and deport them."

Soong said the raids were a "staged media event which will merely promote the misconception that undocumented aliens are responsible for high unemployment of American workers." He added that the raids foster anti-alien sentiments, especially toward Asians and other minorities, and attempts to divert public attention from government policies that have failed to reduce unemployment.

'Hito Hata' at PCC

PASADENA, Ca.—"Hito Hata: Raise the Banner," a film produced by the Asian American media group Visual Communications, will be shown Friday, May 14, 8 p.m. at Pasadena City College's Sexson Auditorium, 1570 E. Colorado Blvd.

Search for past yields lesson in joy

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

OMAHA, Neb.—Police officer Mike McGowan recognized the aged, small, muscular man with close-cropped hair with a lost look at the Omaha Greyhound depot as being a Nihonjin. He had no luggage, just the clothes on his back, a little cash in his pocket but no identification.

And unable to help him, McGowan was perplexed but knew enough to take him to Takechi's Jewelry Store on Farnam St. where he knew Japanese was spoken. There, Kazuo Takechi, his sons Steve and former councilman Richard, and Roy Hirabayashi—all Omaha JACLers—began

to converse with the man in Nihongo and the mystery began to unravel.

Omaha World-Herald city side columnist Jeff Jordan, who related the entire incident April 20, noted the gentleman to be Isao Shimokawa, 80, born in Hawaii but raised in Hiroshima, who returned to the states after WWI and worked in such places as Seattle, Salt Lake City and other places. He also produced a wrinkled, faded rent notice from a senior citizens apartment on So. Olive St. in Los Angeles and the elder Takechi called a friend in Los Angeles who went to the apartment to inquire. The Saturday before

Easter, apartment manager Harry Hirakawa called back—relating that Shimokawa was indeed a resident and had been missing since April 2, shortly after the arrival of his Social Security check. The local police had looked for him in vain.

Hirakawa noted that Shimokawa made impromptu trips before, once being found sleeping by the highway near Visalia, Ca., perhaps "reliving what happened 50 years ago when he was a young man" as a farm worker.

Till the Takechis unraveled the story, Shimokawa was placed by the American Red Cross at a nearby boarding house.

Tuesday after Easter Sunday, the Takechis bought an airline ticket for Shimokawa, attached a name tag on his sweater to make sure he would be escorted to a connecting flight in Denver and bade farewell. Shimokawa asked Takechi to tell Bernice Parker, who operated the

boarding house, how moved he was by her hospitality.

As they drove to the airport, Takechi was told how beautiful and clean the city was and that he was most grateful for the assistance he had received. Stopping by the jewelry store, Takechi's sister Julie had prepared green tea and nigiri for their departing guest. "I was so lucky to meet you," the old man had said at the airport—and then he was gone.

Shimokawa is back in Los Angeles.

Concludes Jordan:

"If his visit to Omaha was unintended, it was not unwelcome. If he traveled to see friends and places of another time, he found new ones here. And if in the misty confusion of his 80 years, Mr. Shimokawa forgets, Takechi will not. 'He made me feel more useful. That is our obligation—to help others. Help others and you get the joy'."

Steve Hasegawa, Omaha JACL president, who relayed the story adds that Hirabayashi, born in California, was also raised in Hiroshima. #

Tom Hayashi law scholarship application deadline July 15

WASHINGTON—Applications for the 1982 JACL/Thomas T. Hayashi memorial law scholarship are now being accepted by the Washington JACL Office, 1730 Rhode Island Ave. NW, Suite 204, Washington, DC, 20036, according to scholarship committee chair Mike Masaoka.

Formal applications must be received no later than July 15 to be considered for this year's award, which amounts to \$700 for the first year in law school, with additional amounts of \$700 each for second and third years of satisfactory grades, for a total grant of \$2,100.

Selection is based on the following priority: (a) member of JACL or child of JACL member, (b) any person of Japanese ancestry residing in the United States, (c) any Asian American residing in the U.S. Award is based on academic record and extracurricular activities.

Selection committee, chaired by Dr. Thomas Tamaki of Philadelphia, is expected to announce the winner by Sept. 1.

Named in honor of the late New York Nisei attorney and prominent JACL member and official for over two decades, this scholarship is one of many not administered by National JACL but rather by the Eastern District Council, which Hayashi helped to establish in 1947.

Its purpose is to promote the study of law as a means to secure justice and equality for all Americans, especially Japanese Americans, and to promote U.S.-Japan relations through litigation of discrimination and inequities. #

'Inter-generational issues' slated

LOS ANGELES—The West L.A. Sansei JACL will host a workshop on "Inter-generational Issues" on Saturday, May 15, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the WLA United Methodist Church, 1913 Purdue Ave. Guest speakers include Dr. Jack Fujimoto, WLA College president; Laura Shiozaki, clinical social worker; and Emily Yamanaka of Asian American Project. Topics include interracial dating, family obligations and alcohol and drug abuse. For info, call Ron Sakurai (213) 820-7265. #

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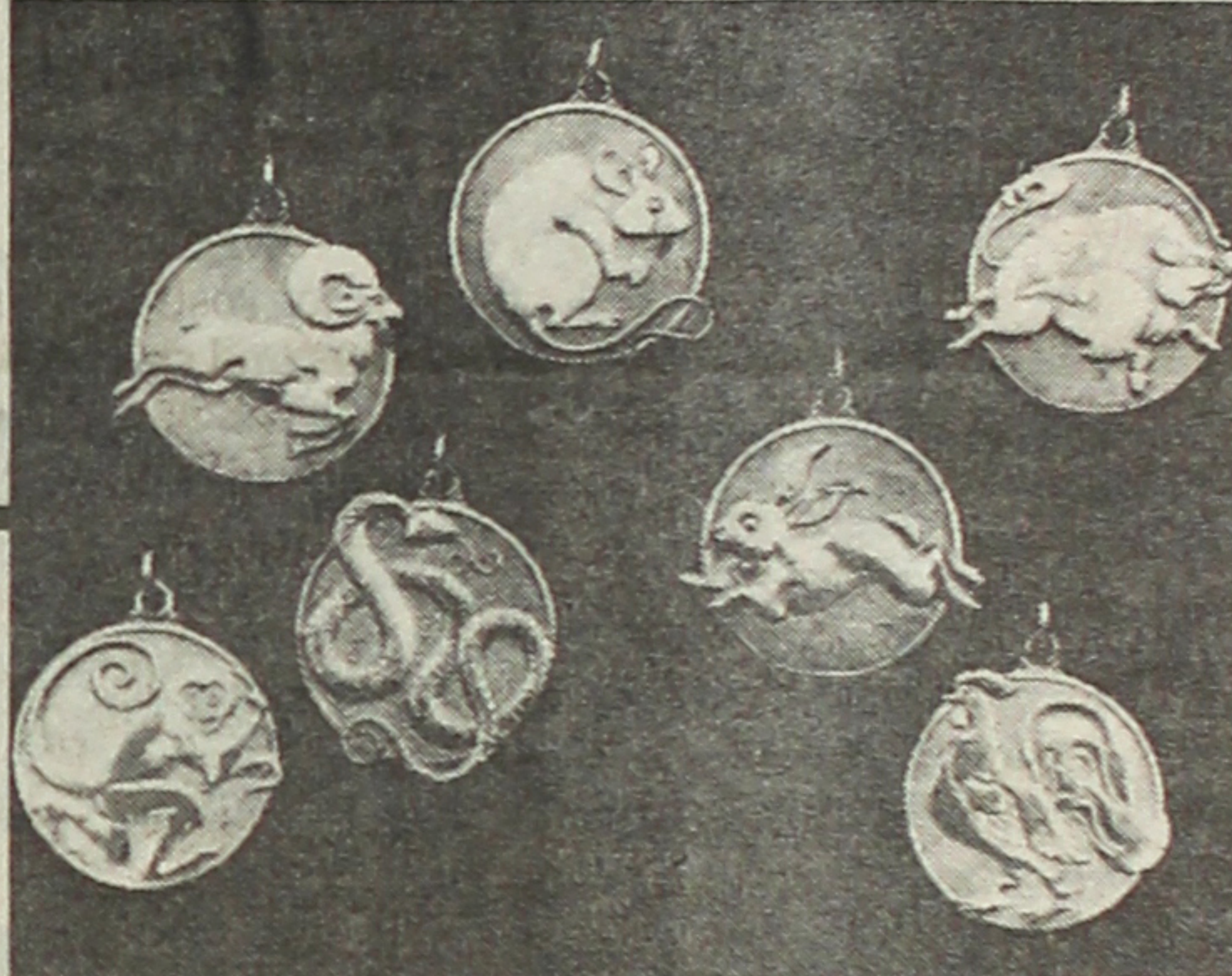
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The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882: A Centennial

By H.M. LAI:

San Francisco

One hundred years ago, on May 6, 1882, President Chester A. Arthur signed an act passed by the US Congress to "execute certain treaty stipulations relating to Chinese;" namely, to suspend the immigration of Chinese laborers. This act, marking a watershed in US immigration policy and having far-reaching effects on the subsequent development of the Chinese American community, was the culmination of three decades of racist agitation against the Chinese in California during the last half of the 19th century.

Chinese first immigrated to the US in large numbers during the California Gold Rush. Entering a milieu where endemic notions of white supremacy had allowed black slavery, genocide against Native Americans, and political oppression of the Hispanics, the Chinese too soon became a target of American racism.

NATIVISTIC

In 1852, California legislators, catering to nativistic feelings among white miners, re-enacted a foreign miners' tax law to curb Chinese gold mining activities. In 1854, the California Supreme Court classified Chinese with blacks, mulattoes and Indians, thereby denying them the right to testify against white men in courts of law. In 1860, the state superintendent of education lumped them together with "Africans and Diggers" and barred them from attending the same schools as white children. During this early period, however, popular anti-Chinese actions were sporadic and largely unorganized.

Employers, on the other hand, found Chinese labor to be indispensable in the then labor-short California. During the 1850s, they eagerly hired thousands of Chinese to build the transcontinental railroad, to reclaim tule marshes in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River delta, and to work in California's developing light industries and agriculture. In 1868, the US and China signed the Burlingame Treaty in order to facilitate the immigration of Chinese labor. As California's economy expanded after the completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869, increasing numbers of Chinese immigrants landed.

During the same period, large groups of white immigrants came from east of the Mississippi as they hearkened to Horace Greeley's exhortation to go west. At this they profited from the fruits of Chinese labor by paying them lower wages than those paid to whites, and by exploiting the antagonisms between Chinese and white labor.

When a depression hit Cali-

fornia in the mid-1870s, thousands of unemployed roamed the streets, and the capital-labor struggle grew in intensity. Labor leaders railed against the railroad monopoly and the corporations. They also attacked Chinese labor as being the tools of the big employers and enemies of white labor. Labor was soon joined by small farmers and entrepreneurs who felt threatened by the railroad monopoly and other large corporations, as well as by Chinese competition. Demagogic politicians and sensationalistic journalism further fanned racial hatred through inflammatory speeches and articles.

FEVER

The Chinese, then being a politically impotent minority from a diplomatically weak nation, became a convenient scapegoat to be blamed for practically all of the current society's ills. They were accused of causing depressed wages, depriving white workers of jobs, corrupting morals, bringing in loathsome diseases, and a multitude of other sins. "The Chinese must go!" a phrase first coined by Denis Kearney of the Workingmen's Party of California, resounded again and again from the rostrum at mass meetings and rallies.

San Francisco, being a main port of entrance for the Chinese, became the hub of an anti-Chinese movement. Anti-Chinese riots soon erupted in many other California towns, and organized agitation to ban Chinese immigration rose to fever pitch. Many cities and towns enacted ordinances to harass the Chinese and to deprive them of their livelihood. In 1879, California passed a new constitution which included Section XIX, Aliens, which was aimed specifically against the Chinese. Among its provisions was one which banned corporations and public works from employing Chinese.

The incessant clamor from the West Coast to ban Chinese immigration finally led Congress to appoint a joint committee to examine the Chinese issue. This committee held hearings in San Francisco in 1876, and subsequently, in 1877, issued a report recommending an end to free immigration from China.

As long as California had a labor shortage, large employers had resisted the exclusion of Chinese labor. However, by 1880, the presence of thousands of white settlers in California, whose immigration was facilitated ironically by the railroad built by Chinese labor, had created a large labor pool. Also, by this time, much of the state's basic economic construction was approaching completion.

VIOLENCE

Little opposition was voiced to Congress' passage of the Act of 1882, which barred the



A representation of an anti-Chinese riot in Denver, courtesy of the Library of Congress, is one illustration in Milton Meltzer's "The Chinese Americans."

immigration of Chinese laborers for 10 years. Only officials, teachers, students, merchants, and travelers were allowed entry as exempt classes in accordance with a new treaty which China was pressured into signing in 1880. Chinese in the US were also barred from the naturalization process. This law marked the end of a non-restrictive and free immigration policy and the beginning of a racially selective one.

The passage of the Exclusion Act fueled more anti-Chinese agitation, and anti-Chinese violence was common throughout the West during the 1880s and 1890s. Chinese were expelled from many areas, harassed in others. As a result, many abandoned rural areas for larger cities and towns, where Chinatowns afforded some protection. Others sought refuge in popu-

lation centers east of the Rockies.

The exclusion advocates, their appetites whetted by the passage of the 1882 legislation, then moved in for the kill. They continued to agitate for more stringent anti-Chinese immigration laws, with the end objective being total exclusion of all Chinese. In the Act of September 13, 1888, a Chinese laborer was not allowed reentry unless he had a lawful wife, child or parents in the US, or had property in the US valued at a minimum of \$1,000.

Three weeks later, Congress passed the Scott Act which prohibited the return of Chinese laborers who had departed from the US, effectively excluding over 20,000 Chinese who had temporarily departed to visit families or relatives. The Geary Act of 1892 extended the 1882 Act for

another 10 years and required laborers to register and obtain certificates of residence.

LEGAL ACTION

The beleaguered and outnumbered Chinese, with their few white supporters, nonetheless pinned their hopes on the American sense of justice and often resorted to legal action to seek to stem this adverse tide. They won some cases which were significant in the annals of US civil rights history. One of the most important was *Yick Wo vs. Hopkins* (1886), when the US Supreme Court ruled that a San Francisco laundry ordinance violated the civil rights of a Chinese laundryman by denying him equal protection under the law.

However, in another landmark case, *Fong Yue Ting vs. US* (1893), which challenged the registration requirement of the Geary Act, the Chinese lost. The pro-exclusion forces had prevailed, and the 'Chinese Question' was on its way toward "resolution." Tonopah, Nevada drew the dubious distinction of hosting the last anti-Chinese riot, on the night of September 15, 1903. In 1904, Congress extended Chinese exclusion indefinitely. Other nations followed the pattern set by America, as Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, and Latin American countries took similar action.

The racist policy thus initiated by the Exclusion Act became a cancerous sore which continued to fester and spread in the American social body. After the 1900s, racist agitators expanded their goals to demand the exclusion of all Asians. They gained this objective when Congress passed the Immigration Act of 1924. The apogee was reached during World War II when wartime hysteria led to the forced evacuation of West Coast Japanese Americans into internment centers.

The Chinese Exclusion Act sat heavily on the Chinese of America until World War II, when the need to counteract Japanese anti-white propaganda and to keep China in the war, led to its repeal in 1943.

The exclusion era, lasting six decades, profoundly affected the development of the Chinese American community.

GHETTO MENTALITY

The predominantly male Chinese population on the US mainland dropped precipitously from 150,000 in 1880 to 60,000 in 1920 as older Chinese passed away or departed the country and harsh implementation of the Exclusion Act severely reduced immigration. Many Chinese had to resort to using fraudulent papers or to crossing the international boundary illegally in order to enter the US. For those who succeeded, the constant threat of discovery by immigration officials resulted in lives filled with continual feelings of insecurity and apprehension.

Racial prejudice excluded those Chinese in America from most sectors of the economy except laundries, restaurants and domestic service, all of which became stereotypical occupations connected with the Chinese of America. Many localities, especially in the West, methodically limited Chinese participation in mainstream American society by segregation and anti-miscegenation ordinances and laws. Within their isolated Chinatown enclaves, many Chinese Americans developed feelings of inferiority and alienation. A ghetto mentality evolved which persists even unto now to hamper their dealings with the larger community.

Many changes for the better have taken place in America during the four decades since the repeal of the Exclusion Act. Today, we are living in a relatively more enlightened era. But, still, with increased entry of tens of thousands of Asian immigrants and refugees and intense trade competition with goods manufactured in Asia, an ominous upsurge of incidents against Asian Americans have occurred during the last few years. Thus far, these expressions of hate and mistrust have been sporadic and seemingly unorganized. But such feelings can spread like wildfire, especially during times of a depressed

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Emperor and the Japanese People

Part III

The Meiji Restoration was not the great revolution that it appears to be at first blush. To simplify history with metaphors—which I hope are apt enough—it was merely a change of guard and a slight modification of the format. As its power rested on the authority of the Emperor, the new regime most urgently needed to entrench the Emperor in his new role on a firm foundation of a national ideology. And as the great masses of the people in 1868 had a very foggy—or no—idea of who and what the Emperor was, the fostering of the cult of emperor worship became the first priority of education. I mentioned my own education in part I of this article. To instill veneration for the mythical past of the imperial family, Shinto was made the quasi-state religion, and many of the famous Shinto shrines were nationalized. Many of the trappings of the new cult were created in the first two decades of the new regime.

The authors of the *Hyōrin* had seen how the emperor institution had come about, and were witnessing the growth of the cult before their eyes. They clearly foresaw the fearsome potentials for abuse inherent in such an institution and cult. The mock constitution (to be exact, their counter proposals to the articles of the Draft Constitution) reflects their concern.

First of all, they rejected out of hand as unacceptable the first article of the Draft Constitution: "Tenno is sacrosanct and inviolable." They saw no necessary reason for Japan to be a monarchy; granting that it already was a fact, they saw no reason for the throne to be hereditary. In case the Emperor died without an heir, they proposed either to select the new Emperor from among the people, or to altogether abolish the monarchy and adopt a republican form of government, by national ballot. In case the Emperor abused his position in violation of the constitution, the people also had the right to recall him, and either to set up a new Emperor or change the national policy. The Emperor was expressly forbidden to make arbitrary decisions regarding the military organization and budget, and to give amnesty to public officials under indictment by the legislature. The legislature was empowered to inspect the books and papers of the government. Author A accompanied his commentary with a 17-article Bill of Rights which included the right of free speech and publication, the right to possess arms, the right of local autonomy.

The Meiji Restoration was a movement of and by the samurai class, almost exclusively of the lower categories. The new regime had done little to improve the lots of the lower classes, especially of the small peasants and sharecroppers. In fact the change of the tax base from rice to money had created new

Foreign Cemetery in Yokohama slipping

YOKOHAMA—Full scale repair work to shore up land slippage at the Yokohama Gaijin Bochi (Foreign General Cemetery) is being aided by a citizens' group conducting a fund drive to raise ¥2 million of the estimated cost of ¥12 million.

A major city landmark in Yamate-machi (known as the Bluff), the cemetery was opened in 1854 at the request of the United States to bury an American sailor who fell from the top of the mast on the U.S. Navy ship that brought Commodore Perry to Japan. Since then, some 4,200 foreigners from 40 countries have been buried.

hardships for them. The authors of the *Hyōrin*, being farmers, were aware of this problem. So one article lays down the basic principle of taxation: the rates must be determined according to the abilities to pay.

In view of the *Hyōrin*'s undeniably quixotic proposals, we may conclude that the authors were political visionaries indulging in their favorite daydream. But we must also concede that they had a prophetic vision which they alone, of the hundreds of the civil libertarians of the age, dared to put to writing. For all the abuses of power which could have been prevented, had their mock constitution been adopted, came to pass less than 50 years after the adoption of the Meiji Constitution. The result, as you well know, was the great disaster of WWII.

The discovery of this document proves my favorite contention: The Japanese were not the political, ideological unsophisticates that other nations took them for; that emperor worship was not a second nature to them. I would like to recommend *Japan's Imperial Conspiracy* by David Bergamini for a penetrating view of the murky background of the history leading up to the war in which the Emperor, Bergamini alleges, played a not inconsiderable role.

Gallup poll shows Americans view Japan as 'trustworthy ally'

TOKYO—Despite growing trade friction and differences over defense, most Americans regard Japan as a reliable ally, according to a poll conducted in the United States recently for Japan's Foreign Ministry.

The poll, reported by the Associated Press, showed that 53% of Americans consider Japan a "trustworthy ally", compared to 49% in a survey conducted in May, 1980.

The survey, conducted by the Gallup organization Jan. 8-17, also found that those regarding Japan as unreliable dropped from 25% to 23%. Another 24% said they did not know. The poll sample was made up of 1,484 American adults selected at random.

Given four choices for how Japan should cooperate with the U.S., 44% (down 3%) said they expected Japan to cooperate more fully with the U.S. on international energy, trade and monetary problems. Another 20% (down 6%) thought Japan should assume more responsibility for the peace and security of its own territory and the Far East. And 18% (up 6%) thought the U.S. and Japan should further promote cultural and personal exchanges between the two countries. "Take more leadership in promoting Asian regional cooperation and economic development" was selected by 9% of those polled.

Regarding Japan's defense efforts, 45% said Japan should increase defense spending, while 25% said otherwise; 30% didn't know. Washington has strongly urged Japan, which spends less than 1% of its gross national product on defense, to increase its self-defense outlay.

Awareness Among Who's Who
In another Gallup survey conducted Jan. 22-27, 1,514 from 5,000 randomly selected people from "Who's Who in America" responded to questions on their awareness of Japan.

Videotapes on Japan planned for schools

NEW YORK—TDK Electronics took the initiative to promote videotapes describing Japan today for elementary classrooms in the United States when co-sponsor Asia Society here in mid-April previewed a tape showing a Shinjuku sixth-grader against the bustling background of Tokyo life. Initial reaction was encouraging, the Mainichi Daily News reported.

Former Education Minister Michio Nagai and critic Yoko Kiri-shima are supervising the project, expected to consist of 12 videotapes. If all goes well, TDK plans to present the set to 20 elementary schools in Atlanta, Los Angeles and New York.

Forty-one per cent said Japan is the most important nation in terms of the future development and stability of the Asia-Pacific region, while 38% picked China and 16% the Soviet Union.

When asked which nation was more important to long-range U.S. interests in the region, 54% named China and 40% Japan, compared to 49% for Japan and 45% for China in a March, 1977, poll.

Referring to Japan's economic growth, 61% considered the emergence of Japan as an economic power beneficial to the U.S., while 27% said it was a threat to the American economy. In the December, 1975, survey, the proportion was 81% to 9%. Among those who said Japan's economic growth was beneficial, one-third said it was an incentive for U.S. industry to improve its own competitiveness.

On defense, 66% favored an increase in Japan's military strength, while 23% were against it. Ratio was 54% to 32% in 1978. Also, 53% believed Japan would eventually acquire nuclear weapons, compared to 32% in 1980.

Author Toland faints during talk on book

WASHINGTON—Historian John Toland fainted Apr. 26 after delivering a lecture on his new book, "Infamy—Pearl Harbor and Its Aftermath".

Toland, 69, fell to the floor while answering questions from an audience of about 100 people at the National Archives. He was immediately revived, but was taken to a hospital for a check.

The author, who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1970 for his book, "The Rising Sun", returned to his hotel later that evening and left the next day for his home in Danbury, Conn.

Invention fever sweeps Japan

TOKYO—Japan is No. 1 in the world in terms of the numbers of patent and utility model applications, it was noted here April 18, designated as "Invention Day" in commemorating the day the Japanese patent law became effective in 1884. The Inventor's Institute of Japan said 218,261 patent applications were registered last year as compared with 130,831 in 1970. About three ideas out of 10,000 suggested are registered, the Institute added.

School building underground hall

OSAKA—Due to lack of space, the private, all-girl Shitennoji Gakuen is building its new auditorium underground—right under its playground at a cost of about 1 billion yen.

Japan emperor 81 years old

TOKYO—More than 46,000 well-wishers waving small Japanese flags flocked to the Imperial Palace Apr. 29 to celebrate the 81st birthday of Emperor Hirohito, the world's longest reigning monarch.

Appearing on a bullet-proof veranda with members of the imperial family, the slight, silver-haired Hirohito waved and said, "Thank you all for your kind greetings on my birthday. I am happy that so many of you came today. I hope continued happiness for you all."

The crowd greeted him with shouts of "long live the emperor." In the afternoon, 600 political, business and cultural leaders including Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki attended a birthday banquet.

Hirohito was joined by 79-year-

old Empress Nagako, Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko. Also present were Prince Hitachi, the emperor's youngest son and his wife, Princess Hanako, and Akihito's eldest son, Prince Hiro.

The emperor, whose political duties are confined to conveying parliamentary session, attesting to the appointment of state ministers and greeting foreign dignitaries, is in good health, never having been seriously ill.

He became emperor on Christmas day 1926 at the age of 26 and was formally enthroned two years later.

Hirohito's 57-year reign is the longest in the history of the legendary 2,600-year-old Chrysanthemum throne. He is the only one to have reigned past the age of 80. #

American Indians ask Japan for aid

WASHINGTON—A group of American Indians, leery of help from government and corporations in this country, has asked Japanese industrialists to provide economic aid to reservations.

"Over the past years, tribes in the United States have become cynical and wary of federal efforts toward reservation development—especially since resources such as coal and oil were ripped off by shrewd corporate types," explained Elmer M. Savilla, executive director of the National Tribal Chairmen's Association here.

The association will seek up to \$100 million in low-interest loans from Japanese corporations and the U.S.-Asia Institute, a private clearinghouse for Japanese investments, promised to take the proposals to Japan for further discussions.

Joji Konoshima, associate ex-

ecutive director for the institute, said preliminary discussions had taken place with Japanese businessmen but the institute had no immediate comments or offers. The Japanese government would have to change its laws and regulations before such loans could be possible.

Savilla, whose association represents various Indian tribes, said the proposals submitted to the U.S.-Asia Institute for delivery to Japan ranged in project cost from \$300,000 for a trailer park in Oklahoma to a \$40 million electric generating project for a tribe in Maine.

He also expressed hope that Japanese businessmen would consider investing in economic development projects on Indian reservations "as one step toward relieving the high unemployment and hardships caused by severe cutbacks by the (Reagan) administration."

Hawaii still favored by Japanese

HONOLULU—The Japanese are still the top spending tourists in Hawaii at an average of \$185 a day, the Hawaii Visitors Bureau disclosed Mar. 15. According to the HVB's 1980 Visitor Expenditure Survey, Americans, who spend an average of \$71.24 daily in the Islands are #2. Thriftiest of all are the Canadians, who spend \$65.30 a day.

The HVB also noted that Japanese tourists spend 36% of their daily expenditures on omiyage—gifts and souvenirs for friends and relatives.

In Tokyo, the Japan Travel Bureau reported Mar. 19 that Hawaii remained the No. 1 destination for Japanese newlyweds taking honeymoons overseas. Of the 3,000 couples polled by the Bureau, 39.8% picked Hawaii, while others picked the islands of Guam, Saipan and Rota, which are gaining in popularity, the report noted.

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Sen. Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii was named "Senator of the Year" by the Senate Staff Club at its annual dinner May 1 in the Washington Hilton Hotel. He was also designated as "Sponsor of the Senate Staff Club" for 1983.

June Toshiyuki was chosen 1982 Mother of the Year for Fresno County by the local chamber of commerce. She was honored at a luncheon May 6 at the Fresno Hilton Hotel. Toshiyuki, 76, is a past president of the Fresno JACL and also served on the chapter board of governors. In 1955, she was the first Nisei to serve on a Fresno county grand jury.

Rev. Kiyoshi Tanimoto, 72, of Hiroshima who devoted his life to aiding victims of the atomic bomb since it exploded and currently director of Hiroshima Peace Center, was praised for his peace work from Emory College in Georgia, where he attended before the war, upon retirement April 4 from his pastorage at Nagaregawa Church.

The Japanese government, on the occasion of the Emperor's 81st birthday, conferred decorations to **Tozo Yahata**, 75, director, West L.A.-Sawtelle Japanese Language School; **Mrs. Tsuya Hori**, 81, with International Institute of L.A. for 35 years; **Hiroshi Yamada**, 67, Japanese American Assn., Chicago; **Yutaka Murakami**, 72, United Japanese Society of Hawaii; **Jose Tatsuo Kawai-Komori**, La Paz Japanese Residents Assn., Lima, Peru. Among Americans being decorated were **Floyd F. Schmo**, 69, former instructor at Univ. of Hawaii; **Prof. Donald H. Shively**, 60, Harvard Univ.; **Raymond W. DeWeese**, 72, Japan America Society of Oregon; **John Zimmerman Bowers**, 68, former dean, Univ. of Wisconsin Medical School; **Fae Huttenlocher**, 85, director of Saga School of Flower Arrangement, Des Moines, Iowa (now of Portola Valley, Ca.); artist **Henry Y. Sugimoto**, New York; **Bro. Abdon L. Garavaglia**, dean, Manhattan College Graduate School.

Business
In Sacramento, **Bill Kashiwagi** of Great American Reserve Insurance Co, recently earned membership to the company 1982 Millionaire Council, and will be attending its conference in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands in coming May.

Education
Stanley Hiroto Koyanagi, a USC accounting graduate heading for law school, was named co-valedictorian and delivered the valedictory address at the university's 99th commencement ceremonies on May 13.

Government
The California Assembly Apr. 22 approved AB 2603 by Assemblyman **Art Torres** (D-Los Angeles) which allows Chinese style (Peking) roast duck to be prepared in its traditional method. The bill went to the Senate.

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'Bullet' train plan gets funding

NEW YORK—The Bank of Tokyo was named the lead bank for the Japanese portion of financing a proposed "bullet" train between Los Angeles and San Diego. Lawrence D. Gilson, president of American High Speed Rail Corp., announced May 6 that the bank would provide \$500 million in both debt and equity funding.

Gilson said Bank of Tokyo's portion of the financing would be about one-quarter of the estimated \$2 billion investment needed to complete what would be the first high-speed train service in the United States. American investment and commercial banks, along with other foreign financial institutions, were expected to form an additional syndicate to offer the remaining \$1.5 billion.

Plans for the 160-mph passenger train had been announced Mar. 31.

Upon completion of financing, a test section of the run might be operative in about two years, Gilson said.

In Tallahassee, Fla., a 12-member panel of businessmen and state officials began a six-month study on the feasibility of using "bullet" trains in Florida. The Florida High-Speed Rail Committee, appointed by Gov. Bob Graham, met

Apr. 26 to discuss whether private investors can be found to build, own and operate the \$1 billion-plus system.

Although the panel has received inquiries from some European countries, Japan had an edge in the Florida high-speed train race. AHSRC, an offshoot of Amtrak, and Japan National Railways are conducting a \$1 million feasibility

TRADE

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economy when scapegoats are sought.

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