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Inouye expresses dismay over VFW chief's redress stand

WASHINGTON—The blasts against James R. Currieo, commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, for his remarks on the redress issue (See July 8 PC) continue—the latest from Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), a winner of the Distinguished Service Cross during World War II while fighting with the 442nd RCT in Italy.

Here is the text of the letter:

I would like to respond to your recent remarks on the redress issue which were published in the July 8, 1983 edition of the Pacific Citizen.

I would be very surprised and disappointed if your views mirror those of the VFW membership as a whole. Neither I nor any members of my family were victims of the internment. However, as a member of the VFW and a veteran of the 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team, I can state unequivocably that I find your views regrettable, first because they are based on a misinterpretation of the facts, and second, because your attitude is reminiscent of the then prevailing sentiment which engendered internment.

The alleged "military necessity" which justified the issuance of Executive Order 9066 has been shown conclusively by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians to have no basis in fact. There was no security or military threat from West Coast ethnic Japanese in 1942.

Ethnic Japanese and Americans in Hawaii at the time comprised near-

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AMVETS stunned at opposition to Japanese American redress

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

LANTHAN, Md.—The national leader of AMVETS says he is stunned that some patriotic groups oppose the recommended payment of $1.5 billion to the 60,000 American citizens of Japanese extraction who were interned in the U.S. concentration camps during World War II.

Robert Martin, the national commander of AMVETS, said in a statement July 5, that the reparations recommended by the Commission of Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians would at least help to erase this 40-year-old black mark on American history.

"These people were forced into concentration camps merely because they were of Japanese descent," he said. "It appears as if the wartime hysteria of the times caused our government to forget that these were American citizens."

Moreover, the AMVETS commander said it is "morally preposterous" to do as one other veterans group proposed by implying that reparations should be the responsibility of Japan for bombing Pearl Harbor.

"Granted, Japan bombed Pearl Harbor but it was this nation, to its shame, that confined 60,000 of its own citizens merely because they were of Japanese descent.

"As it has turned out, these Japanese Americans who were interned and their descendants are among this nation's best citizenry, Martin said. "It is only appropriate that we do recognize this mistake, however late, and make the necessary apology. #

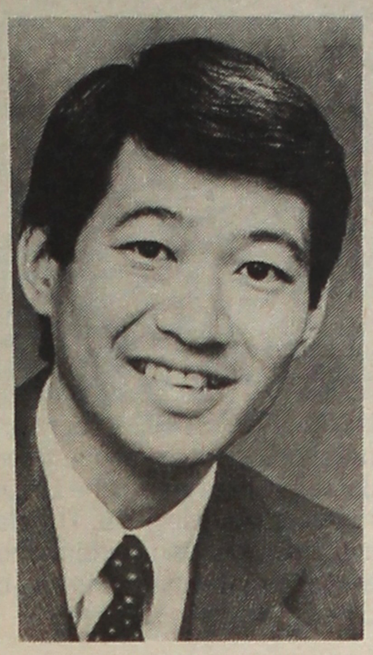
New House redress bill due in September

WASHINGTON — House of Representatives Majority Leader Jim Wright announced this past week (July 21) that he will serve as a joint sponsor of redress legislation now being prepared by Rep. Norman Y. Mineta and Robert T. Matsui.

The legislation being drafted by Matsui and Mineta implements all of the recommendations recently offered by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

As Majority Leader, Wright is the second highest ranking Democrat in the House, outranked only by Speaker Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, and Wright's willingness to act as an active sponsor of redress bill is seen as an important asset for that legislation.

Wright, a prime sponsor of the bill which created the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, called the redress legislation, which will be introduced in September, "a fundamental civil rights measure." Wright added that he was "proud and honored to help in the legislative struggle to implement the Commission's recommendations."



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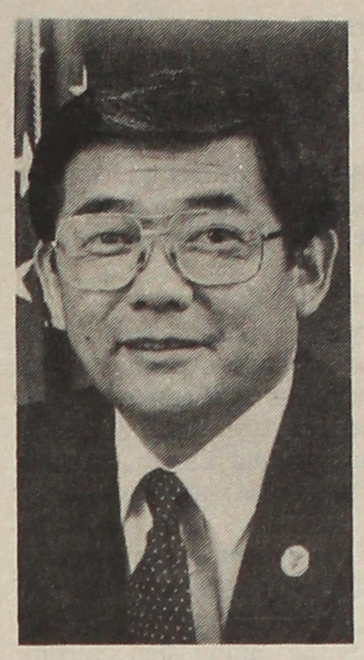

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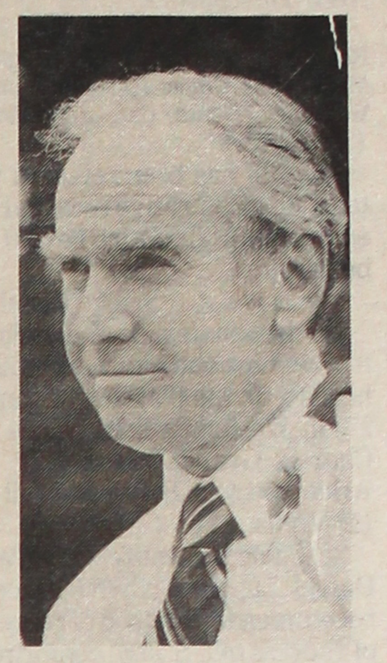

House Maj. Leader Jim Wright

Mineta hailed Wright's decision. "We supporters of redress face a long and tough legislative battle. But with Jim Wright as an active partner in our effort, we will have a standard bearer of great wisdom and stature, a legislator whose support will make the point that this is an important issue for all Americans concerned about justice and equality."

Mineta called Wright "one of the strongest proponents of civil rights in Congress today."

Matsui called Wright's decision "a major step forward toward redress of this historic injustice," adding that Wright's stature will advance the cause of redress by helping to build a broader base in the House for legislative action. "The Majority Leader now joins those of us who have a strong commitment to redress. This is an important step, but clearly a long and arduous road lies ahead. A lot of hard work awaits us before we can win passage of redress legislation.

"Jim Wright's sponsorship underscores his long-standing personal commitment to issues of basic justice and equity for all citizens. His enormous skills of persuasion and going to the heart of an issue will be important tools in the House debates," Matsui said.

The redress legislation now being drafted will require full implementation of all recommendations offered by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment: a national apology for the internment, creation of an educational and community fund of $1.5 billion, and payments from that fund of $20,000 to each survivor of the internment. The CWRIC also called for pardons for those convicted of violating curfew laws and other racially discriminatory laws, and it proposed restitution of positions and status for those who faced actions such as dishonorable discharges or suspension of Social Security payments.

Majority Leader

Wright is known as a skilled legislative tactician and an outstanding orator. In 1980, during debate about the formation of CWRIC, Wright commented on the internment, calling the policy "one of those grotesque aberrations of the American political system—one of those outrageously wrong things that we do in moments of great national stress, and which we later regret."

In 1980, Wright also quoted Abraham Lincoln, "Those who would deny freedom to others do not deserve it them-

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Illinois American Legion backs Nisei cause for redress

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—Chicago Nisei Post 1183 delegates to the 65th annual Illinois state convention of the American Legion held July 16-17 returned homeward assured by high-ranking Legion officers that the Nisei cause for redress would be supported by them at the forthcoming national Legion convention at Seattle in August.

Jim Kawakami, Nisei post commander, had delegated Arthur T. Morimitsu to meet with national Legion officers in the state in wake of the controversial statement by National VFW commander James Currieo of "no apology, no redress" to Japanese Americans interned during World War II. Morimitsu also met with John B. Geiger, past American Legion national commander, and national committeeman John Mahoney of Chicago, both staunch supporters of the Chicago Nisei Post, at the state convention here.

Geiger said he was surprised to read the VFW news release and thought it hadn't been brought up through regular channels

Both Geiger and Mahoney assured that if any anti-Nikkei resolution surfaced at the National Legion Convention, they would support the Nisei cause. Joining them also is Jim Kissner, past Illinois commander and an aide to National Commander Al Keller of Illinois. #

São Paulo asked to host 3rd PANA confab in '85

By HARRY HONDA

LIMA, Perú — Reluctant at the outset when the second biennial Pan-American Nikkei Association conference opened here Friday, July 15, at the Civic Center Amphitheater (in the city's tallest building adjacent to the Lima Sheraton Hotel where most foreign delegates were staying), Brazil's representative Julio Kato, sports coordinator at the posh Nippon Country Club, departed Monday night for home exuberant and confident that the III PANA will be held in 1985 in São Paulo.

Speaking in his native Portuguese with which the simultaneous Spanish-English translator in the booth above the front stage had little difficulty, Kato admitted at the closing session that he had certain fears about participating in the PANA meetings at first but after three days, "those fears have disappeared and (I) now understand the goals ... so the whole Brazil delegation returns home to tell our colleagues". The information gained, he said, would help in "our hosting the 3rd PANA in Brazil"—which generated instant applause from the audience.

Kato evoked the most heartfelt moment when he asked the audience to stand in a moment of silent prayer for the speedy recovery of the Canadian Issei delegate (Mr. Kawashiri) who suffered a heart attack during the weekend and was under care of a Peruvian Nisei physician.

PANA director George Imai of Canada, who followed, was so overwrought by the spontaneous invocation, he couldn't say what he had intended except to declare, "The brotherhood of PANA saved this man's life!" and couldn't stop thanking the Peruvian Nikkei hosts. He also changed his departure plans to be with his compatriot.

Other Commentaries by PANA Directors

Argentina representative Dr. Horacio Akiyoshi, well-known clinical pathologist, vowed to build up Nikkei groups scattered throughout the provinces and hoped they could soon host a PANA convention in Buenos Aires.

One of the best known South American Nikkei at the convention, retired air force General Armando Yoshida Vaca, who was Bolivian ambassador to Japan several years ago, declared he would never forget the PANA experience and the silent

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President meets 2 PANA delegates

LIMA, Peru—At least two PANA delegates, Mitsu Sonoda and Veronica Ohara of West Los Angeles JACL, met Peruvian President Bellaunde Terry at the Presidential Palace July 14. The two Nisei, on behalf of the City of Los Angeles and Mayor Tom Bradley, presented greetings to the President as well as the First Lady of the City of Lima, Mme. Carolina Acuna de Orrego.

The mayor's wife related her work with President's Comite de Damas, which is building centers throughout the city to aid homeless children.

(Mitsu is a cultural affairs dept. city commissioner while Veronica is president this year of Las Angelenas, official hostesses for the city and volunteer corps.) The special visit was made possible by Rosa Gambetta Malatesta of Lima, a sister of a fellow Las Angelena. Latin American JACLer Consuelo Morinaga accompanied the PANA delegates as interpreter.) #

Japan may raise Viet refugee quota

TOKYO—More Indochinese refugees (from the present 3,000 to 5,000 per year) may be allowed to settle in Japan permanently, the Mainichi Daily News here reported July 19, quoting an unnamed government official.

Complaints have been mounting against Japan from the member ASEAN (southeast Asian) nations. At present, Japan houses only 1,700 "boat people" in transit to settle in the U.S. or France. Those arriving in Japan recently were picked up by U.S. vessels in the South China Sea. #

Canadian redress conference set

TORONTO, Ont.—Japanese Canadian's National Redress Committee conference will be held Sept. 2-4 at the Toronto Prince Hotel, it was announced by coordinator Kathy Uyeyama, 117 Delaware Ave., Toronto M6H 2S9. #

● For the Record

Henry Sakai's report on the National JACL board meeting (July 22 PC) contained a typographic error in identifying two (Judy Niizawa and John Nakahata) who were present to report on the Washington Leadership program. See Miki Himeno's "By the Board" report inside for her view of the July 8-10 sessions. #

35 co-sponsor Lowry bill, Senate slates July 27 hearing

WASHINGTON—The redress campaign stepped into high gear on Capitol Hill, in both the Senate and House. On the House side, the redress bill (HR3387) introduced by Rep. Mike Lowry (D-7th Wash), which was conformed to the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC), has gained a total of 35 co-sponsors.

Early co-sponsors such as Norman Mineta (D-13th Ca) and Hamilton Fish (R-21st NY), have been joined by congressmen from both coasts:

Richard Ottinger (D-20th NY), Charles Rangel (D-16th NY), Robert Roe (D-7th NJ), and William Hughes (D-2nd NJ); Barney Frank (D-4th Mass), Bob Edgar (D-7th Pa) and Ed Markey (D-7th Mass); Henry Waxman (D-24th Ca), Jim Moody (D-5th Wis) and Fofo Sunia (Am. Samoa).

The bill has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee's Administrative Law and Procedure Subcommittee, headed by Sam Hall (D-1st Texas) where further action has not yet been set.

Senate Panel Slates Hearing

On the Senate side, the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Procedure moved quickly to schedule its first hearing on the CWRIC recommendations for Wednesday, July 27, in Washington, D.C. The subcommittee, headed by Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), includes Paul Laxalt (R-Nev), Arlen Spector (R-Pa), Howell Heflin (D-Ala) and Max Baucus (D-Mont).

Scheduled to testify were CWRIC chair Joan Bernstein, Rep. Daniel Lungren (CWRIC vice-chair who disagrees with the recommended method of redress), Sen. Alan Cranston, (author of redress bill, S.1520, conforming to the Commission's recommendations but without a suggested dollar amount), Lillian Baker of Gardena, Ca.; Claremont College graduate student Ken Masugi (a Japanese American who apparently opposes redress and who has done a study of the Commission's study), and JACL redress director John Tateishi.

(The PC also learned further Senate subcommittee hearings are being planned.) #

USDA AWARDEE—Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block (left) presents the Department's Superior Service Award to James Y. Iso, head of the USDA trade office in Singapore which he established in 1979. The San Jose-born Nisei is cited for his initiative, skill and performance in expanding exports of U.S. agricultural products and has been with the USDA foreign agricultural service since 1975. #

Sac'to legal service to observe 10th ann'y

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Asian Legal Services Outreach (ALSO) will celebrate its 10th anniversary in Sacramento Asian/Pacific community on Saturday, July 30, 2401 Riverside Blvd.

The event will feature dancing speakers, hors d'oeuvres, and no host cocktails. Tickets are $6 in advance, $8 at the door. A reunion dinner precedes at Wong's Islander Restaurant, 5675 Freeport from 5:30 p.m. For information and tickets call (916) 444-2826 Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. or write to ALSO, 1520 V St., Sacramento, CA 95818. #

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PNW Nikkei radio

SEATTLE, Wa.—A two-hour Japanese radio show was inaugurated Sunday, July 10 over KKFX-AM from 7 to 9 a.m., breaking a 12-year silence when the estimated 25,000 Japanese-speaking residents in the Puget Sound area last heard Nihongo on the air. #

Over 1,500 register for Mt. Hermon

SANTA CRUZ, Ca.—The 34th annual Mt. Hermon Conference, sponsored by the Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society (JEMS) was held in Santa Cruz, June 19-25, with over 1,550 registered. Conferees came from California, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Arizona, Hawaii and Japan.

For the ninth year Mrs. Marian Masada of Stockton led the special camp for the developmentally disabled young people, while the Rev. Kazuhiko Amano and the Rev. Harold Aihara led the Nichigo Conference. Pastors and lay leaders from many churches assisted in this largest JA Christian conference. #

Cal 1st net income for '83 still up

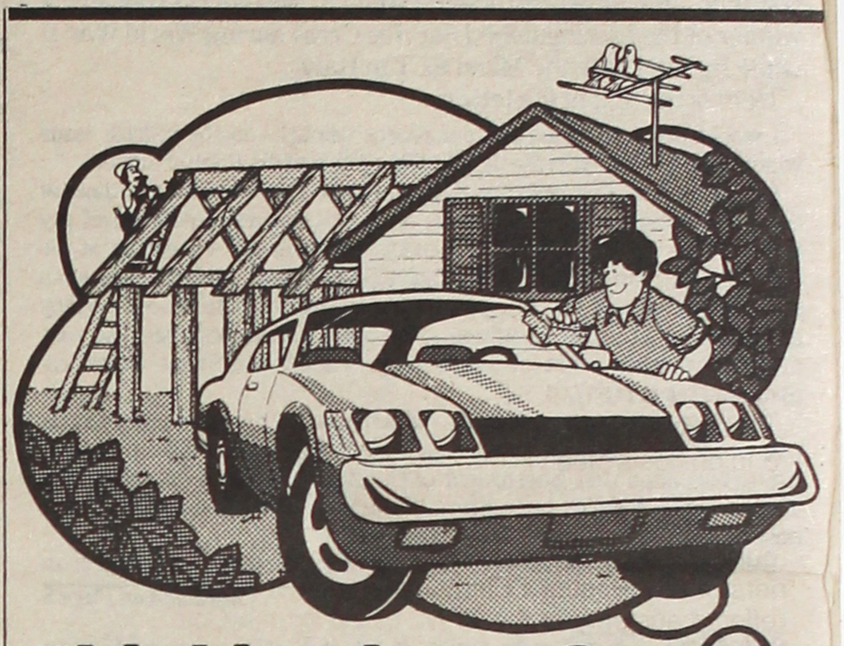
LOS ANGELES—California First Bank reported net income of $4.8 million for the second quarter, an increase of $500,000 or 12 percent from the $4.3 million reported a year earlier.

Earnings for the first half of 1983 were $9.2 million, an increase of $1.3 million or 16.9 percent from the $7.9 million reported for the first six months of 1982.

Yasushi Sumiya, president and chief executive officer, attributed the improved earnings primarily to an increase in net interest income and control of expenses. Net interest income was up $7.5 million or 22 percent for the second quarter and $13.8 million or 20.7 percent for the first six months. #

Grand Opening

INDUSTRY, Ca. — California First Bank's Puente Hills office opened June 20 at the northwest corner of Colima Road and Stoner Creek Road. Robert J. O'Connel is office manager.



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People in the News

Dr. James H. Terada, business and management instructor at the Community College of Denver, North Campus, has been named its Faculty Member of the Year by the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education. He has been with CCD since 1971 and served as an instructor as well as Acting Dean of Occupational Studies.

● Flower-Garden

Lance Kobashigawa, who will be a senior at the University of Hawaii's Manoa campus this fall, has been awarded a $1,500 scholarship from the Los Angeles-based Joseph Shinoda Memorial Scholarship Foundation. The award, one of 13 given annually, goes to students majoring in floriculture or horticulture.

Richard Akira Miyazaki, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Shu Miyazaki of Woodridge, Ill., who is graduating from Univ. of Illinois has been awarded a $3,000 scholarship from the Joseph Shinoda Foundation, one of the top awards to outstanding students majoring in floriculture and horticulture. He is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture.

● Sports

Entering Colorado State University in the fall as an ag-business major, **Greg Tanaka** of Niwot (Colo.) High School ended his high school baseball career as the "hottest" player on the team, hitting .300, 14 RBIs and 1 HR this year to help his team make it to the state tourney. He also played football, basketball and wrestled. The 18-year-old Sansei is the son of Rocky and Karen Tanaka.

Lawyers referral plan fund-raising dance

LOS ANGELES—Featuring the rock and roll band, "The Riff Raffs," the Japanese American Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service will sponsor a fund-raiser on July 30 at the Elks Club, 607 S. Western Ave.

Donations of $10, $25 and $100 will help support the referral service organization, disclosed Diana Nishiura, publicity chair.

The group provides free initial consultations and some pro bono representation with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, according to Carol Matsunaga who may be contacted at (213) 620-5423. #

Health Fair posts

SAN FRANCISCO—Two assistant director positions are available at the Health Fair office here to prepare for 184 outreach to minority communities.

For more info call Betsy Price, San Francisco-Bay Area Health Fair Office, (415) 621-5911.

NOTICE OF DEATH

KIYOSHI KIKUCHI, 53, of Chicago was killed in a car crash near South Haven, MI., on June 11, 1983. He had been an architect with the city of Chicago for the last 15 years. He was a veteran of the Korean conflict. He is survived by parents Naoki and Mitsue Kikuchi; five brothers: Chihiro, Akira, Atsushi, Tom, Tadashi; two sisters: Kiyo Mori and Kikue Rich.

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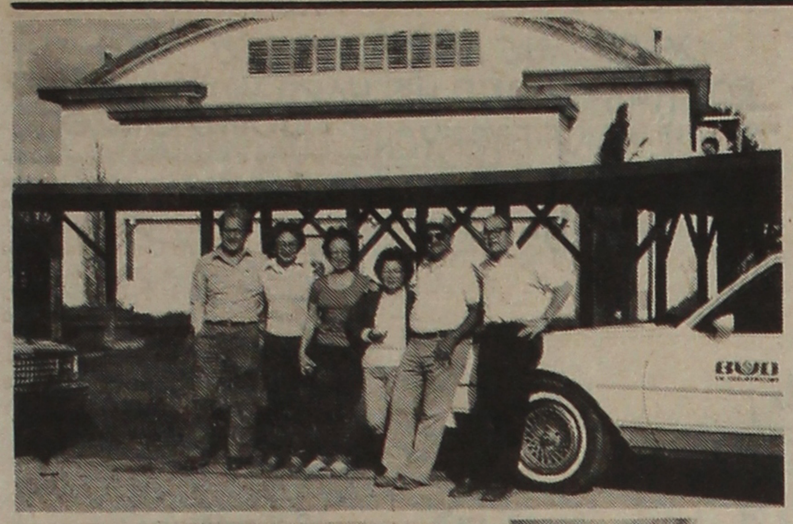

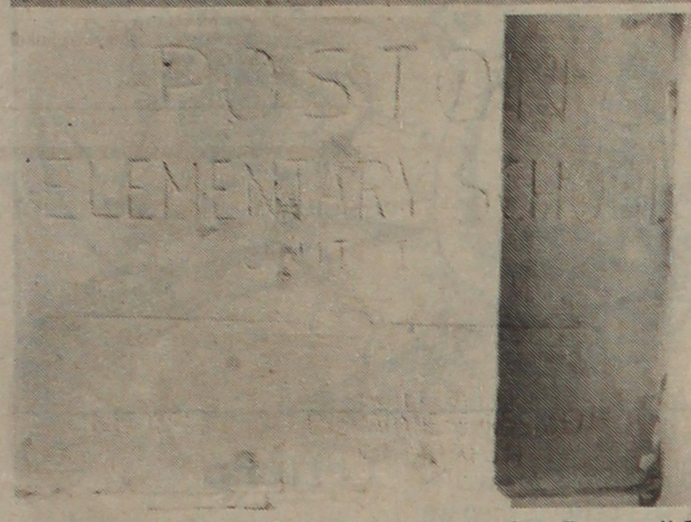

POSTON II REUNION—Plans for the first Poston II Reunion gets underway Aug. 19-21 at Sacramento Inn as (upper photo) reunion hosts stand in front of Camp I Elementary All Purpose Building. They are (from left) George Oki, Hannah Satow, Kiyo Sato-Viacrucis, Joan Kitamura Oki, Domingo Escamilla (guide, Bud of California), and George Makishima. The cornerstone of Poston I Elementary School (lower), still in tact, reflects austerity of the WW2 camp on the Coloradoo River Indian Reservation. #

A-bomb holocausts being remembered for 38th year

LOS ANGELES—The 38th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings which took place Aug. 6 and 9, 1945, respectively, will be observed in Little Tokyo at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center on Saturday, Aug. 6 at 7:15 p.m.

Sponsored by Asian Americans for Nuclear Disarmament (AAND) and the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors in the U.S. (CABS), the program will include Christian and Buddhist services, speakers, cultural performances, and a candlelight procession.

The program is to draw attention to the plight of hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors) who continue to face the effects of radiation exposure.

One of the active volunteers who has been working with a medical team from Japan is Miki Himeno, national JACL vice president and who is with the Japanese American Medical Assn. Auxiliary.

"My involvement with the team's visit to Los Angeles is as a volunteer, helping at City View Hospital. We worked with doctors, local and visiting, and volunteers from CSULB and CABS, and John Saito, Pacific Southwest JACL regional director."

Referring to the mental condition of some of the atomic victims, Himeno said, "They get up in the middle of the night in terror, even today ....in fitful nightmares that recall the horror of Hiroshima and Nagasaki".

She indicated that there must be nearly 1,000 survivors now residing in the United States. But "not all have come forward," according to Hiroaki Yamada, research field operations chief with the visiting medical team. There may be an additional 100 hibakusha in Hawaii.

Himeno explained the hibakusha look no different outwardly "from you or me but their scars are borne within and the fears remain that any day now, pending death will strike them down".

Kaz Suyeishi, CABS vice president and a Hiroshima atom victim, will be among the scheduled speakers at the JACCC Plaza.

With Dr. Yamada's medical unit from Hiroshima are Dr. Tetsuo Monzen, leader; Dr. Chikako Itoh, chief of medicine, A-Bomb survivors management center; Dr. Yoshikiyo Tanaka, radiologist; and Dr. Kazunori Kodama, visiting research associate.

On Hiroshima, an uranium bomb was dropped; and on Nagasaki, a plutonium bomb, resulting in the deaths of over 200,000 people.

CABS represents the 500 to 700 Japanese American hibakusha who reside in the United States today but were stranded during World War II in Japan. They currently seek medical assistance from the U.S. government.

Ken Nakano of Seattle and Jim Tsujimura of Portland co-chair the JACL National A-Bomb survivors committee, while Ron Wakabayashi makes arrangements in San Francisco.

One of the program's highlights will be the offering of thousands of folded paper cranes, which traditionally symbolizes health, prosperity and longevity. The story goes that a young girl named Sadako, who had been badly burned by the Hiroshima bomb, began folding cranes in the hopes of recovering. Though she died in 1956 at the age of 12, the cranes came to represent a desire for world peace.

Co-sponsors of the Aug. 6 event include Southern Californians for a Bilateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze, the Interfaith Center to Reverse the Arms Race, the Southern California Ecumenical Council, Physicians for Social Responsibility, and the Interfaith Hunger Coalition.

Atom bomb rally slated Aug. 5

LOS ANGELES—A Hiroshima/Nagasaki Eve Commemoration will be conducted Friday, Aug. 5 at the Maryknoll Church auditorium in Little Tokyo from 7:30 p.m. Survivors of Hiroshima/Nagasaki bombings and anti-nuclear physcist Michio Kaku will take part in candle lighting ceremony.

The program will memorialize the deaths of over 200,000 people in 1945 as a result of the atomic blasts. Information regarding the admission-free rally may contact the Asian and Pacific Americans for Nuclear Awareness at (213) 737-7333. #

L.A. County cites Hibakusha days

LOS ANGELES—County Board of Supervisors chairman Michael D. Antonovich this past week won unanimous approval for his motion to establish Aug. 6 and 9 as days of remembrance for the atomic victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Poston II reunion scheduled

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—A 2½-day program for the first Poston II reunion for Aug. 19-21 at Sacramento Inn was released by the host committee here, assuring enough time to renew friendships with fellow "block mates" as well as take in the refurbished State Capitol, Cal Expo and the State Fair (which is opening that weekend).

Reunion registration package of $65 covers the Friday mixer buffet-dance, Saturday picnic bento, "As Time Goes By" dinner-dance, Sunday get-to gether breakfast, and a souvenir booklet. For information and registration, write or call:

Tsugio Yamamoto, 6880 Pocket Rd., Sacramento, CA 95831 (916) 392-3408; Joan Kitamura Oki, P.O. Box 7118, Sacramento, CA 95826 (916) 383-5665.

Reunion Schedule
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Friday, Aug. 19

2 p.m.—Opening Ceremonies, Exhibit Area; Registration-Lobby; Hospitality-Room 521.

5:30—No-Host Cocktails-Martinique Room;

7—Buffet Dinner, Mixer Activity-Dance.

Saturday, Aug. 20

8:30 a.m. — Registration Exhibit;

10—Poston II Reunion Picnic, William Land Park, Old Fashion "Bento" Box Lunch;

5:30—No-Host Cocktail-Martinique Room'

7:30—"As Time Goes By" Banquet, Entertainment;

9—Dance

Sunday, Aug. 21

8:30 a.m. — Breakfast - Martinique Room, Exhibit;

1:00 p.m.—Reunion closes: "'Til We Meet Again." #

Alameda reunion in 1984 being planned

ALAMEDA, Ca.—A Japanese American committee of Alamedans here has decided to host a reunion for the July 22, 1984 weekend for former residents here, members of the local Methodist and Buddhist churches, JACL, and sports clubs (ATK, Mudhens, Mustangs and Acorns). Interested parties should contact Yas Yamashita for details, 532-62nd Ave., Oakland, CA 94605. #

Gila Camp school grads plan reunion

COSTA MESA, Ca.—"Reunion—1983" is the focus for Canal High graduates who will meet over the Oct. 21-23 weekend here at the South Coast Plaza Hotel. Canal High School was situated in the (Gila River) WRA detention camp near Sacaton, Ariz.

Those planning to attend should contact Annabelle S. Ishii, 1821 N. Delta Ave., Rosemead, CA 91770, (213) 571-0446. #

Bakersfield reunion

LOS ANGELES—Information regarding the reunion set by former and current Bakersfield residents on Sept. 3 at the New Otani Hotel may be obtained by calling one of the following:

Ayako (Sakamoto) Otsu, L.A., (213) 324-3600; Kaneto Kinoshita, Bkrsfld., (805) 324-1769, or Mike Inouye, S.F. (415) 751-1371. #

Monterey ALS '48 grads reunion set

MONTEREY, Ca.—Graduates of the Monterey Army Language School's 1948 Japanese language classes will have their 35th Year reunion Aug. 6-7 here at the Presidio. Pioneer MIS instructor Akira Oshida, who is about to complete 42 continuous years of service, will be guest speaker at the Saturday dinner at the Officer's Club.

For registration information, write to Morris Hosoda, 924 November Dr., Cupertino, CA 95014. #

'Seabrook Associates' organized

LOS ANGELES—"Seabrook Associates" was established at the recent Los Angeles reunion to enroll children, and grandchildren of those who were former Seabrook (N.J.) Farm residents now living on the West Coast as part of the New Jersey community.

The first West Coast reunion, which attracted over 300 at the New Otani Hotel March 27, was spearheaded by Fuju Sasaki and Dick Kunishima.

● For the Record

San Francisco Taiko Dojo, which appeared July 9 at the JACCC Taiko Festival, is celebrating its 15th anniversary (not the 50th as noted on this page last week).

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JACL Leadership Development . . .

A Tremendous Learning Experience

By STANLEY SHIKUMA
Seattle JACL

JACL's first Washington, D.C. Leadership Program (June 19-25) was a tremendous learning experience. Well thought-out and equally well-organized, the program provided us with a thorough introduction and indoctrination to the inner workings of power and influence as garnered and dispensed in the nation's capital.

Through workshops and banquets, we were able to meet congressmen, legislative aides, federal bureaucrats, high-powered lobbyists and multi-million dollar government contractors. A real highlight for me was attending the Rep. Mike Lowry and Sen. Alan Cranston's press conference announcing their introduction of Redress legislation in the House and Senate. In these ways we gained a real inside view on how policy and legislation is actually prepared and passed.

Basically, what we learned is that power politics operates on a very personal level in Washington. Who you know and who you owe can be decisive factors in getting things done. In this atmosphere, it is crucial to develop and maintain personal connections, e.g. "old boy" networks, and to cultivate contacts. An unfortunate corollary to this is the diminished role it leaves for questions of justice and right, which are often relegated to secondary considerations under this system. It was a real eye-opener to see just how pervasive this is in the nation's capital, and it brought home how important it is for us to understand how "political hardball" is played in the Washington arena. The program was very strong in driving this point home.

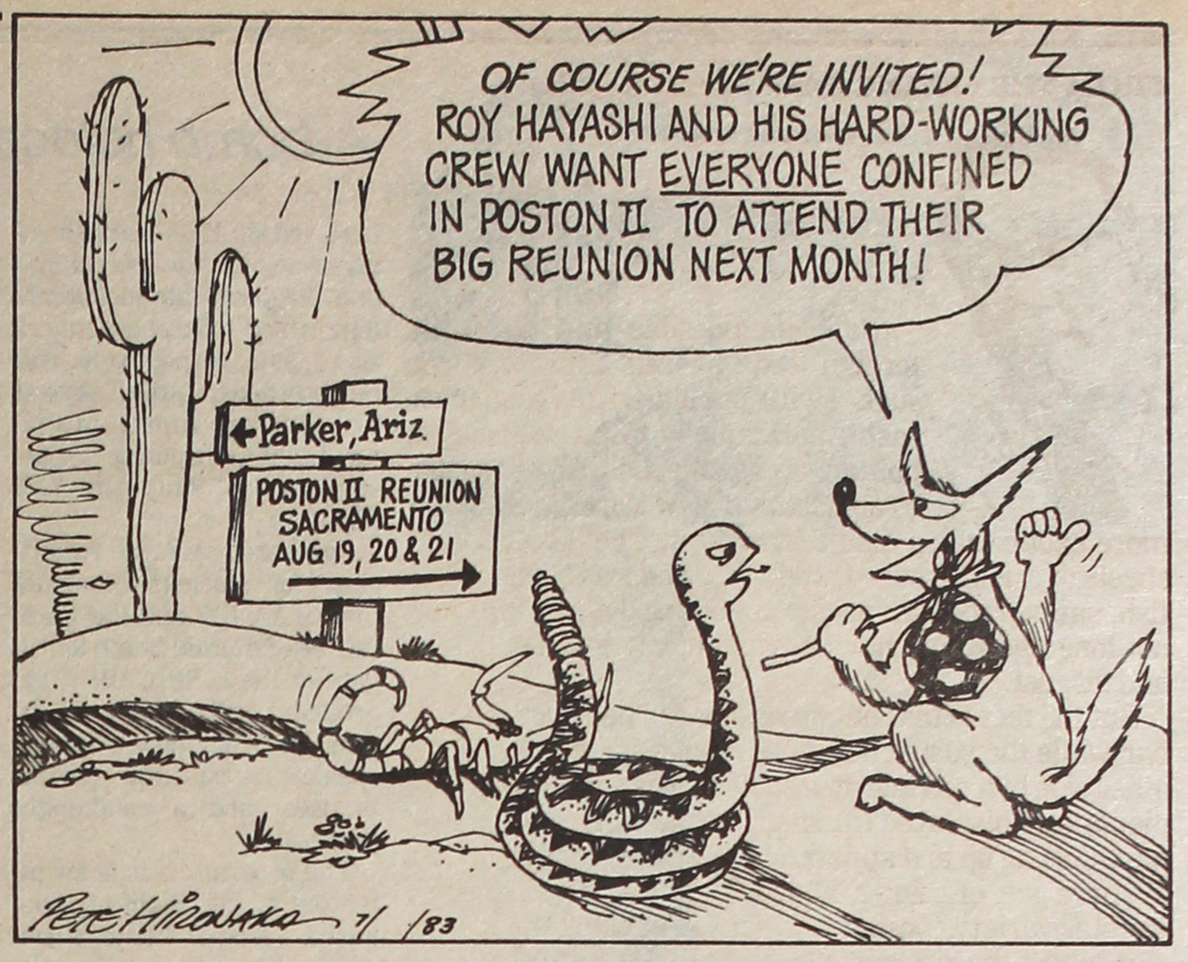
Political Question

Given these political realities, I felt that the question of what role grassroots support can and should play in decisions affecting the Nikkei community could have been explored further (legislation of Redress, for example). If we focus too strongly on the Washington arena alone, we run the risk of neglecting—even losing—the grassroots, which after all is the source of whatever strength we do have. It is another aspect in the political equation we need to consider if we seriously wish to develop greater political clout now and in the future.

Also, I felt that more discussion could have been devoted to long-term strategies. While it is crucial that our leaders know the political game and how to play it well at all levels of government, we must also ask ourselves whether this particular system of politicking best serves our people's interests in the long-term. If it does not, as I believe, then we should start formulating opinions and plans on how to change it. Either way, it is an important question for present and future leaders to grapple with.

Overall, I enjoyed the program and am grateful for the opportunity to participate in it. The organizers deserve recognition for a thorough and professional job; with the help and feedback from all the participants, I expect the next one will be even better. #

Shikuma's report was distributed earlier at the PNWDC meeting July 17 in Seattle. He is active with the Seattle Taiko Group, had been involved with the student advisory board for minority affairs at the University of Washington and currently on the PNW regional office staff.



Letters:

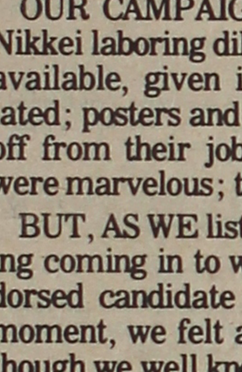
● Against the money

. . .It is ludicrous to expect our country to add millions of dollars for (Japanese American) redress to an already enormous national debt. California Congressman Robert Matsui has stated that he feels Congress would not agree to cash reparations because of the state of our economy. I agree, and I feel that the pressures of the congressional constituencies would also be a negative factor. I also feel that the President would not agree because of the same reasons . . .

Serious consideration (however) should be given to only those who have lost property and/or businesses as a result of the forced evacuation. In all fairness these losses should be repaid monetarily, and by today's standards.

HARRY K. YAMAMOTO
Santa Ana, Ca.

Yamamoto was a former councilman in Santa Ana, Calif.



EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

The Morning After

Philadelphia

THE MORNING FOLLOWING the election held on Tuesday, May 17, as is our usual routine, we were driving in to work with the radio tuned to the news station. As one of the seven candidates running for nomination to a seat on the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the evening before we had gathered with members of our campaign committee and with friends, listening to the election returns. Although another candidate had received state-party endorsement, nonetheless we clung to the hope that we might accomplish an upset. We had received newspaper endorsements, in Philadelphia as well as one of the major newspapers at the other end of the state, in Pittsburgh, as well as elsewhere. Further, among the seven candidates, ours was the only candidacy to receive the highest rating from the Pennsylvania Bar Association. We had also received the support of many independent groups, independent political factions as well as some labor leaders who elected not to be dictated to by the political party.

OUR CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, with a number of Nikkei laboring diligently, had, in the short span of time available, given its all: handbills were widely circulated; posters and signs bloomed throughout; some took off from their jobs to engage in electioneering. They were marvelous; they deserved a winner.

BUT, AS WE listened to the election return that morning coming in to work, the news was that the party-endorsed candidate appeared to be the winner. At that moment, we felt a brief tinge of disappointment, even though we well knew it was an uphill battle. To defeat a state political machinery would have been quite an accomplishment, but we had had hopes.

THE OTHER DAY we scanned some of the election tallies. We had come in second place in the statewide election, but since there was but one seat open, second place was not enough. In our home bailiwick of Philadelphia, however, we won overwhelmingly: if the votes of all the other six opponents were to be added as a unit, we defeated that combined vote by an overwhelming margin. But this was not a local election. We needed to win statewide.

WHILE IT WOULD have been a most welcome achievement to have come in first place, the election was not without some positive accomplishments. First, there was the matter of non-professional Nikkei demonstrating their latent abilities in the unfamiliar arena of politics. This included the generous outflow of contributions from Nikkei-dom from various sections of the land. Next, there was the matter of exposure and the inevitable educational process that flowed therefrom: it was a refreshing eye-opener for many political workers to see an Oriental on the campaign stump, some of whom had never even seen an Oriental in the flesh, speaking and campaigning like any other candidate. And a goodly number of them (but not enough) who were turned around to support our effort.

THE EXPERIENCE DEMONSTRATED to this candidate, again, that there are many good people out there to whom a candidate's ancestry makes no difference to them—so long as it made no difference to the candidate. There were some state committee people who were taken somewhat aback as well. Hopefully, they will be more ecumenical, and less timid, in their approach in selecting candidates in the future.

OUR HOPE IS that other minorities, and Nikkei in particular, will be encouraged to run for political office. Yes, there is the inescapable risk of losing. But one thing is for sure: if you don't get up to bat, you'll never get to first base.

Our apologies to our East Wind columnist for running this piece so belatedly. It had been misplaced.—HH. #

First Edition Impressive

By JUDY NIIZAWA
NCWNDC Representative

San Jose, Ca.

The National JACL sponsored its inaugural leadership development workshop in Washington, D.C. the week of June 20-24. Students came from Seattle, Salt Lake City, New Jersey, Fresno, Los Angeles, Marysville (via Cincinnati), Marin County (via Connecticut), and Sunnyvale. I was one of the eight fortunate participants.

The program was well structured with no time being wasted. Each day was highly productive and included speakers, tours, discussions, and unexpected highlights. The most impressive aspect for me was the calibre of people with whom we met.

Among the distinguished resources were Sen. Dan Inouye, Reps. Robert Matsui, and Norman Mineta.

We called on Sen. Inouye at his office in the Hart Building. He was extremely cordial and spent almost an hour with us. This is a man who is considered third ranking among the entire Democratic Party.

A staff member of Sen. Matsunaga gave us a special tour of the Capitol, which included the Chapel available for use by members of Congress. We lunched with his staff in the Vandenberg Senate dining room, sampling the famous Congressional bean soup.

Inspector General Frank Sato of the Veterans Administration, not only arranged for our meeting room but also for a VIP tour of the West Wing of the White House. Executive assistant, Becky Dunlop, acted as our guide.

We went into special counsel Ed Meese's office where there is a red telephone directly to the President. We viewed the Oval Office and Cabinet meeting room. While waiting in the foyer, presidential aide, William Clark chatted with us!

Other Decision Makers

Resources were from both public and private sectors. They impressed me as people who have been able to make very definitive decisions about their personal lives and who have chosen to pursue their objectives, and have been supremely successful in carrying out their goals. They have been high achievers who would not be caught looking back saying, "If I had only done . . ." Rather, they have been able to communicate to others in a thoughtful way, and have thus had goals accomplished.

Hearing people such as Mike Masaoka, David Brody, Gordon Yamada, David Nikaido, Hideki Hamamoto, Steven Thom, Joseph Rauh, Kris Ikejiri, among others, was not only educational and informative, but also extremely inspiring.

The significance of building leadership in the JACL relates to our need to be influential as an organization on a national scale. The work that has been done in the past by a few will have to be reinforced, and actually carried on, by many more, if we are to continue to be successful with our objectives. It is difficult to imagine what it takes to get things done in Washington without actually being there.

Role of U.S. Nikkei

But, interestingly, according to National JACL President, Floyd Shimomura, the people of Japan have recently come to recognize what Nikkei have been able to accomplish. They are currently extremely interested in the Nikkei to the extent that a team from their national television station is filming in the United States preparing for a serial to be aired beginning in September.

Some of us were asked about redress and what we were personally going to do to help the legislation, and whether we thought it would be possible.

They asked also if racism existed currently. Their questions could be taken as a compliment to us as they begin to understand about the Nikkei and how we have been achieving well despite a difficult past and current anti-Asian sentiments.

I would like to thank the National JACL staff who should be commended for the success of the workshop. Youth Director David Nakayama served as facilitator/participant. His convivial style helped every one feel at ease.

John Tateishi, National Redress Director, with his background on the Washington scene, provided us with insights regarding protocol especially. And Ron Ikejiri's experience, his keen instincts for inclusion and exclusion, were the basis for the degree to which each participant experienced such a rewarding week.

The general JACL membership should be made aware of what assets they have among the staff in San Francisco and Washington.

I do not mean to speak for the other seven participants. I hope to see their comments in the PC also. #

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

Sushi in America

Denver, Colo.

It's quite possible that no exotic foreign food in recent times has won such swift popularity as Japanese sushi, particularly in coastal metropolitan areas like Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York. And what is more exotic than a dish that combines cold boiled rice, sheets of dried seaweed, and such things as slices of raw fish, salmon roe, sea urchin gonads and other stuff that not long ago would have provoked only looks of horror and disgust.

But the fact is that hundreds of sushi bars (you sit at a bar while the sushi chef prepares his specialties on the other side of a refrigerated showcase in which the ingredients are displayed) and sushi specialty restaurants have sprung up and apparently are doing very well.

There are, of course, all kinds of sushi. The currently popular variety consists of a fist-full of vinegar-flavored rice, about the size and shape of a Baby Ruth chocolate bar, liberally slathered with fiery green horseradish called wasabi, and topped by the fish or whatever. Oddly enough this kind of sushi was virtually unknown in prewar Japanese American communities. In most cases, this sushi is a postwar introduction even to Nisei palates.

The reason, so far as I can determine, is that this kind of sushi, called nigiri-sushi, is or was primarily a Tokyo area specialty. Down south and southwest, which was the area that sent immigrants to the United States, they were more inclined to have nori-maki, which had rice plus dried gourd strips and vegetables and sometimes eel rolled up inside sheet of seaweed.

There's another factor. In the days before refrigeration when transportation was about as rapid as an ox can plod, fresh uncooked seafood was a virtually unknown delicacy in inland areas of Japan. Anyway, the Japanese immigrants brought knowledge about what they were used to eating with them to the U.S. of A., and it was not until lots of Yanks reached the Tokyo area after the war that they were introduced to sushi, Tokyo style. Actually, it took a good long while for Tokyoites to begin eating sushi again because for years after the surrender there wasn't much of anything to eat in Japan except for the surplus rations the Occupation forces brought with them.

Anyway, sushi came back on the Japanese menu and in time Americans found it was a lot better than it seemed at first thought. Pretty soon sushi chefs began to put their names on immigration waiting lists at American consulates so they could come to the United States to staff sushi restaurants.

Sushi has become so much a part of the American diet, at least among those who like to try new things, that a number of books have been published on the subject. Some time ago Neil Fujita, the New York designer and commercial artist, sent me one which he had illustrated. It's called "Sushi and Sashimi and Soup and Tempura", which is an accurate but very long name for a 48-page booklet. It was written by Hallie Donnelly of the San Francisco area who also is identified as operator of "Piece of Cake", a specialty catering service in Berkeley.

Fujita's illustrations and Donnelly's instructions are likely to enable you to make your own sushi, although there is no guarantee that it will resemble either the delightful flavor, or the equally delightful appearance, of the professionally-assembled product. It is with good reason that professional sushi chefs put in a long, arduous apprenticeship which enable them to make the finished product look deceptively simple. (Incidentally, the book's sales office is P.O. Box 322 in the unlikely community of Brown Summit, N.C. 27214.)

There are about as many kinds of sushi as there are pizzas, maybe even more, and it wouldn't surprise me at all if Mama-san's sushi franchises didn't begin to pop up eventually. #

VFW commander's stance ires Nikkei GI

Here is the text of Mike Masaoka's open letter of July 11 in protest to national VFW commander James R. Currieo's statement that his organization is opposed to any reparations sought by Japanese Americans who were evacuated and detained during World War II. Written on Go For Broke, Inc., stationery (Mike is a honorary committee member), copies were sent to: President Reagan, leaders in Congress, the Nikkei press, JACL, and all Nikkei veteran posts.

Dear Mr. Commander:

This is written in anger to protest as strongly as I can your unwarranted statement of June 23, 1983, which has only recently come to my attention possibly because I am recovering from my fourth cardiac problem, that "Let there be no doubt as to where the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States stands. The VFW resolutely opposes any effort from any quarter to pay any level of 'reparations' to any individual (or his or her next of kin) relocated from the West Coast during the early and painful days of America's entry into World War II," (emphasis in VFW statement) as recommended by the nonpartisan Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

Earlier, in your same VFW declaration (see July 8 PC) you expressed official opposition even to any apology for the 1942 travails visited upon those of Japanese origin who were expelled, excluded, and evacuated from the Pacific slope.

Though this letter is being sent you by me as an individual, since there is not enough time to secure clearance from the Board of Go For Broke, Inc., the National Nisei Veterans Association with headquarters in San Francisco, there is no doubt in my mind that there is at least near unanimity among all Japanese Americans that your statement is not only insulting and slanderous to us as individuals and as an ethnic minority but also grossly misleading to many, if not most, VFW members and indicative of the racist, un-American kind of thinking that caused the arbitrary and unjustified military evacuation and detention of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast in the spring of 1942.

Indeed, since you apparently failed to go through the required formal, official, and lengthy procedures for determining national VFW policy, I question the authority under which you issued your gratuitous remarks which do great violence to the principles and objectives of the VFW, as chartered almost a century earlier by the same Congress which, on July 31, 1980, established, authorized, and directed the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians to (1) review the facts and circumstances surrounding the issuance of Executive Order 9066 and the impact of the resulting actions on American citizens and permanent resident aliens, mostly of Japanese lineage, (2) reexamine the directives of the military in requiring the relocation and detention of American citizens, and (3) recommend apropriate remedies.

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In my considered judgment, admittedly prejudiced because I was among the innocent victims, your kind of bigotry—presumably representing to most of the unknowing public the expressed sentiments of the valiant men and women who served our country overseas so heroically against foreign foes—contributed to our discriminatory, demeaning, and damaging expulsion from our Pacific Coast homes and associations in World War II and incarceration in prison-like camps in wilderness America, as if we were captured enemy prisoners-of-war but without the safeguards and guarantees of the Geneva Convention as to conditions, rights, and appeals. This mistreatment was in spite of the fact that we were native citizens of the United States who had committed no crime except that of having been born to Japanese parents.

But, worse still, and more vicious and unconscionable, is that this VFW-type of mentality continues to encourage and sanction even to this day the arbitrary persecution, subtle circumspection and meaningful limitation of the lives and fortunes, as well as the futures, of those of Japanese origin in this country by continuing to revive and reactivate the World War II doubts as to the loyalty and allegiance of those of Japanese ancestry and automatically assuming that there is no distinction or difference between the dedication and devotion of those whose citizenship is American by birth or naturalization and those who are nationals of Japan residing on those Far Eastern Islands. Because of this failure to distinguish between the American Japanese and the Japanese of Japan, Americans of Japanese background are victimized, discriminated against, reviled as part of the confrontations between Japan and the United States in trade and commercial matters and issues, for example.

At the same time, it must be emphasized that this once implacable foe of World War II is now recognized and acknowledged to be our foremost, most faithful, and most dependable ally and economic and political partner in all of Asia, and possibly in the entire Free World, surviving within the democratic framework of government and the free enterprise, capitalistic system of industry, even as we here in the U.S.A. do.

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For your information, I am now a life member (No. 14194) of VFW Post No. 8985 of Sacramento, Calif., as of Sept. 20, 1972. Prior to that date, and since the mid-forties, I had been a regular dues-paying member of the VFW.

Also, I happened to be the first volunteer for what is now known as the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the Purple Heart Infantry whose 300 percent casualties contributed to our identification as "the most decorated unit for its size and length of service in American military history." Together with four brothers, one of whom was killed in action and another 100 percent disabled, I was among the thousands of volunteer Japanese Americans who helped "liberate" Fascist Italy while our parents and families were interned as "suspect" citizens in wilderness camps behind barbed wire fences with Military Police guards wearing the same uniforms as we.

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Your deliberate description of the Commision as "taxpayer funded" infers possibilities of illegality, immorality, and bias. Actually, as with other congressioanal bills signed into law by the President after overwhelming passage of the Congress, this Commission operated as an independent Commission of nine distinguised citizens, three appointed by the President, three by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and three by the President pro tempore of the Senate on a bipartisan basis.

Of incidental interest may be the fact that no official of the VFW appeared to tesify at either the House or Senate Subcommitte hearings in

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selves. And under a just God, they will not retain it long," and Wright spoke about the fact that he had objected to the internment even in 1944.

"I had just returned from a tour of military duty in the Pacific where I had participated in combat missions against Japan. But I could not agree with ... (the U.S. Supreme Court ruling which) upheld as constitutional the act of our Government in rounding up the Japanese American citizens, almost as though they were cattle, and herding them into corrals.... I swore then that whenever I had a chance to do so, I would speak out against ... (that) unconstitutional and unconscionable undertaking," Wright said.

During the 1980 debate about the creation of the commission to study the internment, Wright also recalled the heroics of the 442nd Infantry Combat Team.

"Many of my very good and close friends in Texas who served in the 36th Division during World War II owe their lives to the selfless, heroic, and sacrificially patriotic devotion of the men of the 442nd.... Those Americans of Japanese ancestry who comprised that unit broke through the enemy lines in Italy after other units had failed and, at great cost to themselves, they rescued that substantial part of the 36th Division which had found itself trapped and surrounded. No Texan and no American should ever forget that act of marvelous heroism," Wright said.

Wright represents the 12th District in Texas, which includes Fort Worth, and he has been in Congress since 1954.

Similar legislation implementing the Commission's recommendations will be introduced in the Senate by Senators Dan Inouye and Spark Matsunaga. #

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ly 30 percent of the (Hawaii's) population, yet only a miniscule number were interned as compared with the mass evacuation which took place on the West Coast. If there was a sound basis for suspicion of sabotage, should not the Hawaii Japanese Americans have been removed?

Racism and wartime hysteria were the major reasons for internment, and, Mr. Currieo, the people interned were demonstrably loyal citizens who were incarcerated by their fellow Americans, not as you seem to imply, by the former military government of imperial Japan. Officials took individualized, selective action against enemy aliens of other nationalities, but ethnic Japanese Americans were interned strictly on the basis of race. No Americans of German or Italian descent were subjected to this type of mass exclusion or detention.

Your praise of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team is gratifying, but you ignore the suffering which those internees who were ineligible for service, such as women, children, and the elderly, were forced to undergo in internment camps. Although they were not given the opportunity to demonstrate their loyalty to the United States in combat, they were equally as patriotic, and their lives were disrupted immeasurably as a result of the internment experience.

You imply that the exclusion, detention, and internment of thousands of loyal citizens of Japanese ancestry was a justifiable response to Japan's acts of military aggression. Should we hold these citizens accountable for the regrettable acts of a foreign government solely on the basis of their race? I think not, and the sooner that we recognize that a great wrong was committed, the more confident I will become that a similar injustice will not occur again in the future. As an American citizen and a veteran, I deeply regret that my government violated the civil rights of thousands of its own citizens.

DANIEL K. INOUYE
United States Senator

Open letter to VFW Chief

Dear Mr. Currieo:

I am a member of VFW Post No. 9879, San Francisco, and I was appalled on reading the VFW News Release, 23 June 1983, in which you unilaterally ("Our post was never polled) declared for nonpayment of reparations and "no apology" for interned American citizens.

My concern is not with reparations but rather the context in which these declarations were couched—"Why should Americans...pay for the consequences of an indisputable act of aggression by Japan."

By what stretch of the imagination is the throwing of loyal and innocent American citizens into an American concentration camp (President Truman's term) by fellow Americans a "consequence of an indisputable act of aggression by Japan?" It was done by Americans to Americans.

That the Japanese Americans were loyal and innocent (never a case of espionage or sabotage before, during or after Pearl Harbor) was affirmed by the FBI, the Army and Navy intelligence reports submitted to the higher authorities.

Furthermore, in Hawaii where the attack took place, there was no mass relocation or incarceration of the 160,000 Japanese American residents. They were under martial law and 3,000 miles closer to the enemy but Americans there did not "lock 'em up".

You asked about "guilt".

The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, headed by Washington attorney, Joan Z. Bernstein, has heard more than 700 witnesses and reviewed tens of thousands of documents during the past two years in the most complete recounting of the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Their conclusion, "Personal Justice Denied". Or, as U.S. Sen. Robert Mathias, Maryland, stated in the Congressional Record, March 22, 1983, ... "Chief Justice Warren, as attorney general of California, had played some role in the internment and he told me on that quiet contemplative day as we sat by a window overlooking the lawn of the Capitol that he considered that (relocation and internment of Japanese Americans) was a grave mistake, the most grievous error, the act he most regretted in his long and distinguished career of public service.

"If a man as big as Earl Warren can make that confession, then it seems to me all of us can make that confession.

"All of us can admit that even the United States of America can be wrong on occasion, and when it is, it is the duty and privilege and the responsibility of citizens to correct the error and to go forward with new dedication to the pledge of the Constitution."

Assuming these facts are new to you, "how big of a person are you?"

A prompt public retraction and/or a personal response is requested.

CHESTER TANAKA
Oakland, Ca.

Mr. Tanaka, of course, is the author of that elegant tome, "Go For Broke".—H.H.

JACL Reports

BY THE BOARD: Miki Himeno

A Peripheral View

Monterey Park, Ca.

The National Committee for Redress was already in session when I arrived in San Francisco from Burbank on Friday, a little after 9 a.m. What a dedicated group of conscientious leaders committed to representing the desires of their constituency on this difficult subject of redress, I thought. The pain is in the despair that masks the joy and gratitude. Realizing that the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians had forged a phenomenal recommendation with great care and thought, the JACL committee "upon thorough discussions and considerable soul-searching wrote out its recommendations to the National Board.

They could not concur with the Commission on amounts, and heirs, and were torn between obligations to their constituencies and the reality of passage of a Congressional bill if they stubbornly insisted on precise requests. It was not a question of betrayal or weakness on the part of any Redress Committee member or the Redress staff. Their decisions were "tough" to hammer out.

WAYS & MEANS/1000—Dr. Frank Sakamoto, 1000 Club Chair, whose presence had been requested at the last National Board, met with Gene Takamine, Ways and Means, Friday afternoon and the result was most productive. President Floyd Shimomura presented the first check to launch the Mike Masaoka Fellowship fundraiser, leading other officers and governors to follow suit with similar commitments which may total $20,000 from the National Board.

Frank was elated and greatly encouraged by Gene's leadership and grateful that Sansei will take up the torch heretofore borne by the Thousand Clubbers alone. But it still takes the "touch" of a pro like Frank, and the joint venture, the working together of Nisei and Sansei, etc., which will generate success.

Someone pointed out to me later that it seems unfair to ask the Board for such a financial commitment when they are already giving their time and funds by virtue of their offices.

WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP PROGRAM—Glowing reports of the JACL Leadership week in Washington, D.C. by Ron Ikejiri, Frank Sato, David Nakayama and later, participants Judy Niizawa and John Nakahata, made me positively envious of them. They went into places not ordinarily visited, and met people who had been only names in the news. Ron is looking for at least two from among the participants to be running for Congress one day!

On hind sight, it seems every JACL district governor should have had the experience in order that they might serve their districts with a broader view. Which leads me to wonder, what happened to the National Board meeting which was to be held in Washington, D.C.?

BITS OF PIECES—Marshall Sumida, acting as liaison for JACL with various Veterans groups, was seen in a different capacity Saturday—as a serious chairperson giving thoughtful input to the National Board. Thanks, Marshall.

Frank Nishio from Clovis had several items for consideration, among which was a "title" change from "Japanese American" to "Americans of Japanese Ancestry" (AJA), or "Americans of Asian Ancestry" (AAA). Something to think about. #

S.J. community groups support CWRIC findings

SAN JOSE—Five Asian American organizations in the San Jose area recently held a joint press conference to express community reactions to recommendations issued by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

Groups represented were the JACL, Nihonmachi Outreach Committee, the Asian Law Alliance, and Asian Americans for Community Involvement. Representative for the West Valley JACL was not available.

Duane Kubo, NOC chairperson, read a joint statement on behalf of the five groups which "affirmed the importance of the issue of redress for the Japanese American and broader community."

Each has been active in seeking restitution for the World War II incarceration victims.

Richard Tanaka, of the San Jose JACL, commended the CWRIC for officially recognizing the injustices suffered by the internees and making recommendations for compensation.

Community Involvement spokesman Allan Seid added that "tangible, monetary restitution is necessary for the idea of redress to be truly meaningful in the American social and legal system."

While commending the Commission, Steven Wing who is director of ALA stated that the executive pardons recommended "are not enough to overcome (their) legal effects..."

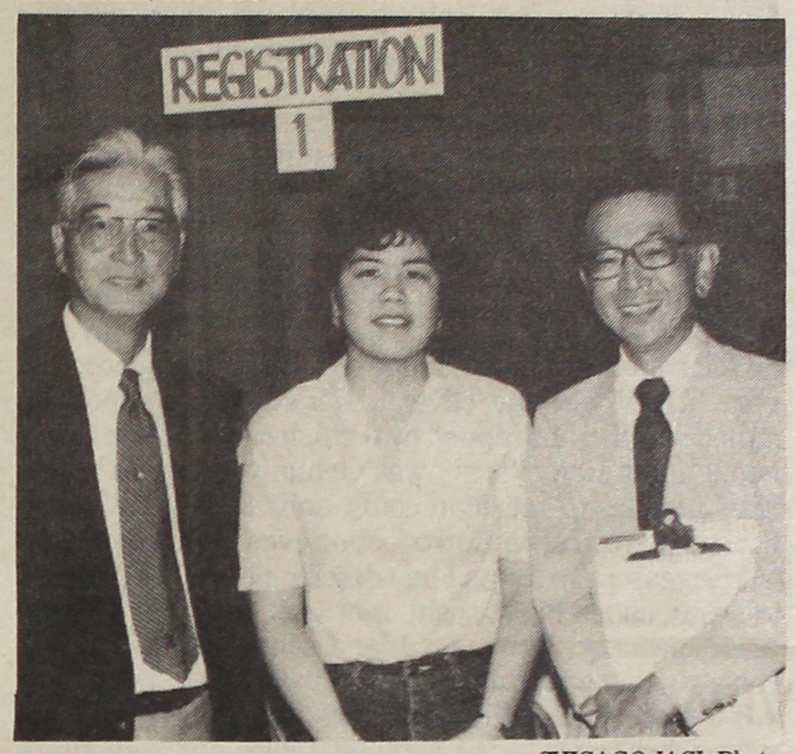
Wing felt that this recommendation should serve to support other legal actions currently pending, such as the Coram Nobis cases.

News media members were also told by Julie Hatta of NOC, a member of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations that both groups saw the Commission recommendations as a "significant victory for the redress/reparations drive."

However, Hatta added that NOC and the NCRR feel that the Commission recommendations should have been stronger. "The exclusion of heirs of deceased evacuees means that the suffering of approximately 60,000 who are not here—42 years later—will go largely uncompensated," Hatta said. "Furthermore we believe that many of the heirs have felt the impact of the camps."

"The $20,000 per interned, while significant, does not reflect the severity of the losses. Both NOC and NCRR have always maintained that $25,000 is the minimum amount that is both symbolic and meaningful compensation."

In spite of its shortcomings, Hatta emphasized that the recommendations were "positive steps in the movement for justice ... and with the support of many beyond the Japanese American community, we hope to ensure that our government will take action on these recommendations." #



CHICAGO JACL Photo

ASIAN HEALTH FAIR—Cosponsored by the Japanese American Service Committee and Chicago JACL, drew more than 200 persons recently at the JASC Bldg. Co-chairs at the event were Richard H. Yamada (1) and Ben Chikaraishi, (JASE) with Jane Kaihatsu (center), Chicago JACL president. The fair offered various health screenings conducted by the Nikkei community medical personnel. Kaihatsu lauded the two men who are longtime JACLers and their JASC members for their volunteerism and leadership.

Youth menu set for EDC-MDC confab

NEW YORK—Youth-oriented activities featuring workshops, barefooting in Central Park and a shoestring stay at the Buddhist Church here are special highlights for the EDC-MDC JACL Convention Aug. 11-14 at the Sheraton, according to April Osajima, youth registration chair, 86 Old Army Rd., Bernardsville, NJ 07924.

"Interment—The Missing Classroom Lesson" is the Saturday afternoon youth workshop theme after National Director Ron Wakabayashi's talk on what youth can do for JACL. Workshop will explore textbooks on WW2 internment history.

City deputy mayor Carol Bellamy, who was council president when New York City passed its resolution for redress, is the dinner speaker.

Youth planning to stay at the Buddhist Church in Manhattan should bring their bedroll, towel and a $5 donation. Alternative lodging at the Sheraton is $62 per night (see July 1 PC). #

● **For the Record**

A mysterious word "doble" appearing in the JACL Board story on this page last week should be "do-able"—meaning able to do, in reference to the JACL proposal for a redress bill that the four Nikkei members of Congress believed to be "do-able" to seek influential sponsorship in both houses. This issue's front page ends the mystery as House Majority Leader Jim Wright of Texas with the two Nikkei congressmen, Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui, are announced as the main authors of the so-called JACL-sponsored redress bill.

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DENVER'S SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS—What started as a single plaque and monetary award in 1956 by the Mile-Hi JACL as a scholarship in memory of Harry Sakata has expanded into a community-wide presentation, sponsored by 24 organizations, passing out 35 awards to deserving high school graduates. Scholarships range from $100 to $1,000 with several receiving multiple awards. Winners (from left) are: front row—Catherine Yamasaki, Wheatridge High; Susan Masamori, Jefferson; Lyn Oda, Ranum; Terri Yamashita, Westminster; Noreen Gima, South; Robin Miyahara, Overland; Diane Funakoshi, East; Lisa Espinosa, Jefferson; back row—Michihiro Suzuki, Niwot; Travis Yamamoto, Brighton; Martin Nishida, Longmont; Keith Hora, Ranum; Kent Yamasaki, Ranum; Rich Horiuchi, Brighton; Teiko Okada, Brighton; Scott Yoshino, Green Mountain; Brian Hayashi, Bear Creek; Randy Tagawa, Weld Central; John Mayeda, Alameda; Kent Noda, East; Randy Sagara, Columbine; Monica Nakamura, Arvada West; and William Murakami, Kennedy. #

Keeping Track of Editorials

Readers who have turned in editorials to the PC desk are acknowledged at the bottom of the piece submitted. We thank them.—Editor.

● No to 'conscience money'

Houston Chronicle
Sunday, June 20, 1983

No amount of money can fully compensate Japanese Americans and resident aliens of Japanese descent for their internment during World War II, concludes a special commission studying the matter. The commission then asks Congress to authorize payment of $20,000 to each of some 60,000 survivors of the internment, or a total of some $1.2 billion. Somewhere there is a contradiction.

There are a few Americans who would disagree with the commission's conclusion that "a grave injustice" was done to their fellow citizens during the war because of their ethnic background. But it's another question entirely whether a payment of $20,000—or any other amount—is the way to rectify that. We don't believe it is.

Yes, there was suffering and hardship for Japanese Americans due to the government's internment policies. Yes, there should be a recognition of that so that such a situation is never allowed to happen again. But payments such as the ones proposed by the commission are an attempt to quantify something which cannot be quantified. They are simply conscience money and should not be approved by Congress. —(from Katherine S. Sugimoto)

JACL redress group sets Aug. 5 meeting

LOS ANGELES—Harry Kajihara, Pacific Southwest district chair of the Japanese American Citizens League on Redress, will give an update on the issues and proposals concerning monetary payments to internees on Friday, Aug. 5 at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., from 7 p.m.

Mental health resource people will also be on hand to facilitate the discussion regarding psychological impact suffered by the wartime victims.

For details, call John Saito, 626-4471, or Ford Kuramoto, DSW, at 669-1060. #

JACL board OK's budget for '84 redress push

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca.—The National JACL Board, at its July 8-10 meeting, approved a $194,564 budget for the JACL redress committee now preparing to unify the Nikkei community on a single bill in Congress and step up campaign efforts between now and the 1984 National Convention in Hawaii.

Two offices are involved: HQ—$114,524 (58.9%), WDC—$80,040.

The project budget, in six parts, calls for:

PERSONNEL—$132,944 (director, asst. director, secretary; part-time only: Washington Representative, associate Wash. rep., legis. asst.)

OPERATIONAL—$18,320 (telephone, supplies, postage, Xerox, equipment maintenance).

RENT—$7,200 (portion of DC Office).

PROGRAM—$850 (brochure, handbill, National Endorsement campaign).

MEETINGS/CONFERENCES—$30,250 (committee travel, liaison with media, Congress, $25 per diem, $75 lodging expenses, organizational support).

NATIONAL CONVENTION—$5,000 (5 indiv at $1,000 avg).

At the same time, JACL National Committee for Redress budget for the remainder of this quarter (July 1-Sept. 30, 1983) was revised to include $500 for the Washington Representative's travel to the forthcoming joint EDC-MDC Convention next month in New York. New total is $50,154. #

Tsurutas continue to assist Redress drive

DENVER, Colo.—Ed and Jerrie Tsuruta of Atlas Farms in Los Angeles remitted an additional $305 for the National JACL Redress fund, in addition to the $1,100 previously remitted on May 24, 1983, making a total of $1,405 raised by the Tsuruta's as a result of their individual efforts. Latest contributors were:

Okamoto Bros. of Cerritos, $100; Eagle Produce Co. of Los Angeles, $100; Morita Produce of Los Angeles, $100; Lynne Matsumoto (student), $5.

Min Yasui, national JACL redress chairman, expressed heartfelt appreciation for these individual efforts, especially coming immediately following the recommendations of CWRIC (Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians), urging the payment of $20,000 to each individual surviving "evacuee" and a total appropriation of $1.5 billion by the Congress of the United States as symbolic redress for the relocation and internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

John Tateishi, national JACL redress director in San Francisco, noted that the tempo of activities for redress legislation will be stepped up and accelerated in the months ahead. Every effort will be made to have a redress bill passed by Congress, before the 1984 presidential campaign begins in earnest in the spring of 1984. Noting the enormous amount of work necessary to persuade not less than one half of the 435 U.S. Representatives and 100 U.S. Senators, plus at least one, to support redress legislation, both Yasui and Tateishi expressed renewed determination to push ahead. #

VFW LETTER

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Washington against this legislation, nor did any VFW offical testify before House or Senate Subcommittees against government appropriations from the national Treasury to enable the Commission to carry out its designated duties and mission.

Seven of the nine commissioners are outstanding members of the Bar, with one having been an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, another the Attorney General of a major state, another is a sitting member of the Congress, and another still an active judge of a Court of Common Pleas. All, with one possible exception, are admitted to practice before the Supreme Court, the nation's highest tribunal and the Court of Last Resort. At least two have been Cabinet Secretaries and two general counsels of Federal departments. One has also served as the long-time chairman of a major presidentially-appointed national commission. One has served too as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Another has served as a U.S. Senator and another as a member of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee. The two non-attorneys on the Commission are a Catholic priest and a former United States senator who is now a businessman. (And mention should be made of the Aleut member who is a Russian Orthodox priest.—Ed.)

In your statement, you claim that "no effort was made by the Commission to ask knowledgeable U.S. officials to explain the very pressing reasons behind President Franklin D. Roosevelt's 1942 action." To begin with, it should be noted that the presidential action referred to (Executive Order 9066) was not issued until Feb. 19, 1942, and not in 1941 as you so incorrectly allege.

Nevertheless, as the National Secretary and Field Executive of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) in the 1941-43 period, I am most concerned with the operations of the Commission and closely observed its activities throughout.

On this basis, I can testify that the Commission and its staff made every possible effort to contact every known living official who had a significant role in the 1942 Executive Order relating to the West Coast Japanese of that crucial time, even going so far as to issue a public invitation that anyone who desired to testify would be welcome to do so. Practically all of the living high-level officials did, in fact, appear and testify before the Commission, including the then Assistant Secretary of War, the Colonel who was in charge of the mass military movement in the spring of 1942, the Deputy Attorney General of the United States, the Chief of the Enemy Alien Hearing Unit of the Department of Justice, West Coast officials of the many Federal departments and agencies with some responsibility for this movement, officers of the War Relocation Authority, etc.

Again, it is important for VFW members to know that at these many Commission hearings, not a single witness who identified himself of herself as a VFW official advanced the same logic and arguments that you have proclaimed as the stated VfW position.

As a matter of record, too, it should be emphasized that both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Navy Intelligence officially oppposed the unprecedented 1942 military proposal as both unnecessary and unjustified. And, as far as I have been able to ascertain over years of personal research and study, Army Intelligence was never officially and directly requested for its views and recommendations.

* * *

By some distorted logic, you suggest that the Japanese enemy should be held responsible for the removal, exclusion, and internment of those of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast early in 1942, insinuating that somehow we Americans of Japanese ancestry could have influenced the Japanese Navy's attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Are you, and the VFW, presuming that such Nisei veterans as now senators Daniel Inouye of Hawaii and Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii, or the members of the Kazuo Masuda VFW Post 3670 and/or the Nisei Memorial VFW Post 9902, among others in California and elsewhere in this country, directly or even indirectly had some casual relationship with the plans and activites of the Imperial Japanese Army and Navy?

Carried another tortured step in your way of assessing primary or ultimate blame, it can be similarly proposed that the VFW itself was "responsible" for the Pacific War. As you no doubt know, the VFW was among the forefront of organizations aggressively demanding enactment of the infamous Japanese Immigration Exclusion Act of 1924, which in real sense declared as a matter of official American policy that the Japanese were "an inferior race not worthy of entry" into the United States as immigrants. According to many historians on both sides of the Pacific, and many American and Japanese statesmen and politicians in the postwar period, this statute contributed significantly and substantially to the Japanese military adventures on the Asian continent and the far reaches of the Pacific, including Pearl Harbor, by undercutting the pro-American, Christian, and moderate elements in Japan and encouraging the coming into power of the anti-American, imperialistic, and facistic military.

By this same distorted VFW "reasoning" too, Italian Americans and German Americans could be held to have had something to do with the atrocities and inhumanities committed by Mussolini's Fascists and Hitler's Nazis in World War II.

I doubt very much that you would concede these latter two relationships, so how and why can you infer the former?

* * *

Mr. Commander, in your reference to the Supreme Court opinions regarding the subject matter, you ignore that in only two of three issues did the tribunal approve the Army's actions, and then only on the basis of the time and circumstances involved.

In the Endo case, for instance, all nine justices ruled that it was unconstitutional to detain or imprison so arbitrarily a loyal American citizen. While the High Court also upheld the curfew and travel restrictions (combined Yasui and Hirabayashi case) unanimously, in the major Korematsu test concerning the exclusion itself, the tribunal was divided six to three.

Because today most legal and constitutional authorities believe that the Supreme Court was in error in its 1943 and 1944 rulings, respectively, two new cases are now pending that provide the High Court with the opportunity to reverse its earlier judgments. In one appeal, Yasui, Hirabayashi, and Korematsu seek the vacating and reversal of their 1943 convictions on the basis of Coram Nobis, that they were denied constitutionally-guaranteed "due process" because the government not only suppressed vital information but even submitted false evidence to the federal judiciary in order to secure the criminal penalties. In the other case, a class action civil suit, the government is accused of at least twenty "causes of action" and monetary, compensatory judgment for all the victims of these illegal acts is requested, totaling many times the amount recommended by the Commission.

Though reversal of precedents on the part of the Supreme Court is not common, the late Associate Justice Owen Roberts has been quoted in connection with celebrated cases as saying that they seemed like "restricted railroad tickets, good for this train and this day only." There is no assurance, as the Justice noted in 1944, that they would not be shortly "repudiated and overruled by justices who deem that they have new light on the subject." As recently as July 10, 1983, Dennis Hutchinson, a professor of law at the University of Chicago and the editor of "The Supreme Court Review" declared that "In many constitutional areas (the First Amendment, equal protection of the law, etc.) the Court has frequently changed both its results and its method of constitutional analysis."

* * *

In passing, possibly in an effort to mollify Nisei VFW members, you pay restrained tribute to the exploits of the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, conceding that "Their service to America defies measurement."

Either deliberately or otherwise, you neglect to mention the more than 15,000 Japanese Americans who served with equal valor and under

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National JACL officer resigns post

SAN FRANCISCO—Resignation of Vernon T. Yoshioka as national JACL vice president for membership and services was accepted with regret on July 10 by the organization's president Floyd Shimomura and the board of directors.

"With my decision to run for public office," the San Diego community leader said, "I will be unable to fulfill the obligations and duties of this critical (national JACL) office."

Yoshioka said he hopes to guide the direction of the San Diego Community College board of trustees, if he is afforded the opportunity to serve as one of the officers.

"In addition, this position will change the political involvement and direction for all Asians in this seventh largest city in America, and the second in the state."

Yoshioka, should he win the election, will be the first Nikkei and the only Asian American ever elected in San Diego. His campaign kickoff began July 15. #

Carson to honor scholars at picnic

CARSON, Ca.—Carson JACL will hold its annual scholarship picnic on Sunday, Sept. 11, from 11 a.m., at Dolphin Park, north of 213th St. and west of Wilmington Blvd.

Annette Salinas and James Masamoto of Carson High School will be recognized. Both are recipients of the chapter's $250 scholarships. Mitzi Ann Mori of Banning High School will also be honored.

Philadelphia JACL home picnic slated

PHILADELPHIA — Local JACL members will picnic at the home of Tak and Yuri Moriuchi on Saturday, July 30, from 2-7 p.m.

To defray costs, Sim Endo is asking donations of $7 adult or $5 senior citizen and those under 12.

Portland gathering many pro-Redress resolutions

SAN FRANCISCO—In anticipation of the redress legislative campaign, the JACL National Committee for Redress here has been encouraging chapters to seek endorsements from local city councils, county boards, churches and civil rights organizations.

The Portland JACL, lead by the Chapter's Redress Representative, Walter Sakai, has been most successful thus far in securing resolutions supporting the JACL efforts to seek monetary compensation for the wartime incarceration of Japanese Americans.

Sakai's work on behalf of redress has resulted in resolutions from the Democratic Party of Oregon, City Council of Portland, Commissions of Multnomah County, Urban League of Portland as well as various churches organizations including the Ecumenical Ministeries of Oregon, Congregation Nevehy Shalom and the Presbytery of the Cascades. Most recently, Walter Sakai forwarded the endorsements from the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon and a resolution adopted at the 25th Biennial Convention of the International Longshoreman's and Warehouseman's Union.

Redress Chairman, Min Yasui commended Walter Sakai for his "tremendous efforts" in the Portland area. "It is this type of support that is needed to successfully achieve redress," Yasui stated. "The broad support from the American public will demonstrate to the Congress that the redress issue is a concern for all Americans," he added.

Redress Director John Tateishi stated that "what's really gratifying about Walter's efforts is that he took the initiative on his own without our prompting him, and from the looks of the support he's solicited, I'd say it's a monumental personal effort."

The JACL National Committee for Redress urges all Chapters to continue its efforts to secure endorsements from state legislatures, local governing bodies, churches and organizations. #

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more dangerous circumstances in many ways in the Pacific against the Japanese enemy in the Military Intelligence Service, "saving possibly millions of American casualties and billions of American dollars," according to several United States military and naval authorities, including the Chief of Intelligence to General of the Armies Douglas MacArthur, Supreme United Nations Commander.

Most of these troops, as mentioned earlier, served overseas with gallantry and heroism even as their kin and friends were imprisoned in what some euphemistically have identified as America's concentration camps. Would you charge, Mr. Commander, that these comrades-in-arms, whom General Vinegar Joe Stilwell declared "had bought an awful hunk of America with their blood," in some unknown and mysterious way—even with the 20/20 hindsight of four decades—influenced the Imperial Japanese Navy to attack American facilities at Pearl Harbor?

After all, even after more than four decades of intensive investigation, every intelligence agency of our government has certified that before, during, and after Dec. 7, 1941, no resident Japanese—alien or citizen—has been convicted of espionage, sabotage, and/or fifth-column activities against the national security of the U.S.

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Your racist evaluation of the findings and recommendations of the nonpartisan presidential-congressional Commission recalls the long and sorry history of the VFW as far as the Japanese, and other Asian peoples, in this country are concerned.

As the National JACL Secretary in the 1941-43 era, I remember well that the VFW was among the most active, jingoistic, vocal, and aggressive organizations on the West Coast in 1941-42 to demand the evacuation and exclusion of all Japanese—aliens and citizens alike—from our lifetime homes and associations, including Japanese American veterans of World War I who were then dues-paying members of the VFW and the American Legion.

Earlier, it is easily recalled, beginning with the first years of the century, the VFW was a leading force, alone and in concert with such anti-Japanese bigots and warmongers as California's Joint Immigration Committee, in demanding the exclusion of all Japanese from immigration opportunities into this country; in depriving even the American-born of their United States citizenship, especially if under Japanese law they were so-called dual citizens through no fault of their own; in calling for segregated schools for Japanese American children; in prohibiting the purchase and/or ownership of homes, farms, and all lands by "citizens ineligible for naturalization," which the lawfully-admitted resident alien Japanese were by operation of federal laws defended by the VFW; in denying participation in more than 400 federal, state, and municipal professions, occupations, and businesses to alien Japanese and oftentimes their citizen children; in marrying and living with members of other races; etc.

Those who are familiar with western history will attribute much of the initiative and leadership for the anti-Oriental, anti-Japanese and bigotry in the United States, particularly on the Pacific Coast, to the VFW. Unfortunately, there is not enough space or time to more adequately chronicle this sad epoch.

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In spite of this jingoism directed against them prior to, during, and after World War II, I understand that more than ten VFW Posts composed mainly of Nisei and Sansei members have been organized and are active today, with thousands more enrolled individually in various posts throughout the nation.

This was largly because many VFW members personally, posts, and departments, and even the National VFW Legislative Committee, in the immediate postwar era endorsed a number of critical corrective and remedial measures, in both the legislative and litigative areas, for the benefit of those of Japanese ancestry, several of which reversed historic VFW policies. Numbered among these statutes are those authorizing citizenship through naturalization for our immigrant parent generation, immigration opportunities for the Japanese and other Asians by repealing the exclusion laws that were on the books from 1882 to 1952, token compensation for a few of the real property losses suffered as a direct consequence of the 1942 exclusion actions, statehood for the deserving then territory of Hawaii with its then one-third population of Japanese, abolition of the denial of economic, social, and political opportunities in some 500 laws, etc.

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Mr. Commander, as one owho was involved in soliciting membership in the old-line veterans organizations despite their racist pasts after World War II, I can vouch for the difficulty we had. But we tried our best, hoping that the historic anti-immigrant, anti-civil rights and anti-humanitarianism campaigns and programs of the VFW had changed in the common cause for which so many of our fellow comrades fought, with many making the supreme sacrifice, in order that we might all become "Better Americans In A Greater America," as the Japanese American Creed that is enclosed envisions.

Regrettably I fear that your ill-timed, ill-advised, and ill-tempered statement against modicum justice, equity, and fair play for your Japanese American comrades-in-arms and their fellow Americans of Japanese ancestry will only revive the old fears and the old hates.

Though this letter is perhaps overly detailed, and though it may not represent the sentiments of all Japanese American veterans, I trust that in all fairness you will see to it that it is reprinted in the various official VFW publications, including the monthly magazine, in order that our fellow VFW members and officers may begin to understand the depth of our feelings as VFW members of Japanese ancestry and that the ultimate official VFW policy will not be the self-destructive summary of what may be your personal sentiments.

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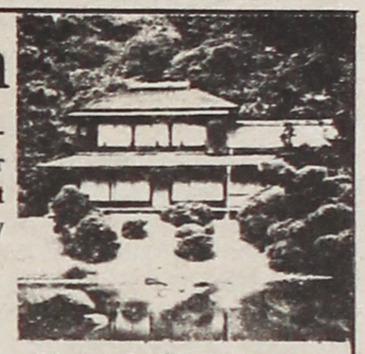

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PANA CONVENTION OPENS—Panamerican Nikkei gather in Lima, Peru's Civic Center Amphitheater for the opening session July 15 as Carlos Kasuga (standing at right) welcomes the assembled throng of some 600 delegates, youth and guests. Seated at extreme right of the table is Enrique Shibayama of Mexico City, first PANA Conference chair.

SCENE AT THE CLOSE—Some of the sixty Peruvian Sansei youth working at the three-day conference, doing errands, handing out papers, earphones, serving refreshments at the 5 p.m. breaks, etc., pose with a stuffed panda (a gift from Mexico) as the II PANA Conference ends. (First PANA veterans remember a baby panda was born as that convention opened.)

PANA

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efforts of the conference organizers.

USA's Chuck Kubokawa, PANA treasurer who was re-elected for two more years as were other executive officers, yielded time to Floyd Shimomura, national JACL president, to express JACL's appreciation to PANA for its support for redress. The American Nikkei delegation stood up to applaud the move.

With much already expressed by preceding speakers, Enrique Shibayama, first PANA conference chairman in Mexico City, allowed that he was "very happy with all my heart" for having participated. Of course, in Spanish, the language is much more sensitive and lilting than as it appears here.

Japanese Ambassador Eijiro Noda, who had hosted a reception Friday night for PANA delegates and community leaders of Peru at the Embassy, observed the "friendship and cooperation between peoples and nations through interchange of the PANA convention will add to the mutual cooperation of all". It was a most significant event gathering Nikkei from the two continents and he hoped the "fraternal ribbons of the countries with Japan" will continue to grow.

Isac Higa, the Peruvian attorney who had smartly emceed the opening and closing sessions, finally diverted from the agenda by introducing his gemelo—twin brother, Ron Wakabayashi, national JACL director who is slightly taller. Both sport a Pancho Villa-type mustache and part their hair in the middle. Higa was later seen wearing Ron's name tag to extend the mirage.

Carlos Kasuga Re-elected

PANA directors, earlier in the day (Sunday), had re-elected the officers for another term to assure continued growth and stability. On the cabinet and nine-member nation board of directors are:

Carlos Kasuga (Mexico), pres.; Hiroshi Banno (Brazil), v.p.; Charles Kubokawa (U.S.), treas.; directors—George Imai (Canada), Alfonso Tokunaga (Colombia), Gen. Armando Yoshida (Bolivia), Luis Sakoda (Peru); new—Dr. Horacio Akiyoshi (Argentina); Enrique Yara (Peru), exec. sec.; George Kondo (U.S.), deputy sec.

PANA president Carlos Kasuga of Mexico City, a leading figure in Mexico's fishing industry, said in his closing remarks,

"We've manifested the aspirations and achievements expressed at the Mexico City conference two years ago.... (And noting the shock of a PANA delegate being hospitalized for heart attack), this PANA conference was worth it for it saved one man's life. We must continue to work together (sembremos ahora!), I even gave a tie to my friend who needed it (a reference to a speaker who was called at the last minute to address the cosmopolitan audience and wanted to look properly attired)... It's been beautiful throughout... We are all old friends; we are all Nikkei."

In his opening remarks Friday, Kasuga lyrically noted the presence of representatives from 10 nations: (registered numbers are in parentheses) Argentina (1), Bolivia (14), Brazil (30), Canada (11), Colombia (2), Dominican Republic (1), Mexico (8), United States (120), Uruguay (1), and Peru. He drew a musical staff on the chalk-board and drew some notes, explaining that PANA could be a symphony of nations, each instrument giving its best "though we are not the same in numbers". The analogy was referred to throughout the course of the PANA discussions by single delegates from their respective countries. Again, explained in Spanish, the manner of expression bore a melodious timbre.

Nihonjin Tie-In Sought

A senior member of the Peru Nikkeijin Kai, Emilio Kuroiwa asked PANA for more joint meetings with the separate Nihongo-conducted sessions to exchange opinions. Held concurrently, the Japanese meetings are not a part of PANA because of cultural obstacles stemming from the "Imin no ko" attitudes (a pejorative used by businessmen from Japan upon Nikkei) to which Nisei in the Latin American nations are most sensitive.

The Issei (some were naturalized citizens in their respective countries and spoke Spanish fluently) said they continue to support the Gakuen, often the only cultural font the Japanese have—in the absence of Buddhist institutions that have introduced "matsuri" and "odori" to the Canadian and U.S. scenes. (In Brazil, however, the Japones Festa in July featuring Obon dances, ikebana and mochitsuki opens with the pouring of water over the statue of Dizo Bosatsu—a Buddha figure.)

An unexpected request by the Issei assembled here was their call upon the Japanese government for the privilege of voting in Japanese elections—a kind of absentee ballot procedure.

New York architect George Shimamoto (a 1000 Club emeritus member), and Leo Hayashi, Los Angeles businessman, presented the U.S. views. Both are bilingual (Japanese-English) U.S. citizens.

Unlike the PANA-1 conference where the Hinomaru flag was absent from the stage bedecked with flags of North and South American nations, the plenary PANA-2 session displayed the red-white flags of Peru and Japan in the center of the amphitheater stage.

PANA Directors Back JACL in Redress

A handful of resolutions were discussed and adopted by the PANA board. Of special interest to JACLers was PANA's support of JACL's redress campaign. "PANA, representing over 2 million Nikkei of eleven member nations support the U.S. Nikkei and JACL in their efforts to obtain from the President and the U.S. Congress ... redress," the resolution concluded.

PANA delegates also expressed support for Nikkei in Canada now pushing for redress, though no resolution was submitted for action.

A fundamental resolution was the ratification of the PANA constitution. An amendment respecting "communications with Japan" was proposed and if PANA directors of member nations have no further comment within 45 days, official and civic groups in Japan would be informed that PANA's efforts and integrity should not be construed as favoring or opposing Japan. (There are several points to be clarified here—as the official text now being prepared will indicate.)

While everyone was aware of the economic difficulties facing Brazil, the Brazilian representative expressed his hope PANA-3 would meet in Sao Paulo in 1985. If not, Argentine delegate said his group would like to host it.

Adapting a Japanese holiday—Keiro no Hi (Respect for the Aged Day) to be observed by PANA in the fall, it was urged the 2nd Sunday of September be observed in respect for the aged in the community. This was introduced by Kubokawa and Kondo.

Conference Cameos and Clatter

If "Japanese time" is supposed to be a cover for being late, then add another 30 minutes for "Peruvian time" as the sessions seldom started as per schedule. But vacationers can't be expected to show for business meetings on the dot, either — except for catching the tour bus, train or plane ...

The spelling of Japanese names and words Spanish-style can be baffling till you catch on: Fujinkay—Fujinkai, Yda-Ida, Maruy-Marui, Yagui-Yagi. More recently introduced words, such as Nikkei, conform to the easily recognizable style observed in North America, however.

Simultaneous translation service of Spanish and English was provided throughout plenary sessions and workshop panels. Among the few from the U.S. delegation catching both sides without use of the service included

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Matsunaga message to PANA read

LIMA, Peru—U.S. Sen. Spark Matsunaga's message to the 2nd PANA convention here was read by Esther Lee, staff assistant to the Hawaiian Democrat in Washington, during the opening session July 15. It turned out to be the only greetings from a U.S. government official.

Noting that Nikkei communities throughout North and South America had contributed to the multi-cultural richness in their respective countries, he expressed optimism that conference participants "may yet prove by example that regardless of differences in political faith and loyalty to different countries, people can find common interests and understanding to live and love among one another in one world". #

Over 100 JACLers attend PANA conference

SAN FRANCISCO—Led by National JACL President Floyd Shimomura, a contingent of 116 JACLers, relatives and friends attended the 2nd Pan American Nikkei Association convention in Lima, Peru, July 14-17. Here is the passenger list:

Passenger List—Nat'l JACL

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Canadian Issei delegate succumbs in Lima

PALO ALTO, Ca.—Word reached Chuck Kubokawa this past week that the Canadian Issei delegate to the PANA Convention, Mr. Kawashiri of Toronto, had succumbed Monday, July 18, following a heart attack in Lima. His daughter from Toronto and George Imai, PANA director in Canada, accompanied the body home.

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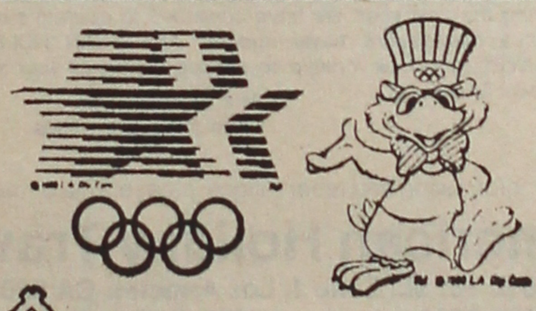

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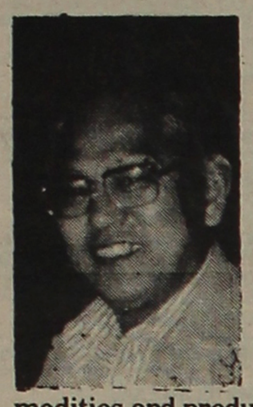

U.S.-Japan Trade Relations

Tokyo

"Free trade" is a term that has been bandied about for some time by economists, bureaucrats/politicians and the media. In the Adam Smith sense, if there were absolutely no restrictions on trade by all countries, it would mean that the commodities and products of the most cost-effective nations would gain the lion's share of the markets. Marginal producers would be relegated to marginal existence.

But "free trade" to bureaucrats and politicians have more restricted meanings. Every country has vested interests, composed of his own producers. When not competitive with foreign producers, local groups seek restrictions on free trade for their benefit. This places the politicians in an awkward position because democratic governments need to heed their popular constituencies. They demand that other nations open up their markets by removing restrictions, which they too had placed in order to satisfy their own voting public. This has led to the proliferation of protective tariffs, preferential treatments, quotas, subsidies (domestic measures, even in EC and USSR) and other protective and restrictive programs to aid home producers, be they inefficient or cost-ineffective. Such is the worldwide "free trade" of today, with GATT seeking to reduce these barriers.

As for the media, on one hand, we have propagandists, lobbyists and sensationalists whose views are clouded with preconditioned ideas, while on the other hand, we have genuine reporters who write factual pieces based on firsthand or reliable information. In between, the media is represented by feature specialists, commentators, columnists and enterprising individualists, who use factual information selectively to support their thesis. Editors generally fall into this classification and they rely heavily on their background and experience to produce their reasoned opinions.

Some of the current U.S.-Japan trade frictions can be minimized by recognizing that much of the varied opinions aired by the respective governments and the media arise out of their garbled definitions of "free trade". The only true "free traders" may be found in underdeveloped countries or among the tribes and provincial people who barter their livestock and produce for other goods.

In the past, international trade moved quite smoothly during the era when a few industrialized nations bought (some say exploited) raw materials from underdeveloped nations and gave them finished products in return. But as more and more nations decided that they needed to industrialize to earn a share of the manufacturing profits, the frictions began to appear.

Today, there is overproduction in steel, in automobiles, in certain grain products, in electrical goods and other manufactured products because more nations are producing them. This overproduction may be (ethically speaking) underconsumption in that the nations that may want to use these goods are unable to buy.

Producers do not want to give steel, autos, wheat or TVs unless they get something in return. Enters the need for economic aid to the underdeveloped countries and the massive loans to developing nations to help them pay for their imports. The $64 question is how can these debtors pay for their indebtedness when even the relatively prosperous countries like the U.S. and Japan cannot balance their national budgets without deficit financing?

Only on a government-to-government basis, with each nation taking an overall view, to include the mutual understanding of each other's vested interests, can a reasonable agreement be reached.

The danger lies in allowing emotionalism, as fomented by lobby groups of both countries and abetted by some sector of the media, to distort the politico-economic deliberations. Just as the media helped to create the hysteria leading to the evacuation, today's media can build up the hysteria to further snarl the trade relations.

Simplistically, the issue of U.S.-Japan trade relations is not one of "free trade" but of how "free trade" can be equitably controlled to the satisfaction of both nations. While the U.S. may insist that 50 percent of the Japanese autos be of local content, how can Japan insist that 50 percent of California or Florida citrus, Washington cherries, Virginia tobacco, Kansas wheat or Midwestern beef be of Japanese local content?

Negotiations need to be conducted on a "give and take" basis, with full consideration and publicity given also to the balances of "invisible trade", which currently favor the U.S. by a wide margin. The wise decisions to be reached by the Japan-U.S. Trade Subcommittee will depend on mutual knowledge and awareness of each other's problems, not colored by emotional hysteria, a la Detroit. #

PANA

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the Latin American JACLers (Luis Yamakawa, Consuelo Morinaga, Martha Tamashiro), Peruano Nisei going home for a visit (Carlos and Violeta Beppu, Luis Chinen, and Juan Kudo—more about this man later) and Frank Kasama's wife Mary who majored in Spanish languages and literature ... Several Nisei who work or deal with Mexicans back home, such as Denver's James Imatani, Watsonville's Frank Sakata and Fresno's Fred Hirasuna, San Diego's Cecilia Tanabe, Selanoco's John Nishizu and Sequoia's John Enomoto, probably sealed the best deals shopping with vendors in Lima/Cuzco/Iquitos/Nazca — those places where delegates visited before and after PANA ...

Juan Kudo, with the Calif. Franchise Tax Board at Sacramento, was returning to Lima for the first time since he and his family were evacuated from Peru during WW2. A friend had read about PANA in the PC and gave it to Juan — who signed up with the PSWDC group. Schoolmates from Hoshi Gakuen where they attended in the late '30s and early '40s gathered for lunch at the Lima Sheraton. They included Juan Higashionna, Victor Makino, Yosio Nakasone, Fernando Sakata. At week's end, their conversations had become spirited but picking up the thread the first day after no contact spanning 40 years is a reunion rare. (Equally rare was the 1967 visit with my childhood friend Tsutomu Kashimoto in Kyoto I had not seen in about 30 years—having lost all contact because of war. We immediately recognized each other, even though I wasn't the skinny-looking kid on the block any longer.)

As the hotel guide for tourists noted, if you have only a limited time, the Amano Museum in the suburban Miraflores district of Lima "is the museum to visit"—and that we did while on a separate city tour coordinated by L.A. Travel Guild's Martha Tamashiro ... Amano, who died this past year, had made his fame first by collecting and preserving the fragile Inca textiles. Other artifacts, Inca (to 1532 AD) and pre-Inca (500 BC to 1400 AD), were added to focus on the art and talent of people who inhabited the central Andean regions ... As a personality, Yoshitaro Amano, is believed to be the first Nihonjin to visit Macchu Picchu (1931), having come to Peru only three years earlier ... He was among the 2,500 Japanese picked up during World War II, detained in the U.S. and then among the few to repatriate on the Gripsholm to Japan, where he stayed until 1951. (Nearby is the non-Spanish colonial looking church built by the Maryknoll Fathers, who run an educational complex there. Several ears in the bus perked up on hearing the tour guide mention Maryknoll, too.)

PANA also paid recognition to the contributions of Amano and the late Victor Tateishi, Peru's first Nisei attorney, by introducing their widows at the opening session and reciting some of the achievements ... The Peruanos, and the PANA Nikkei, have a right to be proud. Tateishi's efforts before and during WW2, his challenging of the alien land law and having it amended so that Estadio La Union could be built 30 years ago, reminded many oldtime JACLers of the late Saburo Kido, JACL's wartime national president.

Miss Nikkei International (Eliana Nomura, 19, of Sao Paulo), crowned only a week earlier, and Mme. Clementina de Iida, president of the Peruvian Japanese Fujinkai, were the two women among eight men seated on stage during the general sessions ... The 27 voices of the Peruvian Nisei Chorus opened the conference by rendering the Peruvian national anthem. They returned at the closing session with Japanese and Peruvian selections. But the best song of all (if you are still reading me) was "Hotaru no Hikari" (to the tune of Auld Lang Syne) the entire audience sang at the close with delegates clasping hands with each other as a gesture of friendship and unity. (Not knowing the lyrics in Nihongo, we hummed along.) #

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