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LEADERSHIP PROGRAM—Sen. Daniel Inouye is surrounded by participants in National JACL's first Washington Leadership Program visiting his Senate office. They are (from left): front—Stan Shikuma, Laurie Noda, B.J. Watanabe, Judy Niizawa, David Nakayama; back—Lon Hatamiya, John Nakahata, Sen. Inouye, Gene Sekiya, and Randy Fujimoto.

1st legislative hearing on redress held in Senate

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)
WASHINGTON—Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-Iowa), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure, conducted this past week (July 27) the first congressional public hearing on the report and recommendations of the Commission on War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

Witness list at the hearing included a broad spectrum of testimony:

Joan Bernstein, former chair of the Commission, accompanied by CWRIC special counsel Angus Macbeth.

Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Cal.), author and principal sponsor of S. 1520 (the WW2 Civil Liberties Violations Redress Act), a bill which seeks redress for WW2 internment.

Highlights of testimony presented by Joan Z. Bernstein and John Tateishi July 27 before the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on the CWRIC report and recommendations will appear in the Aug. 12 PC.—Ed.

Rep. Daniel Lungren (R-42nd Cal.), former vice-chair of the Commission and minority advocate relating to CWRIC position on compensation.

Lillian Baker of Gardena, Ca., longtime opponent of redress.

Dr. Ken Masugi, Claremont, Ca., an opponent of redress.

John Tateishi, JACL National Redress Director.

Subcommittee hearing began at 10 a.m. and lasted approximately three hours. Witnesses gave opening statements and were questioned by Grassley, the only committee member present.

It was indicated that the subcommittee had received negative criticism of the CWRIC report and the line of questioning to Bernstein reflected this.

Accuracy Questioned

The tenor of the hearing, according to JACL reaction, indicated questioning on the part of the subcommittee focused on the historical accuracy and validity of the CWRIC findings and conclusion. While many anticipated the hearings would direct its attention on the issue of compensation and remedies, Grassley asked questions surrounding the factual information on evacuation. It was evident that the matter of the CWRIC Report had not fully settled.

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as reflected in the types of questions asked of Bernstein and Macbeth. They were asked to substantiate the numbers affected by the mass exclusion and detention.

There was noticeable interest in the arrival of Sen. Cranston to the hearing room. In presenting his rationale for introducing legislation to seek redress for Japanese Americans, he said,

"As Senator from California, I'm naturally concerned because 70 percent of the people affected by this legislation now reside in California. But my personal involvement in seeking justice for these Americans of Japanese descent dates back to the very beginning... (when he was assigned shortly after Pearl Harbor to the Office of War Information and working with Eleanor Roosevelt, Archibald MacLeish, then head of the Library of Congress, and Attorney General Francis Biddle) in trying to dissuade President Roosevelt from forcefully evacuating American citizens and legal residents of Japanese descent from their homes on the West Coast and interning them in so-called relocation camps."

Recalling visits he made in two of the camps, "I spent my time round-the-clock inside barbed wire fences talking to internees, many of whom were boyhood friends from Los Altos. These were people with whom I had learned the Pledge of Allegiance, the Star Spangled Banner, and America the Beautiful. Their loyalty to this nation was unquestionable."

Other unforgettable impressions included his seeing "American Ni-

sei soldiers, home on furlough and clad in uniform, wandering around inside the fenced-in camp".

"I've always believed that our government's action violated the very ideals for which our Nation stands and for which it fought so dearly in World War II. This action was never justified by military necessity. And it was never imposed on Americans of Italian or German descent."

Why 'No Amount' Specified

His bill, with Sen. Edward "Ted" Kennedy (of Mass.) as co-author, "attempts to recognize these grave wrongs and to redress the injustice to these Americans of Japanese and Aleut ancestry removed by our government from their homes and interned," Cranston continued.

"While our bill doesn't specify an exact sum (as was recommended by the CWRIC), it is consistent with the Commission's recommendations and is designed to carry out these recommendations. We did not specify amounts because we did not want this entire process to turn into a debate over an amount of money."

"Many of these individuals, but not all, lost many times the amounts the Commission has proposed (\$20,000). And all suffered the same basic injustice and affront to their civil liberties. How can that be measured in money?"

"Of course, it can't. Monetary compensation here is a symbolic effort to provide redress."

"But a substantial individual payment is an essential element of

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Currieo irks Cal. Nisei VFW posts

GARDENA, Ca. — Fourteen California Nisei VFW Posts met here July 22 and unanimously protested the recent statements made by the Commander-in-Chief James R. Currieo. A resolution to demand the retraction and apology of his statements regarding the "no apology and no reparation" to the West

Coast Japanese Americans relocated from their homes in the early days of World War II, was drafted and sent to proper authorities.

Over 40 irate Nisei VFW members representing 14 Nisei VFW posts, met spontaneously to express their aversion to the National VFW press release entitled "Never

Reparation for West Coast Japanese Americans".

While nearly all of the individual posts have written to the Commander-in-Chief expressing their displeasure soon after the release of the statement was publicized, this was a joint effort to display their stand and to represent the feelings of over 3,000 Nisei veterans.

Frank Oshita of Sacramento is chairman of the special committee; Hiroshi Tadakuma, Gardena, secretary.

Action Paper

The resolution, actually an eight-point "action paper", called for each Nisei VFW post to voice strong objection to the Currieo statement (and nearly all have complied, according to Jack Nagano, publicist for the special committee) and demanding it be retracted, setting up a "face-to-face" meeting with Currieo with a select group from the Nisei posts, working through California Dept. Commander Earl Gunnels, Jr., to have the Currieo resolution withdrawn from the National VFW Convention agenda, and "remain as a body to affirm that justice and liberty for all Americans shall prevail". #

Lowry bill co-sponsors now 41

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

SEATTLE, Wa.—The number of co-sponsors to Rep. Mike Lowry's redress bill (HR 3387: WW2 Civil Liberties Violation Redress Act) has increased to 41 this past week. Among the original 24 co-signers was Rep. Norman Mineta (D-13th Ca.), when the legislation was introduced June 22 (see July 1PC).

The Lowry bill seeks compensation as recommended by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians: \$20,000 payment to survivors, etc. The latest seven are: Don Edwards (D-10th Ca), George Crockett (D-13th Mich.), Lane Evans (D-17th Ill.), Dale Kildee (D-7th Mich.), James Jefford (D-Vt.), Richard Lehman (D-18th Ca.), Robert Toricelli (D-9th NJ). The current list of co-sponsors are:

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| Lowry (D-7th WA) | Edwards (D-10th CA) | Lehman (D-18th CA) | Rangel (D-16th NY) |
| Ackerman (D-7th NY) | Evans (D-17th IL) | Leland (D-18th TX) | Roe (D-7th NJ) |
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| Crockett (D-13th MI) | Frank (D-4th MA) | Moody (D-5th WI) | Toricelli (D-9th NJ) |
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| Dixon (D-28th CA) | Jefford (D-VT) | Ottiner (D-20th NY) | Waxman (D-24th CA) |
| Dymally (D-31st CA) | Kildee (D-7th MI) | Owens (D-12th NY) | Wilson (D-2nd TX) |
| Edgar (D-7th PA) | Lehman (D-17th FL) | | |

San Francisco pays first reparations pay to evacuee

SAN FRANCISCO—The City and County of San Francisco made the first reparations payment July 9 for salary losses due to wartime internment to the former head gardener at S.F. General Hospital.

George E. Tanaka of San Carlos received an unexpected present for his 82nd birthday, a check for \$4,062.50.

On Jan. 24, Mayor Dianne Feinstein signed an ordinance granting reparations for salary losses to city and county employees of Japanese ancestry who were relocated by the U.S. government during World War II.

Under the terms of the ordinance, former Japanese American employees of the city and county can file claims with the Civil Service Commission for salaries lost during the relocation and internment period.

Claims validated by the commission must then be approved by the Board of Supervisors before the controller may issue a warrant for reparations payment of up to \$1,250 a year for the four-year wartime period.

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Reagan due in Japan Nov. 9

WASHINGTON—President Ronald Reagan will arrive in Japan on Nov. 9 during his planned Asian tour, according to diplomatic sources here.

The U.S. government was sending an advance party around the end of July to Japan and the other countries Reagan will visit during the tour, with Michael K. Deaver, deputy assistant to the President in charge.

Deaver was assigned to the job because of his experience; he accompanied Reagan to Japan in 1972, when Reagan was governor of California. #

Presbyterian gen. assembly backs redress

ATLANTA, Ga.—The Presbyterian Church (USA), at its 195th General Assembly June 7-15, reaffirmed its support of Japanese American redress, commended the comprehensive report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians and urged the Congress to study processes which would guarantee "that no grave injustice be done to racial/ethnic persons in the United States or to their human rights in the future".

The occasion was further marked by the historic merger of the two Presbyterian church bodies (separated during the Civil War) at this Assembly.

The Japanese American redress issue was spearheaded in 1980 by the Rev. Kiyoji Buma of the General Assembly Mission Council, New York, which urged the U.S. Congress address the issue of justice and to consider appropriate remedies.

Its Council on Church and Race also recommended support of the redress issue as the 194th General Assembly (1982) adopted resolutions urging congregations and members of the United Presbyterian Church to become familiar with the issue and express their support to Congress "for national acknowledgment of the wrongs done and national commitment to redress those wrongs". #

Lutheran Church Council supports reparation pay

NEW YORK—The Executive Council of the Lutheran Church in America when it convened here June 30 to July 2, endorsed the payment of reparations to Japanese Americans who were wartime internees.

Referring to the recent CWRIC recommendations and to the redress bills submitted to the Senate and the House of Representatives last month, the council stated, in part:

"The wartime removal and internment of American citizens of Japanese descent... and of resident Japanese aliens was a monumental act of injustice, a contradiction of the very liberty in defense of which World War II was waged.

"It represented a denial both of fundamental human rights and of legal rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution. This removal and internment was the result of an unhappy combination of wartime hysteria, racism, and a failure of political leadership. It was one of many shameful instances throughout American history of injustice perpetrated on ethnic groups by deliberate government policy."

The Lutheran Church council further recommended that Lutheran congregations remember the internment "in appropriate ways," and that the Bishop of the Church write to congressional leaders requesting (1) a public apology to victims of the internment and their descendants, (2) the establishment of an educational foundation to make the relocation better known and better understood, and (3) payment of reparations to Nikkei who were relocated or interned.

Reparations had already been supported by the Pacific Southwest Synod of the Lutheran Church and, prior to that, by the Asian Caucus of the Lutheran Church. Following those two endorsements, the issue was then raised at the Church's national convention held in Louisville, Ky., last year.

Representatives of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRP) brought the issue to their attention at conventions and conferring with Church leaders.

Redress supporters within the Church included Bishop Stanley Olson, Kathleen Hurky, and Robert Brorby of the Pacific Southwest Synod and Charles Matsumoto of Indiana. Also instrumental in the Church's approval of redress was the Rev. Paul Nakamura, pastor, Lutheran Oriental Church, Torrance, Ca. #

—J.K. Yamamoto

People in the News

Family 'roots' inspire Maryknoll Sister to Peru

LOS ANGELES—Sister Joanne Doi, the first graduate of the Maryknoll School at St. Francis Xavier parish to enter the Maryknoll Sisters, will take with her "roots" from a Japanese American family when she leaves for Peru on her initial mission assignment in September.

The daughter of Vincent/Agnes Doi will take with her first-hand experience and insight into the meaning of cross-cultural ministry.

The Doi family, returning to St. Francis Xavier in 1949, following World War II, have sent all their five children through Maryknoll and have been active in parish life. Vincent Doi attended the Catholic school when it opened in the early 1920s and was an altar boy.

Sister Joanne realized her desire to be a missionary after attending a ten-day "Intercultural Dialogue on Development" in Cuernavaca, Mexico. "It was the first time I had been around the poor and I got a lot of life from the people there."

"I saw the Church alive and involved with the people's struggles," the 1979 UC Davis graduate said. "Being there made me realize that I, too, was brought up cross-culturally... that as both Japanese and American, cross-cultural ministry was a natural part of my being."

In Peru, Sister Doi hopes to work with basic Christian communities after studying Spanish in Lima for six months. Being part of the Maryknoll community in Ossining, N.Y., for the past two years, Sister said, "helped me to find the importance of life in community, and that dealing with death and fear are part of what 'mission' means today."

Maryknoll Sisters work in 24 countries, including nine in Latin America. In many instances, they face opposition to their educational and pastoral work from repressive regimes.

The role of a missionary, Sister Doi noted, "has changed greatly. You don't go as a 'know-it-all,' but as a person willing to learn, and willing to discover something that's already within the people there."

"It means being ready for lots of changes, and knowing that faith and a deep prayer life are needed to make sense of all that's happening."

"Our motivation is always the gospel and to serve and walk with the poor. In certain situations, we may be seen as collaborating with people with different ideologies, but it's definitely never a black or white issue... you simply have to work together with friends and enemies alike," Sister Doi said.

Sen. Matsunaga co-sponsors \$15 million bill for child care service in public schools

WASHINGTON—Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) joined Sens. Donald Riegle (D-Michigan) and Claiborne Pell (D-Rhode

Island) to introduce legislation providing the states with \$15 million to establish and operate child care services in public schools.

The Japanese American lawmaker said, "In my state, fully 50 percent of children, ages 5 to 12, live with parents who work. Certainly some of these youngsters are part of the 6 million nationwide, commonly referred to as "latchkey children"—those 6 to 13 years old who are without adequate adult supervision during school vacations and before and after school."

"The bill we are sponsoring will provide funding during fiscal year 1984, and in subsequent years, to public agencies and non-profit organizations to augment the already scarce and frequently overcrowded day care facilities."

"This is especially important to families with limited financial resources who often are unable to find subsidized care for their children during working hours," Matsunaga said.

● Award

Phillip Nakashima, son of Dr. and Mrs. William Nakashima of Yuba City, received a \$1,000 award from PG&E scholarship program; a \$1,000 Bank of America Science Award and an award from the Japanese American Citizens League. Having served as valedictorian during Yuba City High School's 60th commencement exercises, Nakashima now plans to attend Stanford in the fall.

● Government

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has confirmed Councilman Mas Fukai of Gardena as Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's alternate on the county Transportation Commission.

● Military

Gilbert Ben Inouye, 18, son of Ben/Ruby Inouye of Elk Grove, Ca., was nominated by Rep. Robert Matsui (D-3rd Ca.) and has been accepted to enter the U.S. Military Academy at West Point this summer.

Deaths

Dr. George Tamaki, 52, USDA research entomologist at Yakima, Wa., died July 10 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. (His achievements were related the same week in the July 15 PC.) He is survived by w Mildred (Higa), s Blaine, d Dawn, m Yoshino (Berkeley), br Joe, sis Mary Murakami, Lily Noguchi (both of Bethesda, Md.) and Ami Doi (Moss Beach, Ca.)

'Mariko' expresses plea for peace in talks while in Japan

TOKYO—Because she is one of the tragic victims of the war between Japan and the United States, Mariko Terasaki Miller, who is part Japanese, part American, expressed thankfulness on arriving

ISU ROTC clerk wins employee award

POCATELLO, Idaho—Sumi Kanomata, a 17-year employee in the Idaho State University, Department of Military Science, received a Sustained Superior Performance Award "for exceptional performance of duty as the military personnel clerk for the Idaho State University Military Science Department."

A cash award of \$1,000 accompanied a certificate signed by Brig. Gen. Robert Wagner, commanding general of the Fourth ROTC.

Talking camera

TOKYO—Minolta Camera has unveiled its new AF-SV "Talkman" 35mm camera that features audible instructions on film loading and other operations in Japanese or English. It also advises when to use flash and when to refocus.

here recently over the friendly relations which now exist between the two countries.

In addresses and interviews she is giving during her brief visit, she is expressing an emphatic plea for peace in the world.

Her first appearances July 11 were in a TV interview by NHK, and in a talk delivered under the sponsorship of the Japan-American Society.

Known in Japan merely as "Mariko", which is the title of a book by Kunio Yanagida chronicling her life and that of her parents, she won nationwide fame in 1981 when the story was dramatized and broadcast as a three-hour documentary drama by NHK.

The story related, among other things, how her name was used as a code word for "Japanese American relations", in important dispatches between the Foreign Office and the Japanese Embassy in Washington shortly before war broke out.

Mariko's father, a diplomat, was striving to prevent war between the two countries.

Her mother, Gwen Terasaki, is the author of the best-seller, "Bridge to the Sun." According to

Mariko she is well, but has had to slow down.

In her talks here she is calling on all, especially women, to do their utmost to keep governments, politicians and military people from plunging the world into another catastrophe.

She has brought an abundance of "senba-zuru"—tiny, vari-colored folded paper cranes—which she taught American children to fold. She is taking these to Futaba Primary School which she attended to ask that the cranes be strung and displayed in Hiroshima Memorial Hall in August.

Her present visit is the result of an invitation from the Tokyo Junior Chamber of Commerce.

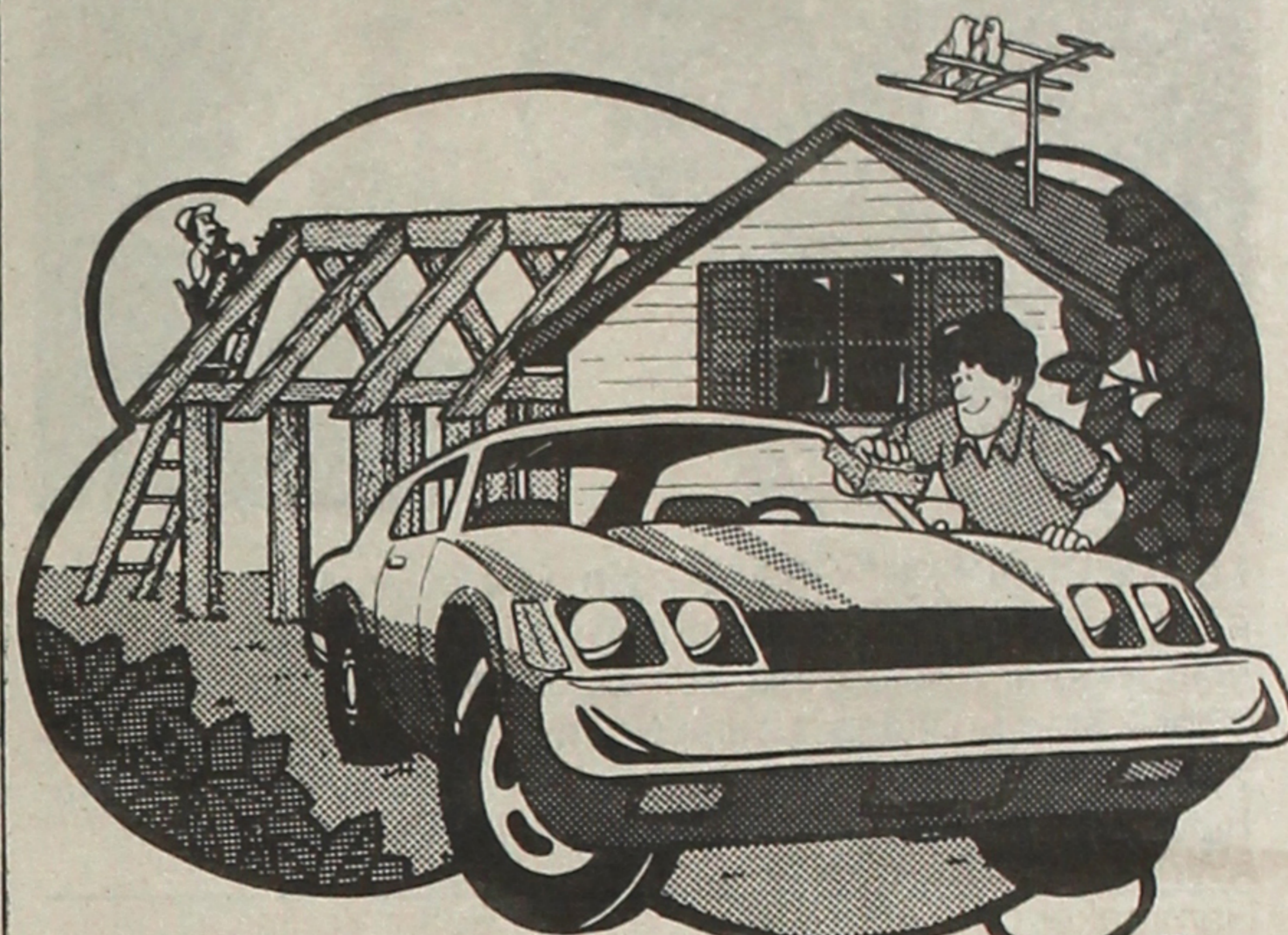
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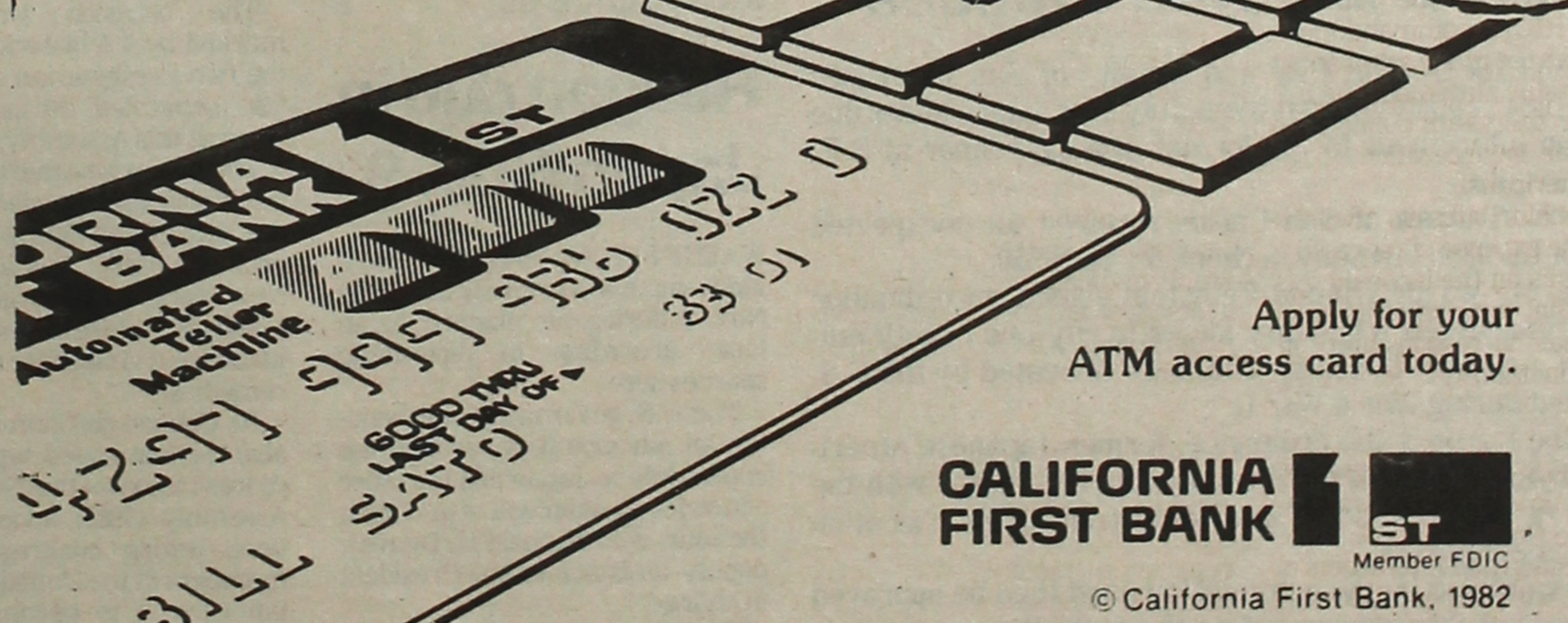
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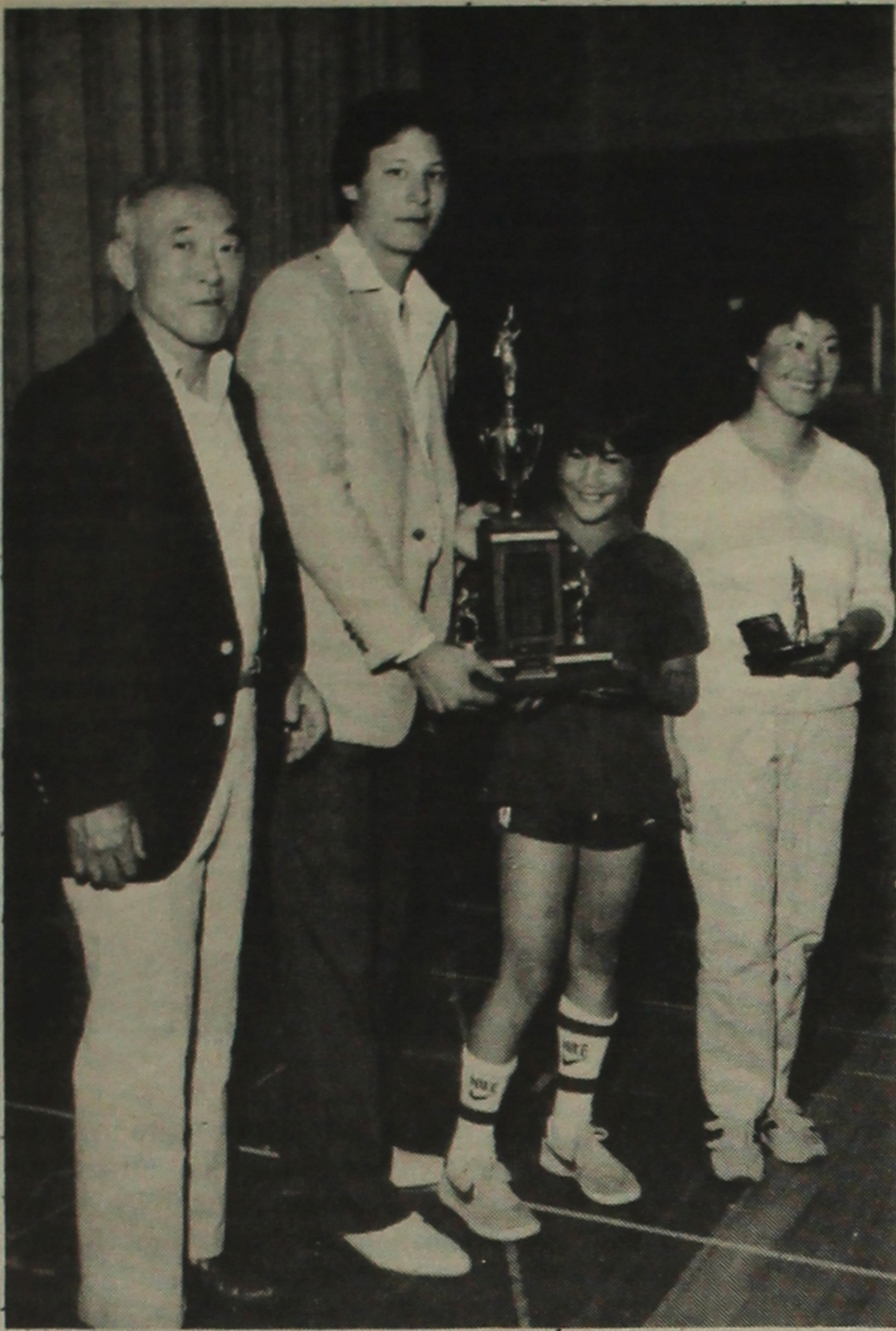


Photo by George Kagawa

AWARDS CEREMONY—San Francisco Giants pitcher Atlee Hammaker (2nd from left) at Berkeley Bears Youth Organization's annual awards banquet held at Jefferson School. Min Sano (l) in whose honor the group's Min Sano Trophy was made, went to Jeff Kataoka, as his mother Julie Kataoka (r) witnesses event.

California Young Democrats endorse payments for internees

LOS ANGELES—The Young Democrats, a junior auxiliary of the Democratic National Committee, passed a resolution supporting the Aleuts and Japanese American legislative drive for redress and reparations for unjust treatment by the U.S. government during World War II.

According to Joyce Jinde, a member of the Civic Center Young Democrats who helped bring the issue before the organization at its recent California convention, the nationwide group is made up of Democrats ranging in age from 14 to 36. The YDs are an official part of the Democratic Party structure. The California chapter that passed the redress resolution has a reported 3,000 members.

The Young Democrats' resolution in part, declares:

"Resolved by the California Young Democrats, that this federal legislative drive be supported and encouraged so that the unconstitutional acts of our American past will be corrected, and that persons of Japanese and Aleutian ancestry will be redressed for any and all damages incurred as a result of Executive Order 9066."

• KEEPING TRACK . . .

Here are more samplings of opinions of the CWRIC recommendations as reported in the nation's presses. Readers are encouraged to turn in clippings, editorials or letters in print to the PC in the future.

Replying to Hayakawa is Dr. Clifford Uyeda, former National JACL president and PC Board Chair:

"Former Senator S.I. Hayakawa's response to the Commission's (CWRIC) recommendations is in line with the many astonishing and regrettable statements he has made over the years concerning the wartime incarceration of Japanese Americans.

"The Senator submits that the task and the expense of redressing injustice falls on the innocent victims and that the perpetrators of injustice has no responsibility or any accountability for their actions."

Former U.S. Sen. S.I. Hayakawa responded to the recommendations of the Commission on War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians with the following statement:

"I do not agree with the decision for monetary redress for the war-time relocation of Japanese Ame-

ricans. I think there are many Japanese Americans who experienced the relocation who have all along not agreed with the demand for money as redress. An official national apology for the old injustice, such as is recommended by the commission, is in order, however, even at this late date.

"Many I know feel that the keenest hurt experienced by Japanese American in the war years was the doubt that many other Americans felt about their loyalty and patriotism. But that doubt was effectively erased during the war by the heroic actions of the 442nd in Europe and of Japanese American soldiers in the Pacific Theater.

"Furthermore, the successes Japanese Americans have enjoyed in business, education, the professions and in politics have amply demonstrated the esteem in which they are held by their fellow Americans. All this is redress enough!!

Judy Cowing writes in the San Jose Mercury News (July 2): "I can't understand the protests against paying American citizens reparation—money for being wrongly imprisoned. Regardless that they were of Japanese nationality, they were Americans wrongly accused. Their treatment during WWII, by a nation such as ours,

EMPLOYEE

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The Japanese American Citizens League has been trying to identify and contact all those with Japanese surnames who were on the Civil Service list at the time the war broke out.

Tanaka was the first claim to be verified and approved because his application was one of the first filed and because his records were complete and in good order, according to Connie Suez, the person in charge of researching the claims.

In a letter accompanying the check sent to Tanaka, Supervisor Quentin Kopp wrote:

"I am sorry that I am not able to present it to you personally. This small token of our collective appreciation of the loyalty and bravery of those who suffered this injustice is something I am very pleased to see finally coming to fruition.

"It in no way compensates you for the pain and loss suffered during those years at the hands of a country which, at that time, you loved more than it loved you.

"The years have doubtless healed the wounds somewhat, and I hope you can accept this gesture of ours.

"Warmest regards on your birthday!"

Tanaka and his wife, Hatsumi, have lived in San Carlos for 22 years. They have two daughters, Georgia Tanaka and Jeanne Tanaka Garcia.

Talking about the recent recommendation of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians to pay reparations to some 60,000 survivors of the internment, Tanaka said, "Regardless of the amount, it's good that the issue was brought up."

He added that he hopes to be around to see the settlement of the commission's recommendations. #

Central Cal APW scholarships open

FRESNO, Ca.—For the fourth year in a row, the Central California Asian Pacific Women offers substantial scholarships to Asian women who wish to pursue 1983-84 academic or vocational training programs.

Applicants must be students residing within the geographic area of Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kings, Kern, Mariposa, and Merced counties. Deadline is Aug. 19, 1983.

Interested persons may write to Jeanette Ishii, at 5721 N. First St., Fresno, CA 93710. #

Crime rate highest in 32 years: Japan

TOKYO—Spearheaded by a sharp surge in robberies and burglaries, criminal offenses in Japan last year rose 7.8% to register the highest level in 32 years, a Justice Ministry white paper noted. There were 172 cases of bank robbery last year, in contrast to 21 cases reported five years earlier. Thefts in 1981 had hit 1.26 million—a new high. Overall, 1.46 million criminal offenses were noted. #

that holds itself up to be civilized, was unforgivable. The issue here is treatment of American citizens and people within the U.S. during WWII, not the march in Bataan, not slavery, not racial prejudice.

Raymond L. Pinson, of Saratoga, Calif., in the San Jose News (June 29) says: "Rep. Norman Mineta (is) recommending a cash gift of \$20,000 to each person confined to camps during WWII. I'm sure he would not discriminate against the Armed Forces. He is supposed to represent all the people. I was paid about \$5,000 for my 43 months overseas. If Mineta does discriminate and only wants this money for himself and other Japanese Americans, then we should have a few answers. Does the \$20,000 go to draft age members who refused to go into military service? Does it include infants born in the camps and small children who can only remember they had their father home with them? Who pays for this? Does (sic.) the ex-serviceman? How about the citizens now grown who lost their fathers or grew up without them? Do they pay? Do the widows now on Social Security kick in a few dollars?"

Sally Wolcott, of San Marino, Calif., in the L.A. Times (July 2)

Testimonial set for Tad Hirota

SAN FRANCISCO—The MIS and the VFW Golden Gate Nisei Memorial Post 9879 will hold a testimonial dinner for Tad Hirota on Aug. 20, at the Treasure Island Navy Officers' Club.

Hirota, a prominent member of both organizations, has made major contributions for the welfare of the local Japanese American community over the years and was a past MIS president. #

Tacoma-Pierce Nikkei reunion, Aug. 12-14

TACOMA—A reunion of present and former Tacoma and Pierce county Japanese Americans will be held here, Aug. 12-14, with a busy schedule of outdoor events, memorial services at Buddhist and Methodist churches, social hours and tours of Mount Rainier and local highspots.

Dr. Ryo Munekata is Southern California reunion coordinator while Fusaye Fujii-Yoshida is Northern California (Bay Area) contact person. #

notes: "Surely all right-thinking citizens regret the unjust and unnecessary internment of our loyal West Coast Japanese American during WWII. At this time it would be impossible to evaluate and make reparations to all survivors who made a personal sacrifice during WWII, who, in turn, would be paying for any such reparations of compensation to others."

Yoshikazu Yamada, of Irvine, Calif., wrote to the L.A. Times (July 2): "It is incredible that McCloy, after more than 40 years, is still apparently incapable of distinguishing the Japanese from Japan who carried out the Pearl Harbor attack from the Japanese Americans who were residents here and were U.S. citizens. Yet it was this blindness or the complete disregard of this difference that caused the problem in the first place." During Yamada's overseas tour in the Philippines he found that "the boys from Oklahoma, Illinois and Texas with whom I worked, who protected me because I was always in danger of being killed by either side, knew the difference between a Japanese American and the Japanese enemy that they faced far better than the highly placed administrators in Washington."

Slight changes in locale mark Nisei Week's 43rd Festival

By JON TAKASUGI
(PC Summer Intern)

LOS ANGELES—The 43rd Annual Nisei Week Japanese Festival will be held on the week of Aug. 13—21 with over 40 community and cultural exhibits scheduled.

Major events planned for Nisei Week include the following:

The Prince and Princess Pageant, a personality contest for youngsters in three age groups, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6 at 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the LAPD auditorium.

The annual **Fashion Show Luncheon** will be held this year at noon on Sunday, Aug. 7 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

The Opening Ceremony will be on Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. in the recently-dedicated Japan America Theatre Plaza. A traditional Shinto ceremony of dedication and purification for the festival and its participants will take place. The ceremonial opening of sake taru and also a preview of the year's Ondo will be performed.

Saturday, Aug. 13, will be the date of the **Coronation Ball** where the 1983 Nisei Week Queen will be crowned and begin her reign over the 10-day festival.

And through the third week of August, ending Sunday, Aug. 21, over 40 cultural and community exhibits of Japanese arts and crafts will be held at various location in and around Little Tokyo. These include displays of bonsai, ikebana (flower arranging), calligraphy, tea ceremony (chanoyu), bankei (landscapes in sand), temari (colorful balls of entwined thread) and kumekomi (traditionally hand-crafted dolls).

The Samurai IV 5K Run throughout Little Tokyo will begin at the Japanese Village Plaza fire tower on Sunday, Aug. 14 at 8 a.m.

The **Grand Parade** will start at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 14 with New York shipping firm board chairman Kay Sugahara (he helped organize the first Nisei Week Festival in 1933) as this year's Nisei Week Grand Marshal and Japan movie star Toshiro Mifune as Parade Grand Marshal. The new parade route will proceed west from First Street and Central Avenue to Los Angeles Street, then two left turns will be made and the procession will continue east on Second Street back to Central and disband toward Third Street.

The **Golden Ballroom** of the New Otani Hotel will be the location of this year's **Awards Dinner**, Nisei Week's salute to outstanding people and places for their contributions to Little Tokyo and the Japanese community, on Monday, Aug. 15 at 6 p.m.

Again in the Golden Ballroom, at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 17, will be the **Pioneer Luncheon** to honor five Issei pioneers for their contributions.

The **Nisei Week Carnival** and also the **Street Arts Festival** will be on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 20 and 21. The carnival has been relocated to the 327 S. San Pedro St. parking lot (across from the JACC Plaza) and will last from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on both days. The Arts Festival which will display handmade arts and crafts by Nikkei will be set up at the JACCC Plaza.

Between 300 and 450 traditionally costumed dancers will participate in the **Ondo Street Dance** on San Pedro Street between Second and Third Streets on Sunday, Aug. 21 at 5 p.m., followed by the **Closing Ceremony**.

Free Festival calendar of events are currently available in Little Tokyo stores. #

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JACL Leadership Development . . .

On Recruiting New Leaders

The National JACL Leadership Program, recently concluded at Washington, D.C., proved to be a tremendous success. Despite the 90-degree weather, the week in Washington really opened a lot of our eyes as to how the political system works and how Japanese Americans and JACL can be an important part of this

process. Participants themselves are relating their experiences and how community, JACL and individuals can benefit from working with government. The first two accounts from Stanley Shikuma and Judy Niizawa appeared in this corner last week.
—David Nakayama, National JACL Youth Director.

By B.J. WATANABE
(New York JACL)

One week in Washington was exhausting: up at 6:30, in bed by 1 or 2 a.m., and in between an endless round of speakers, cab rides, discussions, tours, restaurant meals, meetings, and cocktails. And to think that I had brought along my running shoes and the Jane Fonda Workout book.

Even though JACL's Leadership Program was physically draining for me, in other ways it was a terrific shot-in-the-arm. The best part of the program for me was to meet and talk with so many Nikkei "movers and shakers": those

who make things happen at different levels and in different arenas. I think it's important that young people are exposed to accomplished Nikkei. That kind of interaction can be invaluable in encouraging Sansei to take more active roles in the organization as well as in the larger community. It can also be a much-needed way to teach young people the ingredients of an effective organization: lessons that, for me, seemed to get lost in the shuffle of endless board meetings, the Christmas bazaar, endless committee meetings, festivals, and other activities and issues.

There were a few strong messages to our group that seemed to be repeated throughout the week:

- **Get Involved!** Too few Japanese Americans are involved in any kind of political activity at any level. In order to have any kind of impact beyond the Nikkei/Asian community, we must know how to work the system. And, yes, one person can make a difference.

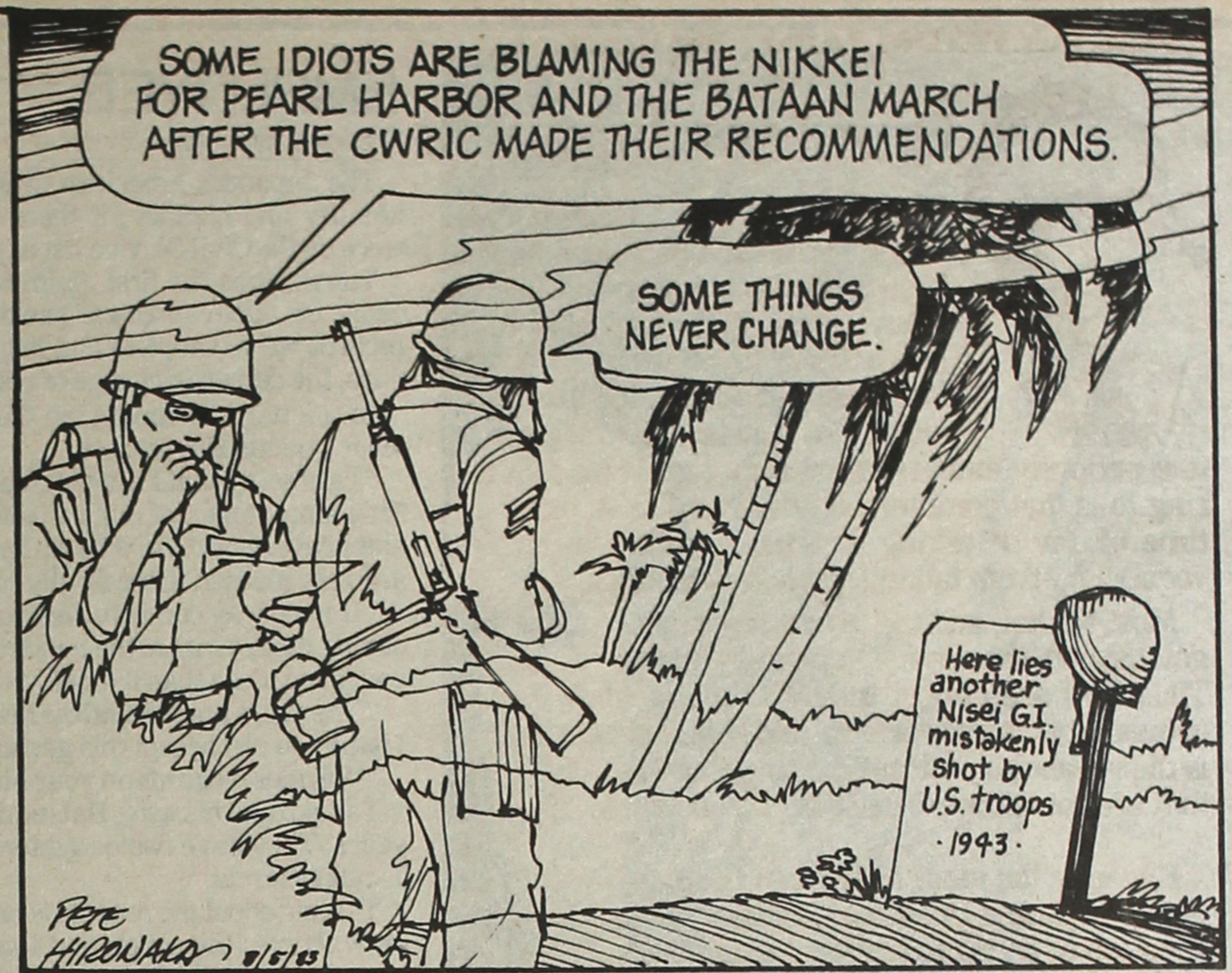
- **Network!** Contacts can make the difference between success and failure. We need to constantly widen our circle of acquaintances and learn to use this network. We heard countless examples of successful networking in Washington, where contacts are everything.

- **Build Your Team!** Although one person can make a difference, no one can do everything alone. It takes group effort to make things move. Recognize who the players are, and get them on your team.

- **Enjoy It!** The bottom line is: if it's not fun, don't do it. Life is too short to spend time on projects and people that you don't care for. Discover what you do enjoy and dig in.

Although the above may seem like "old hat" to many, for me it took on new meaning within the context of the Leadership Program. I've heard this advice often enough, but because of the week in Washington, I can better appreciate and utilize it, especially as it relates to JACL.

On my way home from Washington as I contemplated the week, I was shocked to find that the program had made a real impact on me. I came away with a sobering sense of responsibility to my community that gave me much food for thought during



the four-hour drive home. Where it will all lead I'm not sure. This program has sparked a new interest in politics, and I plan to get involved in some level of political activity. I also feel a stronger commitment to JACL and a

more positive outlook that I haven't felt in a while.

This is an important program for JACL. We need to start recruiting the people who will take leadership of this organization and work with

them over the years to insure a stronger, more effective JACL in the future. We may not see any results for a while, but like any major investment, we must keep nurturing it with the belief that in future years, we'll see our return. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



Retiring to Retirement

Philadelphia

BEYOND ONE'S EVERYDAY life, each of us harbors a dream goal of life, a Walter Mitty fantasy of "only if . . ." This writer's dream goal, fantasy, would be to own a newspaper in some mid-size town and, as a hobby, participate in archaeological digs for months at a time. And while we're dreaming, we might as well toss in the fantasy of being able to play the piano, simply well enough for one's own enjoyment while relaxing in the evenings. Ah, now, that would be the life. None of these have we even remotely realized. But that's life.

AND SO IT is that we've secretly envied the life of a fellow columnist in these pages, Bill Hosokawa of "Frying Pan" fame all these years. While I do not know the details of Bill's professional trail, from smattering of information gleaned over the years, we know that he's been in newspaper work practically all his life. He has been to far off places that many of us only read about, and has covered events as they were happening. And he has capped a fine career in his chosen field as one of the editors of the Denver Post, setting a highwater mark for others who might pursue journalism.

THIS BIT OF looking back is prompted by an item in this newspaper that this month Bill will be retiring from his post, having reached an age beyond 65 years. Life must have been most kind to Bill, or he met the inevitable travails with grace and equanimity, for he looks far younger than his ascribed years. Periodically, we have had occasion to see Bill—often at a JACL affair autographing one of his many books that he's written over the years. Most recently, we had occasion to see him in Denver a few weeks back when the Mt. Plains District Council met. It must be that Mile-Hi ozone: he looks the same as always.

WE'RE NOT QUITE sure what one does, or doesn't, do in retirement. As the years inexorably pass (all too quickly it seems) we've given it no serious thought, although we'll have to begin pondering the inevitable. In the case of Bill Hosokawa we cannot conceive of his retiring in idleness, particularly after the initial, brief period of having the luxury of getting out of bed at whatever hour he pleases on a weekday. Very shortly, his store of energy will undoubtedly prompt him to apply his journalistic abilities to some major project, such as a novel with Nikkei characters. The literary world could certainly use such a novel, and it may well be that Bill has just such a project in the back of his mind, ready to be unleashed at the opportune time.

FOR "EAST WIND" perhaps we just might try to pry our way into some newspaper as a cub reporter, take time off to dig for ancient artifacts in some exotic spot in the world, and try to peck on the keyboards for something beyond "Chopsticks." #

'A Different Light': Focus on Women

Are Women's Concerns Real or Perceived?

By YOSH NAKASHIMA

From a personal point of view, I don't believe that there is a significant problem for women within JACL.

Each person on this earth is responsible for its environment and circumstance, most of the time. Although our upbringing and culture may impose certain reservations and restrictions, each person does create their own life for the moment in time that we exist.

The perception that the top leadership of JACL is always male and precludes women is one of happenstance, not intent. Most persons in leadership roles are sensitive to the need for balance and seek it. There is no specific intent to fill committees based on any

discrimination no matter what the perception. The greatest problem within JACL is one of its strengths, that is the volunteers. There is no shortage of competent leadership for JACL, only their availability to serve the membership. If someone had the magic to bring forth the volunteers that we need at any given time, there would be a more cohesive organization and less financial problems.

If women are to play a greater role, as many seem to think that they don't, they need to be available. In our circle of friends, women are in leadership positions and do not require any specific effort, on our part, to have them participate. Too often in dis-

cussions about the traditional roles for men and women, the main point is lost and becomes tangential. I believe that given the normal course of events, things will work themselves out and no special effort is necessary to assure women a greater role in leadership for JACL.

The only real need for JACL concerning this subject is one of awareness for men. Many of the men within the organization definitely need to be made aware of their attitudes and behavior with and about women so as to effect a positive change for the benefit of all. #

Dr. Nakashima, San Francisco, is currently the NCWNP-DC governor.

Chiaroscuro:

Coram Nobis Needs Support

By JANE B. KAIHATSU
(Chicago JACL)

At the May Board of Directors meeting, the Chicago JACL voted to donate \$400 to the Committee to Reverse the Japanese American Wartime Cases. The committee is an Oakland, California-based group of attorneys and lay people volunteering their services to the legal rectification of the Korematsu, Hirabayashi and Yasui cases through the procedure of coram nobis.

There have been references to this group in previous PC articles as well as a column on the subject by President Floyd Shimomura (See May 20 PC).

As a lay person, "coram nobis" was a vague abstraction and I felt I needed a clearer understanding of it before going out and encouraging chapter members to support it as individuals. So I called and spoke with Ms. Lorrie Bannai (counsel with Minami, Tomine & Lew, an Oakland law firm active in the case work), who patiently explained the entire activities of the committee to me.

Dedication and Commitment

Through Ms. Bannai, I got a real sense of the spirit of dedication these mostly Sansei attorneys have and the professional sacrifice they are making. Equally strong is their commitment towards seeing this process to a successful conclusion. Therefore, I am more convinced than ever of the worthiness of this

effort and the need for all Japanese Americans, particularly JACLers, to support the committee's work.

Distance prevents Chicagoans (and other non-West Coast folks) from attending the fund-raising affairs plus the opportunity to meet and hear two of the plaintiffs, Korematsu and Hirabayashi. However the third plaintiff, Min Yasui, is a personality known to all JACLers. I dare say that remembering Min's enormous contributions to the JACL Redress Committee certainly inspired our chapter's action.

I should also mention that Chicago JACL merely followed in support of the Midwest District Council, which donated \$500 to the committee.

If they haven't already done so, I hope other chapters/districts will be moved to send some kind of contribution. No matter what our geographic location, all JACLers must realize the importance of this committee's endeavors. For these cases lie at the heart of the evacuation and consequently, the redress issue.

If the unconstitutionality of the evacuation is proven by the overturning of these cases, the position for redressing our tragedy will never be more clear.

Contributions can be sent to: Committee to Reverse the Japanese American Wartime Cases, 1322 Webster St., Oakland, CA 94612. #

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Business Japanese

Denver, Colo.

One reason the Japanese language is so difficult to master is that it has many levels of comprehension. This has nothing to do with the different forms used in addressing an equal, an inferior or a superior, which can lead to a seriously embarrassing faux pas. What I'm referring to is that common conversation, as in passing the time of day or asking directions, differs in form and vocabulary from talking business or politics.

Most Nikkei, and the great majority of Sansei, never got beyond the most elementary forms of Japanese. Thus they are almost totally at a loss when Japanese conversation turns serious. And this is because not only is the vocabulary unfamiliar, but there are fine nuances that are not apparent in a direct translation.

Recently the giant Mitsubishi Corp. published a compact "Japanese Business Glossary" that does a pretty good job of trying to bridge the Japanese-English comprehension gap. I'd like to share some of it with you in the interest of trans-Pacific understanding.

Take, for instance, the expression "Abura wo uru" That means "to sell oil", which has relevance in these days of energy shortages. But the glossary warns us that it has another meaning, which is to loaf on the job. That comes from ancient times when street vendors went around selling rapeseed oil for lanterns and didn't seem to be working very hard. Nowadays the term "abura wo uru" frequently is used to describe a businessman who slips out to pass time in a coffee shop.

"Chotto ippai", which means let's have a quick drink, is frequently heard at the end of a working day. But it isn't altogether an invitation to satisfy a thirst. "Chotto ippai", says the glossary, is an institution to lubricate human relations. Co-workers sit down to exchange information and opinions. When a boss suggests "chotto ippai", he may want to admonish a subordinate privately, or to sound out his suggestions and complaints.

"Dochira-e?" means where are you going? The glossary says the question should not be taken as prying into one's affairs because it means no more than hello, requiring only a vague response. All you need to reply is "chotto soko made", (just over there), with an ambiguous smile.

Americans talk about heart, the Japanese "hara" which is abdomen or stomach. "Hara gei" (stomach art) is the technique of negotiating without the use of direct words. You don't say what's on your mind, but "you unmistakably and effectively communicate your purpose, desire, demand, intention, advice or whatever through 'hara gei'." That would seem to be a pretty good trick.

"Hara wo watte hanasu" (to cut open the stomach and talk) is to have a heart-to-heart talk.

"Hara wo miseru" (to show one's stomach) is to reveal what is on one's mind. "Hara wo kukuru" (to bundle up the stomach) is to become resigned to something or resolve to do something whatever the outcome. "Hara-guroi" (the stomach is black) is in reference to a treacherous person or schemer.

There's much misunderstanding over "Kangaete okimasu." Says the glossary: "If the Japanese you are negotiating with tells you in English 'I'll think it over' or 'I'll give it a thought,' don't go away feeling that you might get a favorable answer. Like as not, what the Japanese said was a literal translation of 'kangaete okimasu,' he generally concludes that it is hopeless, because in the unwritten rules of social communication in Japan, it is a polite way of saying 'no.' Conversely, if you tell a Japanese 'I'll think it over,' he might take it that you mean he has been refused."

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making redress a reality and of deterring similar civil liberties violations in the future."

'Appropriate Amount'

At this point, he placed in the record JACL's letter endorsing enactment of S. 1520.

He proposed that the \$20,000 the CWRIC had recommended for payment be the "appropriate amounts as determined by this Committee". And to insure prompt payment to internees, especially those of advanced age, Cranston urged payments be made within three years upon enactment.

While the CWRIC recommended payment to survivors, Cranston allowed: "If an eligible individual is deceased, cannot be found or refuses or is unable to accept payment, the payment go into a trust fund for the benefit of communities in the U.S. in which internees or their descendants live for purposes including education, health, housing, cultural and related objectives."

S. 1520 calls for the trust

fund to be administered by a board of trustees appointed by the President, subject to Senate confirmation, under rules spelled out by the Attorney General. At least half of the trustees will either be eligible individuals or descendants, Cranston noted.

While the CWRIC recommendation would first establish a trust fund from which individual reparations would be made, the Cranston bill provides individual payments be made as promptly as possible, "without delays inherent in setting up a trust fund and developing rules for its operations".

"This act is a just and fair redress to those individuals who were excluded and/or interned without justification, in gross violation of their civil liberties as American citizens and residents," Cranston said. "This episode in America should have never happened. It's the government's responsibility—and ours as legislators—to set the record straight. We must try, at least, to recognize and partially compensate for past injustices and

to discourage similar injustices in the future, although the tarnish on our Constitution can never be completely erased.

"I urge the Subcommittee to move this legislation promptly."

Lungren's 'Misgivings'

Rep. Lungren, while defending the accuracy of the CWRIC report, expressed his misgivings about the compensation issue. He urged caution toward establishing a precedent for other minorities who had experienced injustices in the past.

Critical of not only the report but also the recommendations, Baker and Masugi reproached the CWRIC for what they both viewed as a biased and inaccurate historical documentation of the internment. Baker expressed anger at having been shunned by the Commission at its hearings while Masugi accused the CWRIC report of being "intellectually dishonest" and "politically exploitive".

Tateishi opened his comments by commending the

CWRIC for its "thorough and exhaustive" study of the internment and indicated that the JACL had gone on public record endorsing the CWRIC report and recommendations.

Monetary Compensation

Grassley's lines of questioning of Tateishi specifically addressed the issue of JACL's position regarding individual monetary compensation and the Congressional concern for setting precedents in the event Congress were to vote in favor of individual redress.

Tateishi responded that the suspension of constitutional rights was individual in nature and therefore individual compensation was an appropriate remedy.

While witnesses unsympathetic to the compensation issue argued it would place a price tag on freedom and would therefore demean it, Tateishi when asked about this responded:

"I think there is a price tag on freedom. We've sent men to wars to preserve and protect this nation's belief in individual freedom, and I think the lives of our men is a very big price to pay."

He closed the argument by reiterating JACL's position on compensation. #

Masaoka-Currieo Round 2: VFW head raises new point

Inasmuch as Mike Masaoka's letter of July 11 to the Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, James Currieo, was reprinted in toto (July 29 PC), here is the commander's reply of July 18 and Masaoka's rebuttal of July 21.

Dear Comrade Masaoka:

I am in receipt of your deeply troubling letter of July 11th. Few communications I have received in my life time have caused me so much concern and somber reflection...

The rationale for the VFW position is that to apologize to the relocated Americans of Japanese ancestry and to pay each survivor some \$20,000 in conscience money for wrongs committed over 40 years ago would literally open the flood gates.

American blacks have suffered bitterly in our national history as have, of course, American Indians. My own wife, an American Indian, can fully attest to this.

An after-the-fact apology and class action payment to the understandably aggrieved survivors of the World War II internment camps would set a clear precedent under the law for just about every group that makes up the American melting pot/mosaic to claim, and often justifiably, a special grievance.

I do take exception of your characterization of my tribute to the 100th Battalion and the 442nd RCT as being "restrained". My admiration, and America's debt, as I stated "defies measurement". I would quickly add the Japanese Americans who served in the Military Intelligence Service with valor and competence to the more widely known feats of the 100th and the 442nd.

On the bottom line issue, I will persist in disagreeing with you without being disagreeable. Few, if any nations, have less to apologize for than does America. For this reason—not because of any of the sentiments you attributed to me and the VFW in your letter—we took serious exception to the principal findings and recommendations of the Commission (CWRIC).

I sincerely hope your health problems ameliorate and that things go well for you.

Cordially in comradeship,
JAMES R. CURRIEO
Commander-in-Chief, VFW, Washington

Point of Objection Restated in Rebuttal

Dear Mr. Commander:

May I acknowledge your reply (above) of July 18 to mine of July 11 (see July 29 PC) relating to your statements of June 23 to the effect that the National VFW is opposed to any apology and/or compensatory payment to those Japanese Americans who suffered deprivations of citizenship rights and freedoms, individual and group indignities, and loss of real and human properties in World War II as a consequence of the arbitrary actions of the military on the West Coast.

...You have not only missed the entire point of my protest letter but also ignored almost completely eight pages of explanations. And, you now state an entirely new proposition: that you are opposed to the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians because they may establish a legal precedent that grievances of many Americans for long-past injustices may have to be redressed.

If, in your June 23 statement, you had confined your objection for remedial measures for wrongdoing committed some 40 years ago to fears that they might set a bad precedent for the future—and had not indulged in what I considered gratuitous and racist remarks—I would not have taken the strong exception that I did, for I can understand and appreciate that reasonable people could have this concern. I do, however, have my own views, which will be expressed later.

What I, and most other Nisei VFW members, objected to is that you equated Americans of Japanese ancestry with the then Japanese enemy, failed to distinguish between the actions of the Imperial Japanese military and we American-born citizens whose parents emigrated from their homeland for the same reasons that millions of other immigrants had come—freedom and opportunity, and had attributed to us of Japanese origin by inference the wartime atrocities of the Japanese imperialists.

'Guilt of Ancestry' Thought Long Buried

On the far-flung battlefields of Europe and the Pacific, we thought that we had earned forever the right to the presumption of loyalty that is accorded most other Americans—especially from our fellow citizens with whom we had served—and not the too often automatic conviction of guilt by ancestry. We believed that we had buried this repugnant suspicion by reason of race in the overseas graves with those killed-in-action Nisei GIs.

In light of our experience over the past four decades with these false assumptions, Mr. Commander, it occurs to us that the VFW would be doing a great and needed public service if you would direct a nation-wide campaign to disabuse all Americans of the myth that American Japanese are to be confused with the Japanese of Japan—now or then—that our blood flows just as red as that of other Americans in the defense of our country, that we have proved by our conduct in wartime President Franklin Roosevelt's definition that: "Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart; Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."

Such a mammoth educational drive by the VFW, the American Legion, and other leading veterans' organizations would go far to put to rest this continuing slander against the Japanese Americans.

Redress—Matter of Principle, Not of Time

Back to the matter of redressing injustices, wrongdoing, and legitimate grievances that took place years ago. To me, justice and equity are a simple matter of principle, not of time. The passage of decades does not of itself make right the injustices of yesteryear. As two wrongs do not make a right, the wrongs of long ago are not corrected by another wrong, a failure to act adequately today.

Nowadays, it is accepted public policy to try to remedy the governmental mistakes, the deprivations, and the discriminations of the past—no matter how long ago. This is the purpose of our special national social projects for the disadvantaged and the denied, the affirmative action concept, equality-for-women efforts, the recent court judgments recognizing age-old American Indian rights, the survival protections against chemical poisoning and destruction of our environment and natural resources—these and more are indicative of the new American creed to try insofar as possible and reasonable to make whole the innocent victims of arbitrary excesses. We need to take such actions now to assure that the abuses of the past are not continued today and will not be repeated in the future.

Moreover, though I am not an attorney, in my judgment it can be argued that no capricious precedent is being established in this instance because the wartime tragedy and travail of the Japanese American is so unique, so singular, and so unparalleled in United States history that it does not provide an easy example justifying comparable consideration.

A Point in Agreement

Mr. Commander, we are in complete agreement that "few, if any nations, have less to apologize for than does America". And if the United States corrects to the extent possible the collective injury inflicted upon the Japanese in this country in World War II, America will have even less to apologize and be rightfully criticized for. Then too, in the eyes of mankind generally, American democracy—in spite of its shortcomings and difficulties—still has the remarkable ability within it to right the wrongs that may have been tolerated in a period of hate and hysteria, no matter how long ago and how un-American that aberration may have been.

To us Nisei soldiers who volunteered and performed under the most difficult of circumstances in a manner that "defies measurement", what the CWRIC found and proposed, if enacted into law, would be not only a vindication of our faith and trust but another living example of the greatness of America.

In closing, may I call attention to Senate Resolution 173, introduced by Sen. Stevens Symms of Idaho, a Marine Corps veteran, and the Congressional Record for July 13... "recognizing the debt of gratitude owed by all Americans to those Japanese Americans who served this country so valiantly and honorably in the field during the Second World War... (and expressing to them) the deepest admiration and most sincere thanks of the Nation."

MIKE M. MASAOKA
Washington, D.C.

JACL Reports

BY THE BOARD: Ron Shibata

Mile-Hi Maguro

Denver, Colo.

While most JACL District Councils meet several times per year, because of geography, the Mountain Plains District only meets twice per year. Thus, when a District Council meeting is held, besides being an important business meeting, it becomes a gala social affair for not only the delegates but the host chapter as well. This spring we were guests of the Mile-Hi Chapter in Denver. Our meeting was held over the weekend of June 3.

As per our usual custom, Friday night consisted of a social prior to Saturday business. The Mile-Hi Chapter under leadership of Bill Takahashi, chapter president, hosted a memorable potluck dinner at the home of Takashi and Ayako Mayeda. Without a doubt, the food was delicious and of course well received by all. However, the highlight of the dinner for sashimi addicts (such as myself) had to be the Mile-Hi Maguro.

Tak told all of us that he had asked some of his friends in Hawaii to send him some Hawaiian maguro for the event. What the Hawaiian connection sent him was a whole fish weighing forty pounds. Tak told us that it was all-you-can-eat maguro night.

For sashimi freaks such as my brother Randy, Steve Hasegawa of Omaha, and myself, it was too good to be true. We thought we had died and gone to heaven. However, it was true. After emptying several bottles of shoyu and eating many ounces of wasabi, our stomachs were bulging. However, the fish remained unconquered. I understand that our guest for the weekend, Judge Bill Marutani, who arrived the next day, found enough Mile-Hi maguro left to take some back to Philadelphia to enjoy.

Those in attendance other than myself have told me that the workshops went well, and, even the business meeting went well. I will say that the highlight of the weekend was Judge Marutani's speech delivered at the Saturday banquet. His personal account of some of the testimony before the CWRIC was very thought-provoking. Bill, thank you for a very enjoyable and moving address.

However, the highlight for the weekend for our appetites has to be the Mile-Hi maguro which traveled many miles to be with us in Denver. Takashi, you did indeed buy a first class ticket from Hawaii for our palates.

I would personally like to thank Tak and Ayako Mayeda for opening their home to us JACLers. Thanks also go to Mits Kaneko who personally handled the arrangements and logistics for our meeting. Mits did an outstanding job. Thanks also go to the Chapter Delegates and District Officers who took time to travel to Denver. Min Yasui: I know you are recovering from surgery as you read this, I wish you God's Speed as you recover. Thanks for getting up at 5:00 a.m. in order to catch a flight from San Francisco to Denver in order to be with us.

Last but not least, a special Muchas Gracias to Dr. Bill Takahashi and the membership of the Mile-Hi JACL for a wonderful and delightful weekend in Denver.

West Valley JACL honors June grads

SAN JOSE, Ca.—At a recent West Valley JACL picnic at Vasona Park, Sansei graduates and their parents were honored.

Chapter scholarships were awarded to Teresa Tauchi, \$750 award; Pamela Shishido and John Togasaki, \$500 awards. Also recognized were Lisa Murai, who attended the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in June, and Pamela Tauchi, recipient of a National JACL \$1,000 scholarship who

will enter medical school in the fall.

High school graduates honored were Judy Ichijji, Sakae Ishikawa, Eunice Murahashi, Lisa Nakamura, Ken Oki, Brad Sako, Pamela & Karen Shishido, Teresa Tauchi and John Togasaki.

Ron and Rose Watanabe coordinated the event.

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'PJD' to be given to Sequoia libraries

PALO ALTO, Ca.—Sequoia JACL redress committee has purchased copies of "Personal Justice Denied", the CWRIC report, to be placed in local school and college libraries, it was announced by James Shizuru, chapter redress chair.

Mike Masaoka Fellow: new JACL fund established

By FRANK SAKAMOTO
National 1000 Club Chair
San Francisco

What a way to start a National JACL Board meeting! Immediately after my arrival Friday (July 8), National President Floyd Shimomura presented me with his \$200 check for a sustaining membership in the Mike Masaoka Fellow program. Following his lead were Hid Hasegawa of Idaho Falls, a geologist by profession; and Dr. Homer Yasui of Portland (brother of redress chair Minoru).

EDC Governor Teresa Maebori, not only wanted to be a sustaining fellow but said, "I will expect you and Dr. Tom Tamaki to highlight the Mike Masaoka Fellow program in August at the joint EDC-MDC convention in New York." National Treasurer Frank Sato of Washington, D.C., overhearing this conversation, said, "Frank, you will be pleasantly surprised to know that the Washington, D.C. and New York chapters can assure you 26 Mike Masaoka Fellows as of this date, and it behooves me why anyone can, in his right mind, be indifferent to this because here's a man who singlehandedly master-

mind and spearheaded bills through Congress like evacuation claims and citizenship for Issei, which nullified the alien land laws in the states, etc." At that point, Maude Ishida of Central California agreed that nullifying the alien land law, in particular, certainly benefitted the Japanese Americans in her district. She also asked to be a sustaining fellow.

Chuck Kubokawa, v.p. for public affairs from Palo Alto, and initiator of various programs and activities; Henry Sakai, Pacific Citizen Board chair; and Marshall Sumida, representing veterans affairs, were also enthusiastic supporters and asked that their names be included as fellows.

Carey Nishimoto, highly respected Sansei attorney from the Pacific Southwest (where the majority of Nikkei in the U.S. reside), indicated his desire to become a fellow. (His check came upon my return to Chicago.) Other Sansei who declared a desire to become a fellow were Ron Shibata of New Mexico and Mountain Plains district governor, and Paul Shinkawa of Austin, Texas, who is also an attorney and a member of the

Texas Air Control Board.

Others wholeheartedly endorsing as well as joining were Miki Himeno, v.p. for planning and development from East Los Angeles; legal counsel Frank Iwama of Sacramento; and Midwest Governor John Tani, who gave me his check in order to be a charter member of Mike Masaoka Fellows. Ben Takeshita, v.p. for general operations from Contra Costa, on joining, said, "This is one of the most outstanding programs and I can't think of a better living memorial." Vernon Yoshioka of San Diego followed suit with "absolute-

ly".

Another gentleman whom I met and got to know for the first time was Gene Takamine, ways & means committee chair, from Selanoco. An attorney, he is a man of great affability with a deep compassion for his fellowmen.

Fellow JACLers, be assured we have some promising leaders coming up. All we have to do is make room for them, give them moral and financial support ... Many thanks to the National Board for their leadership in paving the way to successful start of the Mike Masaoka Fellow program. #

Chicago JACL, JASC cites Sansei scholars

CHICAGO—The Chicago JACL Scholarship Luncheon was held at Heiwa Terrace on May 22. Approximately 150 guests and families attended the program, which honored 28 Chicago-area high school seniors. Twelve students received scholarship checks to aid them in their first year of college work. All participants were given Bill Hosokawa's book, "JACL in Quest of Justice".

This year the Japanese American Service Committee participated in the program for the first time. The Sam Fukaya and LaSalle Photo Service Awards were donated to the JASC; the JACL scholarship committee aided in the selection of the recipients.

The committee was headed by Pat Yuzawa-Rubin. Other members included Patti Adachi, Alice Esaki, Glenn Ikeda and Lily Shirakawa. Martha Watanabe worked on the program aspects of the luncheon with Janet Suzuki and Gary Yamagiwa.

- The following awards were presented:
- American Legion Award-Chicago Nisei Post #1183 (\$100)—Brian Maruyama Robert C. Sullivan H.S. (Masaru/Alice Maruyama).
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 - Chicago Chapter JACL Scholarship (\$500)—Michael Miyamoto (Kay Miyamoto).
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 - Chicago, JACL Dr. Thomas Yatabe Scholarship (\$750)—Christine Murakami Mather H.S., (Rev. Ken/Marion Murakami).

East Bay JACL pre-retirement meeting draws interested members

BERKELEY, Ca.—The first Berkeley JACL chapter-sponsored pre-retirement/retirement organizing meeting was held July 9 at the North Berkeley Senior Center. Eighteen Nikkei leaders, many of them from East Bay, were present for the briefing.

"Had it not been for conflicting dates, many more would have attended," Terry Yamasaki said.

Ivy Down added, "This is a good chance to display your hobbies. Share a skill. Have certain nights set aside for classes. If we have a lot of fun, others will come."

To demonstrate what one can do with a hobby, Down displayed her own crocheted afghans. It took 125 hours for her to finish. Many Issei examined Down's creations with wonderment.

George Yoshida, who conducts pre-retirement/retirement workshops here and in San Francisco said, "For Nisei reaching the retirement age, and suffering from all kinds of aches and pain, Tai Chi and Yoga should be good for health. Use it or lose it".

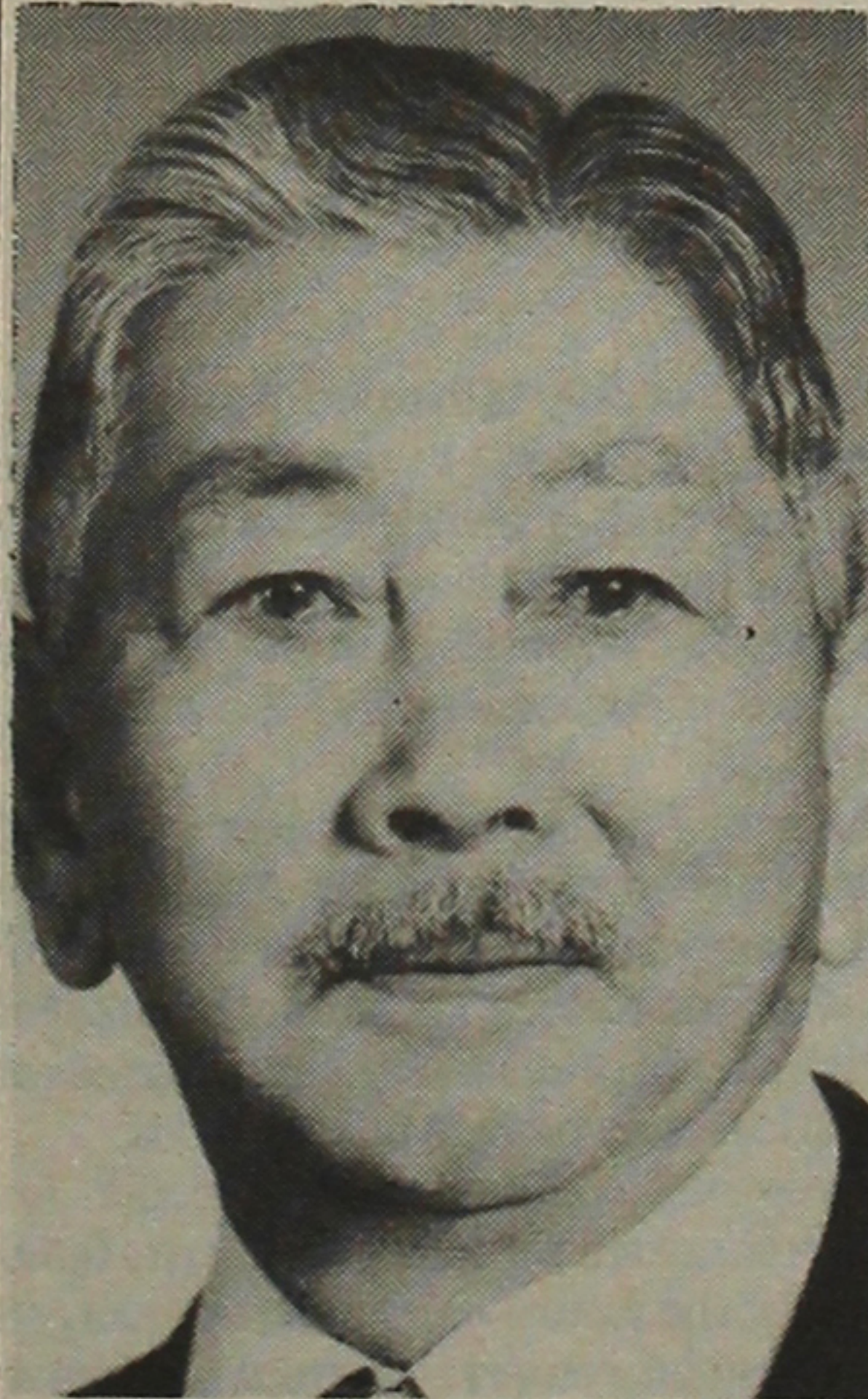
At the initial gathering were Joe Niki, event's chair; Down, Kaz Katsumoto, Bea Kono, Amy Maniwa, Mat and Aki Nakamura, Sus and Yone Nakamura, William Nakatani, Joe Niki, Joe Oyama, Olive (Takahashi) Suzuki, Grace Tsujimoto, James and Chiyoko Yano, George Yoshida and Terry and Skip Yamashita. #

Berkeley JACL golf tourney set Aug. 28

BERKELEY, Ca.—A friendly Berkeley JACL golf tournament for members and guests will be held on Saturday, Aug. 28, 11 a.m. at Lake Chabot Golf Course, Oak-

land, announced Joe Niki, chairperson of the event. To sign up call Gordon Kono, 527-7185; Joe Niki, 893-0579; Tak Shirazawa, 524-6493. #

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U.S. filmmaker to tell story of GI victims of Hiroshima A-bomb

By TAKESHI HIKINO
Mainichi Daily News
HIROSHIMA—When the "Little Boy" blasted above the city of Hiroshima 38 years ago, at least 20 Americans were in this city of tragedy.

Yet the United States government has not yet publicly acknowledged that the Americans were among the no fewer than 140,000 victims of man's first nuclear attack because of "insufficient evidence."

Moreover, only three of them were listed on the roll of the atomic bomb victims placed in the memorial cenotaph with an inscription—"Repose ye in peace, for the error shall not be repeated."—at the Peace Memorial Park in downtown Hiroshima. They are Sgt. Hugh Henry Atkinson, 25, John A. Long, rank and age unknown, and Tony, (only name listed) 2nd lieutenant of the U.S. Air Force.

Documentary Film
Amid the mounting antinuclear weapons movement in the U.S., a short documentary film is being produced in Santa Fe, 35 miles from Los Alamos, New Mexico, where the atomic bomb was developed. The Americans will soon visit Hiroshima to film the Japanese witnesses who met the American victims—mostly prisoners of war. Their purpose is "to show sufficient evidence to the U.S. government and to educate more Americans about the fact."

In Hiroshima, where they are to stay until Aug. 8, the seven-member crew of Public Media, led by producer-director Gary DeWalt, 39, is to produce the final and most important part of the documentary film.

Takei named emcee
LOS ANGELES—Actor George Takei will emcee the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Eve Commemoration program to be held at Maryknoll School, 222 S. Hewitt, on Friday, Aug. 5 at 7:30 p.m. sponsored by the Asian and Pacific Americans for Nuclear Awareness (APANA). Co-sponsors are the Coalition for a Nuclear Free Pacific and the Committee of A-Bomb Survivors in the USA

One of the crew is soundman Jack Loeffler, a former member of an army band who performed three times at ceremonies before nuclear experiments. Witnessing the enormous destructive power of nuclear bombs caused Loeffler to personally commit himself to the documentary film project.

The group has almost finished the domestic part of their work, helped by Prof. Barton Bernstein of Stanford University and Prof. Robert Lifton of Yale University who are experts on Hiroshima victims.

According to Dona Kuyper, local location production coordinator in Kyoto, DeWalt has visited several families of the victims and filmed their reactions. A mother of a victim was so upset that she refused to talk about it.

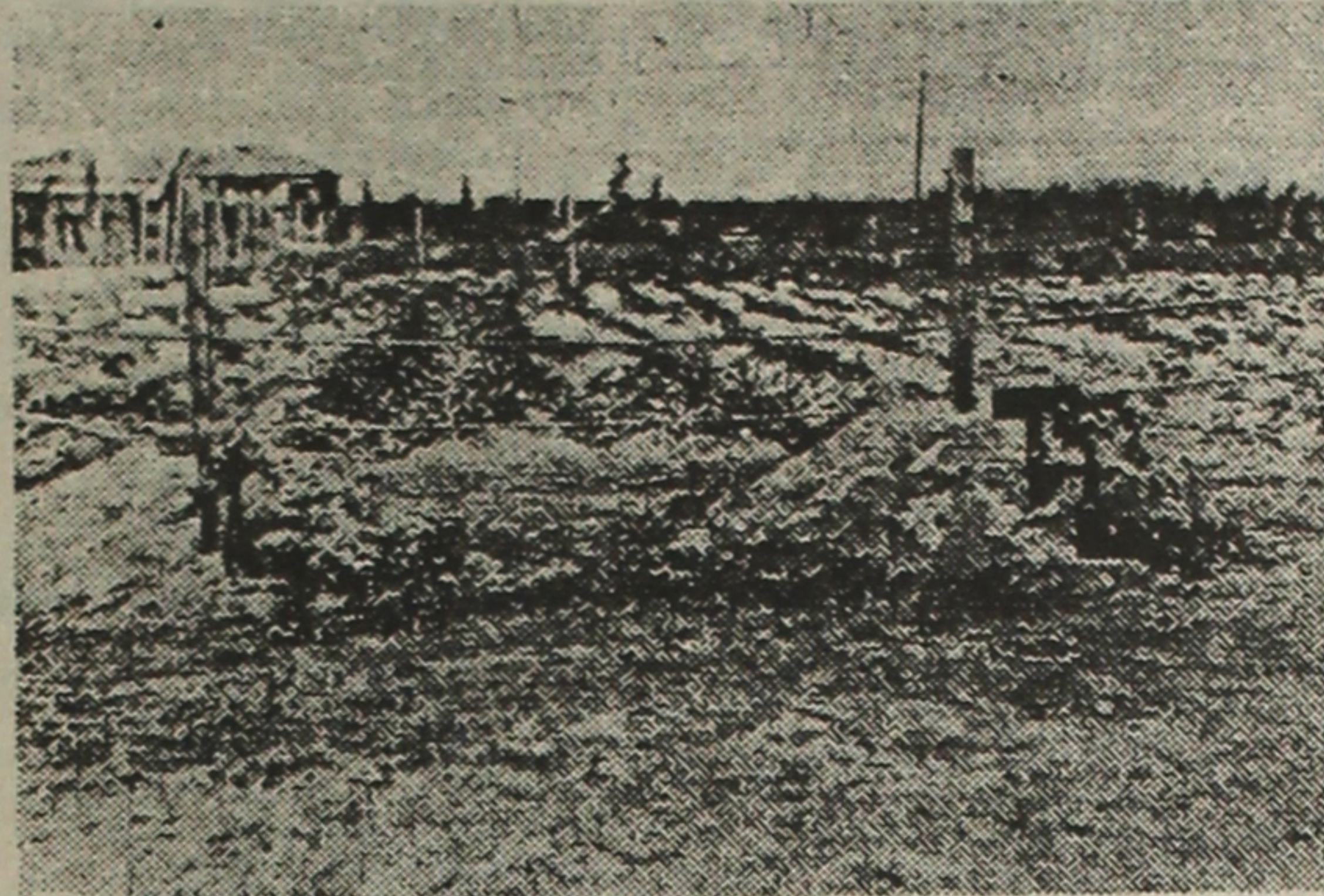
GIs in 3 Prisons

On Aug. 6, 1945, a group of Americans in three military prisons in Hiroshima—Chugoku Regional Military Headquarters, Chugoku Military Police Headquarters and the Infantry First Reserve Station.

Along with hundreds of thousands of structures in the city, prisons were reduced to rubble in a moment when a blue-white glare shocked the city. The exact number of Americans killed is still unknown.

Immediately after the bombing, the U.S. authorities denied a report that POWs were in Hiroshima. But people in Hiroshima who had contacted American POWs testified later about the death of American POWs. In 1977 a professor at Hiroshima University's Atomic Radiation Medical Research Institute, who was working with old documents at the library of the Foreign Ministry, happened to come across a list of American victims. There were 18 names and two listed as unknown.

They were crew members of two B-24 bombers who had launched their missions from Okinawa. One was shot down at Itsukaichi Town, Saiki County, Hiroshima Prefecture on July 28, 1945, after bombing Kure. Four men safely parachuted out. The other B-24 was shot down



U.S. PW GRAVES—Graves of two American soldiers killed by the atomic bomb in Hiroshima (crosses over the mounds may be visible) are shown with this Mainichi Daily News story. Photo was taken soon after the burial.

on the same day in Kuga County, Yamaguchi Prefecture and six men parachuted out.

Other U.S. PWs

Another group of occupants were attached to the 87th MSS of the aircraft carrier Ticonderoga, who were rescued near the shore of Yamaguchi Prefecture on July 28, 1945. A crewman from a plane attached to the aircraft carrier Randolph was also a prisoner.

The last group were crew members of a B-29. They parachuted out and were captured in Kokuni Village, Aso County, Kumamoto Prefecture in May 1945.

According to Kiyoshi Wakisaka, head of the research section, Atomic Bomb Casualties Department of Hiroshima City, the city is ready to list the names of American victims if requested by families or relatives.

Although the Foreign Ministry's old list indicates 20 American victims, the city makes it a rule to register names upon the formal request of families. The three Ameri-

cans included in the necrology at the Peace Park were reported by their relatives and a Japanese friend.

Talks with Japanese Ex-MPs

The American film crew is going to interview Japanese ex-MPs and military officers involved, as well as citizens concerned in Hiroshima, Osaka, Yamaguchi and other prefectures.

Some of the people to be interviewed include Hiroshi Yanagida, a former officer of the Chugoku military police who questioned American POWs and testified that there were one or two American women captives; Kanae Hirofujii who worked as an interpreter in Hatsukaichi Town, Hiroshima; and Tatsuji Mori who witnessed American soldiers parachuting from their B-24 after it was shot down.

"It's a matter of urgency because witnesses are getting old," said Ms. Kuyper. "It is necessary to set the record straight for many persons; families in the U.S., con-

cerned persons in Hiroshima and the general public. And nuclear war touches us all."

"Neither the U.S. Defense Department nor the now defunct War Department has made a definitive statement naming individuals killed by the bomb. But local branches of the services told the families of the victims that their

sons or brothers were killed by the atomic bomb in Hiroshima," she said.

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