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## U.S.-Japan trade trauma varies geographically inside U.S.

HONOLULU—U.S.-Japanese relations "have improved considerably" over a year go, but some trade and defense issues "remain as possible causes of future friction," Mitsuro Donowaki, Japan's consul general here remarked earlier last month.

At the same time, a Tokyo datelined article appearing in Los Angeles, headlined "Anti-Japanese Hostility still growing", pointing out Washington is annoyed with the trade imbalance and increasing industrial spying cases perpetrated by Japanese firms doing business in the U.S.

A year ago, the media and some politicians on both sides of the Pacific "were playing up the so-called IBM industrial espionage case, "Donowaki said at a Hawaii International Services Agency and Pacific & Asian Affairs Council/ Seminar held in July.

The installation of Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone at year's end has "ushered in a fresh air...," Donowaki continued. "But one trade thorn still remains, and that is the statement made in July by one Japanese official that he had no intention of extending (the voluntary) auto export restraints beyond March, 1984."

Donowaki then noted Michigan Sen. Donald Riegle's reference to "another Pearl Harbor" and his assertion that Japanese exports "have destroyed the jobs and homes of millions of Americans."

Under Nakasone, Japan's market is continuing to open, Donowaki assured. However, he charged criticism like the one made by Riegle could be "dangerously misleading". He argued that high U.S. unemployment was due to sluggish economy.

Another seminar speaker, H. Dick Yamashita, an American Nisei and president of Marcom International in Tokyo, said the persistant trade deficit with Japan isn't necessarily bad. "It has made Americans wake up to the fact that we have to get off center to remain competitive.

The charter member of Japan JACL emphasized America's best opportunities for exports to Japan lie in services, where it already enjoys a trade surplus. He mentioned specific fields: hospital/health care, leisure (videotape leasing), financial and computer software.

Shinsaku Sogo, director of international communication development for Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) pointed out that even though his nation's remaining import restrictions are on agricultural products, Japan purchased $6.6 billion farm goods in 1981, or 15 percent of all American agricultural exports.

Is trade hostility toward Japan a regional or a geographic matter? The anti-Japan trade stories carry on a different slant.

"More than a year after an FBI sting operation entrapped four Hitachi and two Mitsubishi employees trying to steal secrets from IBM Corporation, hostility against Japanese enterprises doing business in the United States has not abated," quotes a Tokyo source.

Antagonism is clearly reflected in the number of lawsuits filed against Japanese firms. During the past year, more than 15 major litigation, including criminal charges, have been entered, plus numerous minor complaints.

Mitsui & Co. and three of its workers were charged with steel dumping; Toyota Motor and its U.S. subsidiary with tax evasion; and Marubeni with under-declaring imports; Matsushita sued for patent infringement, and Honda fined $5 million for selling faulty merchandise.

Suits have increased with growing trade imbalance, and also as Japanese companies prosper in U.S. business. Trade deficit went up from 12.2 billion in 1980 to $19 billion last year. They are likely to go up $20 to $22 billion when the fiscal 1982-83 accounting is completed.

Lawsuits reflect in part Ameri-

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## Army clears record of 11 court-martialed Nisei

WASHINGTON—Eleven Nisei soldiers who were court-martialed in 1944 at Ft. McClellan, Ala., for refusing to be trained for combat while their families were detained in the relocation centers have had their years of confinement and dishonorable discharges wiped off the record books, according to the Army Times (Aug. 29).

Last February, the Army Board for the Correction of Military Records ordered the military records of the 11 be changed so that they received credit toward active service for the years they actually spent in confinement after their courts-martial.

The board also had the records changed to show the Nisei had been honorably discharged due to expiration of their enlistment rather than their release from confinement. Earlier the Army had upgraded their dishonorable discharges to honorable.

Two of the five board members dissented, saying they felt the 11 soldiers had refused training to avoid combat duty in Italy with the 442nd Infantry, which was sustaining heavy casualties at the time. The two also argued that the 11 had known of conditions in the WRA centers for more than two years

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## American Legion convention rejects anti-Nikkei resolution

SEATTLE, Wa.—Anti-reparation resolutions were rejected by the resolution committee of the 65th National Convention of the American Legion that convened here on Aug. 21.

The resolutions, sponsored by Legion delegates from Washington and Pennsylvania, were removed because of a technicality. Prior to introduction of the resolutions, Nisei delegates to the convention, T. Jack Uno of Seattle Cathay Post and Arthur T. Morimitsu of Chicago Nisei Post 1183, who also represented the Go For Broke, Inc. of Richmond, Ca., had contacted influential Legionnaires to oppose the resolution.

According to Uno, the Washington resolution had originated with the Puyallup American Legion Post after the monument was dedicated by local Nikkei on Sunday, Aug. 21 at the Puyallup Fairgrounds to memorialize the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Uno had fought against the original resolution in vain and stated that the Puyallup Legion member who pushed the resolution to approval by the state Legion, was unaware of the true background of the internment.

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## Chol Soo Lee admits guilt for unconditional freedom

STOCKTON, Ca.—Chol Soo Lee, 31, reluctantly pleaded guilty Aug. 10 to the second-degree murder charge of prison inmate Morrison Needham in return for unconditional freedom, bringing to close his 10-year struggle for freedom and justice.

The Korean immigrant was imprisoned 10 years ago for the sensationalized murder of Wah Ching gang member Yip Yee Tak in San Francisco Chinatown on June 3, 1973. Police baffled by a string of 13 Chinatown slayings desparately needed to apprehend someone in connection with that murder occurring at the crowded intersection of Grant Avenue and Pacific Street.

Based on conflicting eyewitness testimony by three white tourists and faulty court procedures, Lee was sentenced to life imprisonment at Deuel Vocational Institute in Tracy.

It was in a DVI recreation yard that Lee got in a fight with neo-Nazi, white supremacist Needham who fell to a fatal stab wound. Lee contended self-defense while prison officials maintained that it was premeditated murder.

For this 1977 killing, Lee was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to die in the gas chamber as a convicted murderer committing a second murder.

**Defense Committee Formed**

Publicity arose about the manner in which Lee's case was handled in the California criminal justice system, banding together Asian Americans, mainly Korean and Japanese, to form a defense committee. The Committees to Free Chol Soo Lee raised thousands of dollars and hired attorneys who, noting a wide range of irregularities, successfully challenged both convictions.

A Sacramento judge and U.S. District Court later agreed that Lee had not received a fair trial. After two years of motions and continuances, he was retried and acquitted on Sept. 3, 1982 of the Chinatown murder.

But Lee was still held for the prison-yard murder and faced death row.

Lee's defense composed of Stuart Hanlon and Ranko Yamada contended that the DVI incident was an act of self-defense and that if Lee had not been initially and unjustly convicted of the Chinatown murder, he would never have been imprisoned at all and would not have had to defend himself against Needham.

An appeals court overturned the case in January of this year on the grounds that the jury was not given the option of finding Lee guilty of a lesser offense than first-degree murder. This opened the way for the retrial.

Lee hated to accept the plea bargain of guilty to second-degree murder in the retrial because he still contends his innocense.

**Factors on Plea-Bargaining**

"It was the most agonizing decision I've ever tried to reach," Lee said. "It is because of the failure to the judicial system that I plead guilty today."

Two factors made him decide to plead guilty: he did not trust the American legal system and he did not want to jeopardize the support which people have given him over the years.

By pleading guilty to second-degree murder for the prison death, Lee faces an eight-year sentence. Although sentencing was not until Aug. 24, San Joaquin County Superior Court Judge K. Peter Saiers promised Lee would not be imprisoned because of time already

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## Currieo withdraws redress resolution at VFW convention

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Commander-in-chief James Currieo of the Veterans of Foreign Wars withdrew his resolution of "no apology or no reparation" to West Coast Japanese Americans at the 84th National VFW Convention held here Aug. 13-20.

Removal of his resolution, as well as three others on the agenda, was due to pressure from the 14 Nisei VFW posts of California and other influential individuals who made issue of his irresponsible statements and "press release" (see July 8 PC). The June 23 news release was a way of "testing the waters" to a public issue proposed for the convention agenda, one Nisei VFW official attending the convention explained.

To insure against future recurrence of this nature, the Nisei posts enacted a counter-resolution to protect the civil rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and to uphold the principles of justice and liberty to all Americans regardless of race or ancestry. This resolution has been sent to all Nisei posts for approval and presentation at the 85th national convention next year through California department channels.

Representing the 14 Nisei posts at the convention here were Harry Tanabe of San Francisco, Mote Nakasako of Los Angeles, Paul Bannai of Gardena, and Hisao Masuyama, past California VFW state commander.

**In Sacramento,** a wrap-up meeting of the Nisei posts was held last Friday (Aug. 26) to approve the 1984 resolution and receive the New Orleans convention report. #

## Historical building in San Jose J-town restored

—Photo by Dr. Tokio Ishikawa

**ISSEI MEMORIAL BLDG.**—Built in 1911 as a Japanese community hospital in San Jose (565 N. 5th St.), it will be dedicated Sept. 25 as a historical landmark. JACL office is on the 2nd floor.

SAN JOSE, Ca.—The restoration of the 73-year old, two-story Victorian-style wooden building at 565 N. 5th St. in Japantown, which served initially as the Kuwabara Hospital, then as Japanese Association of America headquarters and in postwar as JACL office, has been completed at a cost of $300,000.

The designated historic landmark building has a new name: Issei Memorial Building.

The edifice also has several office spaces and a single family dwelling.

Dedication and open house will be held Sunday, Sept. 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. with a brief ceremonial program, co-chaired by Yosh Uchida and his committee.

Ribbon-cutting will be by the oldest Issei or representative, greetings by Mayor Tom McEnery, and Uchida. Architect Richard Tanaka will deliver the dedication message.

San Jose Gardeners and Landscapers Assn. will take charge of outdoor designing under supervision of Kay Kawasaki of Los Gatos. Plants are being obtained by Itsuo Uenaka and Joyce Okumura, president of Peninsula chapter of the California Assn. of Nurserymen and Mark Takeda, board member.

The entire first floor is occupied by the San Jose Japanese American Community Senior Service (Yu-Ai Kai) and second floor by San Jose Blue Cross and chapter office, library, conference and equipment room.

Serving on the various committees for the dedication are: Dr. Tokio Ishikawa, Helen Mineta, Karen Shiraki, Dave Tatsuno, Wayne Tanda, Perry Dobashi, Eiichi Sakauye, Katie Hironaka, Judy Niizawa, Tad Sekigahama, Grant Shimizu, Tad Tomita, Robert Shintaku, Ada Uyeda, Tom Wakimoto, Richard Tanaka, Yosh Uchida.

## TRADE

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ca's bitterness on trade imbalance, repeated attorney Isaac Shapiro, a Tokyo resident, who specialized in anti-trust law. "Four years ago, a Japanese company was caught in a trap similar to that set for Hitachi, but no one paid much attention because economic conflict was held at a minimum.

It was former Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr., (D-Calif.) who during his earlier tenure in Sacramento, said "Japan and California" need each other to stimulate the economy, for the benefit of both, but later modified his thinking when Japan's aggressive role began to cripple West Coast business.

While federal government officials and politicians continue to lambaste Japan's overzealous tactics, a guest speaker at the Japan-America Society of Honolulu cautioned that "scapegoating Japan won't solve U.S. economic problems".

Honolulu Advertiser editor-in-chief George Chaplin said Japan has to import to operate and export to live. "Undoubtedly, it can do more to encourage our goods and our investments, but a more basic need is for us to examine ourselves, and realize our shortcomings and correct them".

Americans indeed must be more productive, save more and consume less, increase capital investments, and step up research, Chaplin urged. Japan, he warned, is already gearing for the year 2000 and beyond—"and we'd better get going".

"Blaming Japan won't remedy flaws in American society. Are we willing to bite the bullet and make the changes that will enable us to become strong and competitive again"?

A well known American Japanologist said in Tokyo present international relations are "pretty good" despite various frictions over import-export issues, economy and trade imbalance.

Nathaniel Thayer, director of Asian Studies at Johns Hopkins University, here on vacation, made the comment at a Foreign Correspondents Club luncheon.

Thayer, known for his personal rapport with Premier Nakasone, declared that malfunctioning of diplomacy in the two nations is making bilateral relations appear "worse than they actually are".

On the U.S. side, he pointed out diplomacy became "decentralized" as the State Department lost its control over the nation's foreign-policy making, and individual government agencies conducted their own petty diplomacy with their counterparts in Japan.

"What is happening now is each agency is taking a small issue and trying to find a way to project it as an important or a symbolic issue between the two countries," the professor concluded, giving rise to new problems. #

## American says no lineup of firms to enter Japan, despite Nakasone open market action

LOS ANGELES—Despite American cries to open the Japanese market, the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan sees no lineup of U.S. firms waiting to get in. So said Lawrence F. Snowden, president of that chamber in Tokyo, in a luncheon address Aug. 23 to corporate members of the Japan America Society of Southern California here at the Bonaventure Hotel.

Snowden, who is Far East area vice president of Hughes Aircraft International, said too many American executives are basing their knowledge of the Japanese market on information that is several years old, and are reluctant to take another look at it.

"But in the past 18 months many changes have been taking place," he told his audience of mostly American executives. He credited Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone's recent "third liberalization package", announced in January, with "getting to the heart" of liberalizing trade restrictions that had been being interpreted in protectionist ways by Japanese bureaucrats. The Diet in May passed the prime minister's package changing 17 laws to remove the bureaucrats; legal authorities, he said.

Snowden said he believes Nakasone will achieve his commitment to dramatically increase Japan's imports.

But he also cautioned that the President and Congress must not add to protectionism in this country if Americans want to continue to build their trade with Japan. A trade imbalance with Japan is a structural matter, he said, and thus must always exist. However, the "heat" of the issue must be passed from the politicians to the businessmen of both countries.

Snowden, who was chief of staff of the U.S. Forces in Japan for three years until 1975, predicted new highs in levels of friction between the U.S. and Japan as the two countries head into competition in services and high technology.

"If the heat of the competition remains in the hands of business, we can compete and still be good friends who can handle those future relations. Neither of us can afford the alternative," he concluded. #

## LEGION

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The Illinois American Legion officers who fully supported the Nisei cause were past national commander John Geiger and national committeeman John Mahoney. The Illinois posts were the only ones to support the bill to establish the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians which passed by Congress and signed into a law by President Carter. #

## Wah Mee Club massacre trial hands first verdict

SEATTLE, Wash.—Benjamin Ng was found guilty of aggravated first-degree murder in the execution-like slaying of 13 people in a Chinatown gambling club, a King County Superior Court jury concluded Aug. 24.

The eight man, four woman panel decided Aug. 25 that Ng should be sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole.

Ng, 20, an immigrant from Hong Kong and two others wee charged with 13 counts of aggravated first-degree murder in the Feb. 19 massacre where 12 men and one woman were robbed, hog-tied and later shot with a small calibre weapon at the Wah Mee Club. The victims were mainly middle-aged Chinese involved in the restaurant industry. It was Washington's worst mass homicide and one of the worst in U.S. history.

Scheduled for trial Sept. 12 is defendant Willie Mak, 22. The third accused, Tony Ng, no relation to the convicted, is still being sought.

Ng's lawyers conceded he was guilty of first-degree murder, because he participated in a robbery in which people were killed, and lawyer John Henry Browne asked jurors in a closing statement Aug. 23 to return that verdict, which would not involve the death penalty. Also present in the courtroom were Ng's two sisters, a brother and his Japanese American girlfriend, Kennis Izumi. #

## Obituary

**Frank T. Fujino, 64,** Los Angeles, died Aug. 16. A 442nd veteran, he was active with the Disabled American Veterans Nisei 100 Post. He was born in Fullerton, Ca., and is survived by w Yuriko, s Arnold, d Maxine, br Eiji, sis Kaoru Yamaguchi, Tomiyo Amemiya.

**Saburo Muraoka, 83,** Chula Vista, Ca., died Aug. 17. Founder and director of the San Diego-Yokohama Sister City Society, he was active with the American Red Cross, San Diego Buddhist Church and was decorated with the Order of Sacred Treasure, 4th Class in 1970. Surviving are w Haruko, two sons, two daughters and gc.

**Kiku (Watanabe) Yamaka, 94,** Los Angeles, died Aug. 18. A naturalized U.S. citizen, she is survived by s Henry Ichiro Watanabe, d Hisako Higuchi (Aiea, Hawaii), Yoshiko Abe, stepsons George, Woodrow, William, Wesley, 17 gc and many ggc.

**Miyoshi Yorita, 77,** Seattle, died July 4. She appeared on stage as Mme. Sugimachi, singing opera in West Coast cities (Seattle, 1924; the Hollywood Bowl in 1933 where she sang the lead in "Sakura", the first grand opera written in Japanese), recording for Japan Victor and Victor Red labels, and during the height of career being invited by then Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt at the Albany Statehouse and again when he was President at the White House. She and her first husband (the late Yaemitsu Sugimachi, Los Angeles), started the first Japanese-language radio program on KRKD in the 1930s. Marriage to Goro Yorita and outbreak of WW2 brought an end to her illustrious career.


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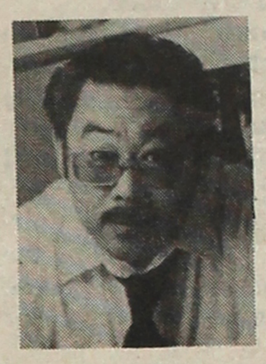

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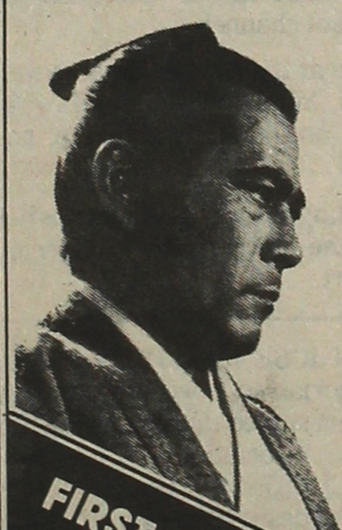

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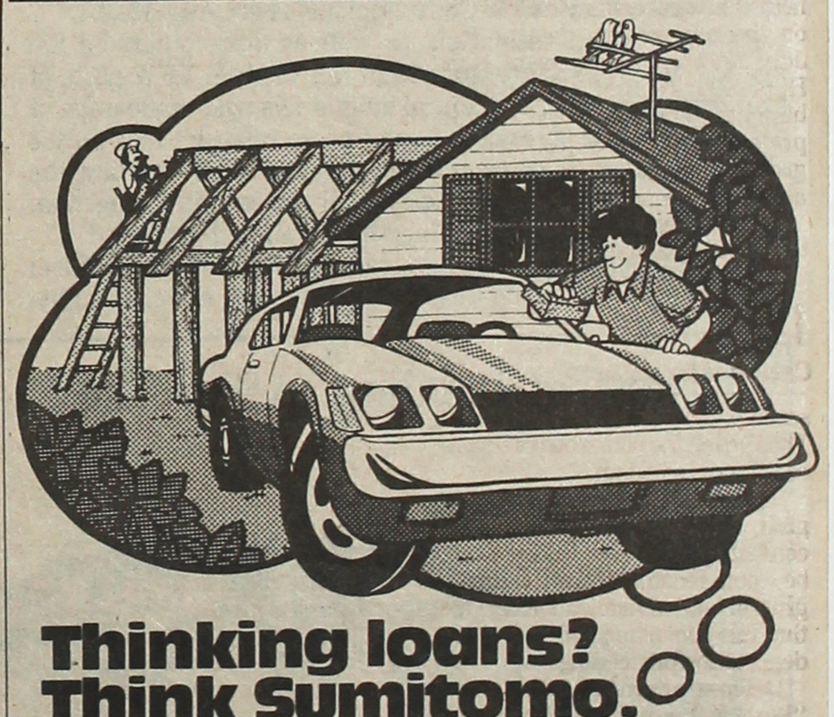

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# Minidoka's Hunt High graduates of '43, '44 gather at Seattle reunion

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**CAMP RADIO SHOW**—The "Minidoka Matinee" group from the Minidoka Center at Hunt, Idaho, shows broadcasting their weekly program from radio KTFI, Twin Falls. Shown (from left) are Joe Owaki, drummer; Hero Nishimoto, master of ceremonies; Dorrie Abe, pianist; Ted Shimano, orchestra leader; Amy Iguchi, clarinet player; Yosh Ogata, saxaphone player; George Kaku, violinist; Sally Makishima, violinist.

By SALLY MACDONALD
Seattle Times Reporter

SEATTLE, Wa.—Their theme was "Sentimental Journey," but their theme song was a haunting version of "Don't Fence Me In."

More than 400 members of the wartime classes of Hunt High School have gathered July 23 and 24 to celebrate with bittersweet recollections their unique graduation day 40 years ago.

There was little celebration then. The graduates, natives of Portland, Seattle—anywhere along the Pacific Coast—were Japanese Americans, routed from their homes in the hysterical aftermath of Pearl Harbor and sent to Minidoka Relocation Camp in Hunt, Idaho.

Minidoka was built on the sagebrush desert near a community named Hunt, which gave the high school its name. The school graduated classes of about 200 each from 1943 to 1945.

Two of the classes, '43 and '44, held this weekend's joint reunion on the anniversary date of that July 23 when members of Hunt High School's first class donned blue caps and gowns and tried to pretend they were just another group of seniors looking forward to an All-American future.

Commencement was late for that first graduating class from Hunt High School. The school hadn't opened until November of 1942, shoving graduation back a month.

The graduates remember Hunt not as a community, but as a dust bowl in the desert for growing little but Idaho potatoes and sagebrush. The camp they remember with pain, but surprisingly little anger. The school they remember with the fondness of any alumni.

The Seattle Center reunion—the first held for any of the classes—was planned as a "sentimental journey," said Tsuguo "Ike" Ikeda, chairman of the event.

"We want to stay away from the issue of reparation," said Ikeda, "We want to relate to people we haven't seen for so many years. We don't want to bring up all those issues. They can be so emotional. That song ('Sentimental Journey') was popular back then. That's why we're singing it. And 'Don't Fence Me In.' It was popular, too, and it means something to us."

**Slide Show on Campus**

The program included a slide show of life in Minidoka, put together over the years by Jack and Dorothy Yamaguchi, who as a young couple began their married life at Minidoka. The slide show may be the only one of its kind from any of the 10 Japanese American relocation camps scattered over the country, Yamaguchi said.

Cameras were not allowed among the "colonists," as the 10,000 Minidoka inmates were called. But as business manager of the camp newspaper, the Irrigator, Yamaguchi was allowed to take pictures of everyday life in the barracks.

"All Japanese, all persons of Japanese ancestry, were considered dangerous and inevitable spies," said Dorothy Yamaguchi, who narrated the program. "The only crime of most of us was that we had Japanese parents."

Life at Minidoka was in many ways common to life on the outside, if Yamaguchi's slides are to be believed.

Babies were born in camp and old people were buried. Someone organized a beauty contest. Softball teams played in the Sagebrush World Series. A sagebrush itself was spruced up to double for a Christmas tree. A smiling girl handed a check over to a man in a business suit; it was the camp's contribution to the War Fund.

**Recall Drawbacks**

But some things couldn't be denied. Hunt High School was really just barracks, filled with tables instead of desks and woefully short of supplies.

"The school system wasn't as organized as it is now," said Kay Kato of Merced Island, a member of the Class of '43. "We didn't have any equipment. We had to make do with what we had. We didn't have enough books."

"Our biggest drawback was not being able to take courses we wanted for college prep," said Lily Shitama of Seattle. "It wasn't fair for those of us who wanted to go on to college."

Forty years ago, the graduates listened as commencement speakers told them to look to the future with optimism. Did they?

"No, but that was our wish," said Ikeda. "When I went in (to Minidoka), I didn't believe I would ever get out. We had maybe one week's notice, and we could only take one bag in. We burned everything Japanese, anything that would suggest disloyalty."

**55 Fallen Heroes**

Disloyal was something the wartime classes at Minidoka were not. Most of the young men signed up for military service as soon as they graduated, serving with 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the most highly decorated Army unit in World War II.

The reunion drew more than 70 percent of the graduates from the two classes. They came from 16 states, and among them were five teachers and two administrators.

But there were some missing faces. Among them were the 55 classmates and friends who left Minidoka after graduation and died fighting for their country.

## Fire destroys four shops; suspect arson

SAN JOSE, Ca.—A shopping center which businessman Tuan Nguyen took eight years to build was burned to the ground early Saturday, Aug. 20.

Fire Capt. Gerry Hubbard said the blaze which enveloped the 13,000 sq. ft. center began at 4:30 a.m. and destroyed four shops in the complex. Fire officials suspect arson.

The Tu Do Business Center at Fourth and St. John streets was described as "one of the most successful Vietnamese businesses in town". The fire apparently started in the kitchen of Maxim's restaurant but there was no evidence that it was a stove, gas line or anything like that, Hubbard said.

"We will have to start all over again," said 49-year-old Nguyen who fled Vietnam in 1975 with his wife and eight children when the country was taken over by the Communists. #

## California First reports dividend

SAN FRANCISCO—A cash dividend of 27 cents per share for third-quarter 1983 was announced by Yasushi Sumiya, president of California First Bank. Payment will be made on Oct. 14, to shareholders of record as of Sept. 8. With assets of $4.2 billion, the state-chartered bank has approximately 10.3 million shares of common stock outstanding. #

# First Nisei promoted two star army general

HONOLULU—Maj. Gen. Walter K. Tagawa, U.S. Army Western Command deputy commanding general for mobilization and reserve affairs, received his second star in ceremonies Aug. 11 at Fort Shafter.

A brigadier general since August, 1979, Tagawa, president of Group Architects Collaborative Inc., commanded the IX Corps Reserve from 1979 to 1982. He has more than 28 years of active commissioned service in the Army.

Tagawa is the first Nikkei with the rank of major general. Three other Nisei all retired now, have been one-star brigadier generals: Francis Takemoto and Edward Yoshimasu, both of Hawaii, and Theodore Kanamine of Los Angeles, now retired in Florida.

In his civilian life, Tagawa is an achitectural engineer, a 1947 graduate of St. Louis High School who completed his studies at Notre Dame with a bachelor of arts degree in architecture in 1952. In addition, his military education, he completed the Army's Engineer Career Course in 1963, Command and General Staff College in 1968 and Army War College in 1971. #


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# LEE

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served and "good time" credit. Thus he left the courtroom with unconditional freedom.

Because of Lee's admission of guilt, he could be deported as a convicted felon. Judge Saiers said he would recommend to the Immigration and Naturalization Service that this conviction not be used for deportation proceedings.

Defense attorney Hanlon said: "We have immigration lawyers who will defend him. There is no law under which it (deportation) would be successful."

**Community Support**

Lee said he had been overwhelmed by the support he had received from the Asian American communities of the nation and offered his personal thanks for their years of support.

"The sense of justice that I have received from all the support people and defense committees over the last six years has a much greater value to me than any 'justice' that I could ever receive from the courts," Lee commented.

"I want to give special thanks," he said, "to the Korean community for giving me the justice the court system couldn't have given me."

Since his release last April, he has worked for a Bay Area Korean community group and has pledged to use his experience to help similarly troubled youth from the community. #


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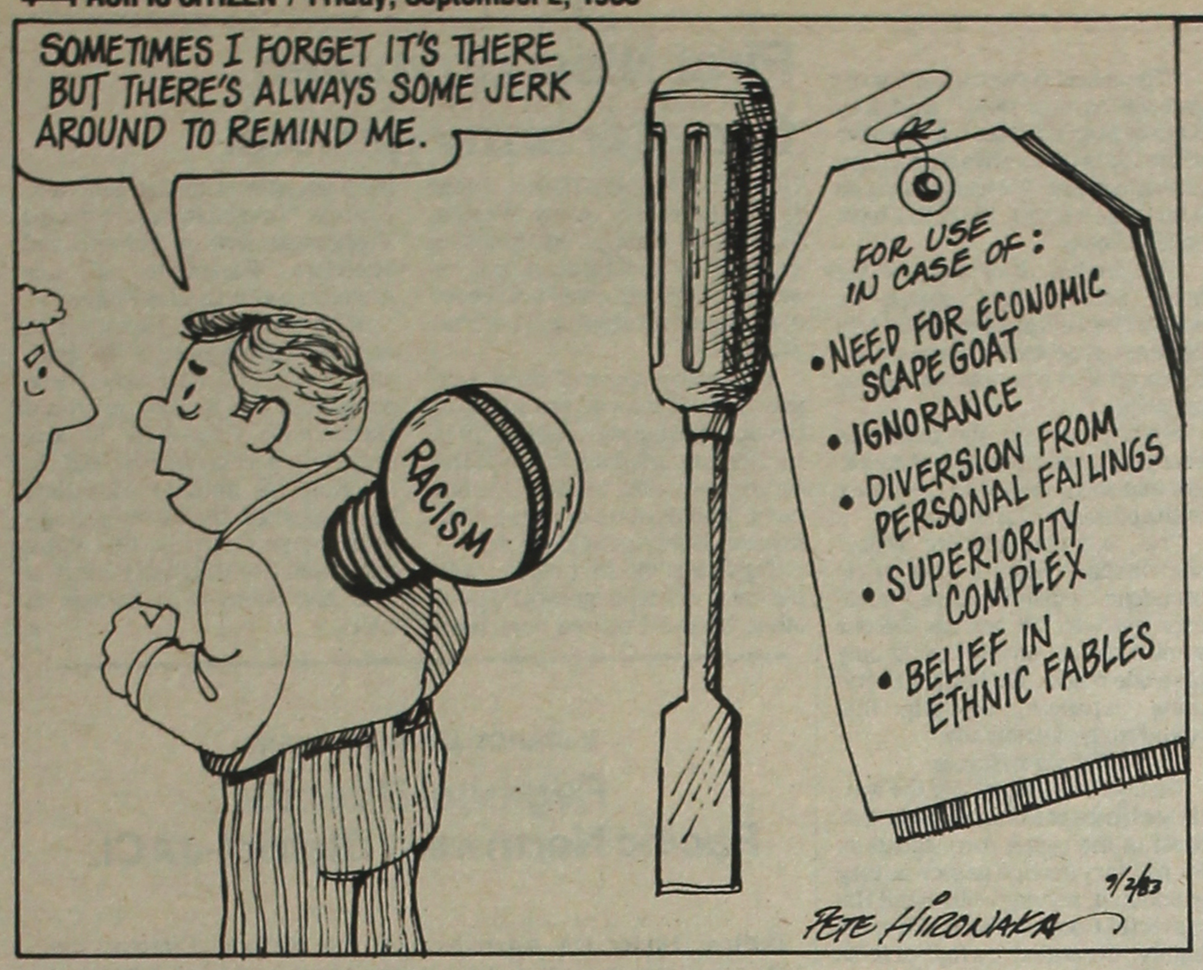


# Keeping Track of Editorials

## ● A grave injustice?

**The Cincinnati Post**
**Monday, May 30, 1983**

After much study a commission created by Congress stated in February that a "grave injustice" had been done to 120,000 Japanese Americans interned in World War II. It said President Roosevelt had acted out of political and racial motives and there was no valid intelligence information to justify the relocating.

The report was welcomed by those who enjoy self-flagellation; statements were made that "we were no better than the Nazis". Some Japanese American groups were encouraged in their quest for billions of dollars in compensation.

Now comes another side to the story. It turns out that before deciding on internment, Roosevelt and his top advisers had access to decoded Japanese diplomatic cables boasting that Japanese Americans were being "utilized" for espionage.

David Lowman, a retired official of the code-breaking National Security Agency, points out that the deciphered messages were published by the defense department in 1977. However, the commission on relocation did not inform itself of the cables before besmirching the reputations of Roosevelt and Secretary of War Henry Stimson.

One cable from the Tokyo government to its Washington embassy in 1941 ordered it to arrange for "utilization of our 'second generations' and our resident nationals"

Another from the Los Angeles consulate to Tokyo said efforts were being made to recruit white and Negro agents "through Japanese persons who we can trust completely". It added that Japanese in San Pedro and San Diego "will keep a close watch on all shipments of airplanes and other war materials."

A cable from the Seattle consulate said, "We have made arrangements to collect intelligence from second-generation Japanese draftees on matters dealing with the troops as well as troop speech and behavior."

None of this proves that Japanese Americans committed espionage, sabotage or were guilty of fifth-column activity. But anyone reading the cable traffic in 1941, as Roosevelt and Stimson did, could have concluded that thousands of Japanese were being organized for subversion.

Thus the internment of West Coast Japanese, now thought to have been unnecessary, was not as arbitrary on the part of Roosevelt as the revisionist commission painted it.

—(from **Midwest JACL Office**)

## ● Recognizing WW2 Wrong

**The St. Louis Post**
**Friday, June 24, 1983**

While conceding that the U.S. government cannot fully compensate Japanese Americans for the "grave injustice" done to them when they were forced from their homes and put in detention camps during World War II, a congressional commission has still done the right thing in recommending federal payments to the survivors. As Joan Bernstein, who chaired the nine-member commission, said, the "injustices" of being uprooted, caged behind barbed wire for 2½ years and branded disloyal on the basis of ethnicity alone "cannot neatly be turned into dollars and cents". But, as the commission report noted, the panel's message and an accompanying compensation program would represent an admonition against prejudice in the future.

Although some surviving officials of the World War II era still defend what was done to 120,000 Japanese Americans, many Americans regard the affair as one of the most serious lapses in the nation's historic commitment to civil liberties. The commission itself was unanimous in its finding that a serious injustice was done, although one member disagreed with its proposal that the government pay $20,000 to each of the 60,000 surviving Japanese Americans, at a total cost of about $1.5 billion.

Ronald K. Ikejiri, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, said his group was "extremely pleased" with the commission's recommendations. The next task for other Americans who recognize the need for a measure of reparation is to persuade Congress to act on the recommendations of the commission that the lawmakers themselves appointed. After the passage of 40 years, Congress ought to be able to acknowledge that a wrong was done and to make amends.

—(from **Midwest JACL Office**)

## ● Facing up to ugly injustice

**The Milwaukee Journal**
**June 29, 1983**

Decency demands that the U.S. government compensate survivors of the cruel internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. Thus, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians has recommended payment of perhaps $1.5 billion to the survivors of the disgraceful program in which 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry—many of them American citizens—were removed from the West Coast and sent to "relocation centers".

The late Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, in a lamentable decision that upheld the conviction of an American citizen of Japanese ancestry for refusing to obey a relocation order, deemed it "unjustifiable" to call the centers concentration camps "with all the ugly connotations that term implies". Yet, the centers were concentration camps. Although internees were not shot or gassed, they were herded into these camps with shameful arbitrariness.

In the name of national security, a grave wrong was done when President Franklin Roosevelt ordered the removal of "all persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien" from the West Coast. Yet the nature of the wrong eluded many distinguished Americans then. Walter Lippmann, the influential journalist, defended the relocation with the declaration, "Nobody's constitutional rights include the right to reside and do business on a battlefield."

Regrettably, the idea that military necessity justified the gross action still has adherents. John J. McCloy, who was an assistant secretary of war in World War II, insists that the attack on Pearl Harbor "constituted full justification" for Roosevelt's order. McCloy does not acknowledge that any compensable wrong, or any wrong at all, was done.

But, as dissenting Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy once said, the exclusion fell into "the ugly abyss of racism". Based on what Murphy rightly called "an erroneous assumption of racial guilt," the U.S. government penned up American citizens in camps. No attempt was made to winnow the loyal from the disloyal through individual review, as was done when allegations were made against persons of German and Italian ancestry. The internment policy utterly failed basic tests of due process.

The commission recognized that the injustice against Japanese Americans "cannot neatly be turned into dollars and cents." Still, paying monetary recompense is something the government can do —and should do.

—(from **Midwest JACL Office**)

## ● Time to settle internment issue

**Seattle Times**
**Monday, June 27, 1983**

Four decades is quite long enough, it seems to us, to decide the question of redress in the obnoxious internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans at the outset of the Second World War.

After years of study, a presidential commission has concluded rightly that the nation owes a formal collective apology to those subjected to the internment order and that a token payment of damages is in order.

The exact amount of reparations—the commission recommends $20,000, but that figure is open to negotiation in Congress—is less important than the principle involved. We are well aware that the question of compensation deeply divides many Japanese Americans today. But some kind of tangible gesture is needed to give substance to the formal apology, whatever form that act ultimately may take.

There is no need here to recite the oft-told story of the move to relocation centers of thousands of American citizens and/or permanent-resident aliens without the slightest vestige of due process. That mass trampling of civil rights cannot be ignored now, lest it be repeated in some future military emergency.

What makes the story of the wartime internment especially repugnant was its manifest racism. Loyalty questions about citizens of German or Italian descent were handled through due process. But Japanese Americans in Washington, Oregon and California (and several hundred Aleuts in the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands) were uprooted simply because they looked "Oriental."

Many, of course, lost money and property while interned. And an earlier claims program, intended to compensate for some of those losses, yielded little more than 8 cents on the dollar—subject to federal income tax, of course.

Emotions over this issue have divided the country far too long. It is time to put the matter behind us and carry through with the general outlines of the commission's recommendations.—(from **Cherry Kinoshita**) #

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**'Horsey' Cartoon**

A recent Seattle Post-Intelligencer cartoon by **Horsey** strikes a morbid note in the redress effort. A woman holding a batch of letters is opening a door, labeled "Congress", asking: "Those Japanese American citizens are still out here, sir, seeking compensation for being locked up in U.S. concentration camps during World War II... How long should I keep 'em waiting?" And a man in his shirt sleeves, holding a gold club and looking down, mutters: "Until they die."

**Brian Johnson** of Kent believed that when President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 on Feb. 19, 1942, neither he nor any other relevant officials realized the import of their action.

"It is hardly a secret that American government and society are ill-disposed toward pointedly different groups. The enslavement of black Americans and the extermination of American Indians are obvious examples." He listed discrimination practiced against the Irish, Italians, Eastern European Jews and others during the 19th and 20th centuries. "Consider the hysterical denunciations of German Americans during World War I," Johnson added.

In support of reparations to Nikkei who were placed in concentration camps, Johnson said concerned citizens contact their federal representatives to right the wrong. #

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**EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani**

# A Debt of Honor

Philadelphia

I DON'T RECALL just where I first got the clue, but I do remember reading an article about a book which some interested parties were seeking to suppress, to keep it from being published. The title: "The Sovereign State of ITT" by Anthony Sampson (Stein & Day, 1973). After checking with a number of bookstores in Philadelphia, without success—most of the stores had not even heard of it—I finally found a copy in a rundown, second-hand bookstore. What it contained was a bit of startling information for this Nisei.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, International Telephone and Telegraph (ITT) is reported to have commenced its manufacturing operations in Germany starting at least from 1930's, one of its representatives having conferred with none other than Adolph Hitler himself in August of 1933. Thus it can hardly be stated that ITT was unaware then, and certainly thereafter, of the type of regime with which it was consorting. ITT continued its operations in Nazi Germany including factories which were part of Hitler's military-industrial complex. And, as we all know, Allied bombers engaged in bombing runs to eradicate this machinery which was being used to plague the world.

THEN COMES THE part in the book that struck this Nisei's equilibrium. We quote in full from page 47 from Sampson's book:

> Most remarkable of all, ITT now presents itself as the innocent victim of the Second World War, and has been handsomely recompensed for its injuries. In 1967, nearly thirty years after the events, ITT actually managed to obtain $27 million in compensation from the American government, for war damage to its factories in Germany, including $5 million for damage to Focke-Wulf plants—on the basis that they were American property bombed by Allied bombers.* It was a notable reward for a company that had so deliberately invested in the German war effort, and so carefully arranged to become German. If the Nazis had won, ITT in Germany would have appeared impeccably Nazi; as they lost, it reemerged as impeccably American.
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> * **Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States:** Final Decision, May 17, 1967, and Proposed Decision, March 27, 1967. The commission, in the Proposed Decision, decided that because the German government after 1942 obtained full control of ITT's subsidiaries through superimposing a new government holding company, thus was "tantamount to the placement of these companies under an enemy property custodian." In view of the earlier insistence of Westrick and Schroeder [prominent German lawyer and a German banker, respectively, the latter emerging as a Nazi general] on making the companies German and Behn's [ITT's representative who had conferred with Hitler, and who emerged as an American colonel during the war] connivance in this, this decision seems surprising.

My government, we, had paid reparations to an American company that had war plants in Nazi Germany, including $5 million for damages to the Focke-Wulf plants which were producing Messerschmitt fighter planes which, in turn, were knocking our boys out of the skies!

IN THE MEANWHILE, our own government had incarcerated some 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry and their parents here in the United States: honest, hardworking, ordinary folks; charged with no offense, for there were none; without so much as even a pretense to observing the sacred protections enshrined in our Bill of Rights; while their sons and daughters valiantly served in the battlefields of Europe as well as thousands of others in the Pacific, in defense of this land. And to date, there has not been so much as an official apology, let alone even a token payment.

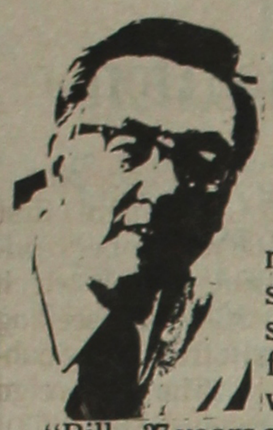
I AM AT a complete loss to explain to my now-deceased Issei parents as well as those thousands of others—the aged, the infirm, the infants—how they should silently suffer the ignominy of having been incarcerated by their own government in their own land—even as that same government paid millions, 16 years ago, to a corporation that consorted with the enemy for years, including helping that enemy build up its *wehrmacht* for which many of us died to destroy.

THERE THUS REMAINS today, a long-outstanding, overdue, "debt of honor" to which this nation should and must respond—if it is to continue to lay claim as being the bastion of democracy.

I, FOR ONE, retain the hope that it shall. #

**FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa**

# A New Chapter, a New Life



Denver, Colo.

One of the gifts I received on retirement was a small aluminum tube inside a supermarket bag. There was something in the tube, of course, but first I had to read the attached card on which was written:

"Bill—37 years ago Palmer Hoyt extended his hand to you and started you on what was to become a mutually enriching and rewarding career on The Post. We know he was someone you respected and admired. It seems only fitting now that he should reach out again with this symbol of retirement to start you on your way to a happy and well-deserved new chapter.

"May your days on the river be good ones and remember that God does not subtract from our allotted time those days spent in fishing. Tight lines, you old poop.—The Boatrights."

It should be explained that the Boatrights are my older daughter Susan, her husband Warren, and their two youngsters, Steven and Stephanie. Warren is a devoted fly fisherman. In years past the Boatrights gave me a pair of hipboots, a spinning rod, a reel, and most lately a fishing license in an effort to entice me out on the stream. They have had scant success. Despite my protestations of great love for fishing, there always seemed to be too many more important things to do.

Some weeks ago Warren was nosing around a fly fishing tackle shop when he ran across what seemed to be an excellent used rod. It bore the name of Palmer Hoyt, the late editor and publisher of The Denver Post, who had hired me and who, after I overcame my awe of him, had become friend and mentor as well as boss. In his prime there was no better newspaper editor.

Hoyt was a powerful and influential man. He received many gifts, and I would guess the fly rod was among them. If someone had given it to him, it had to be an excellent one. Hoyt loved to fish, but in his declining years he had to give up the sport. I imagine that after his death nearly a decade ago some of his possessions were sold, and somehow the fly rod wound up in the tackle store.

More out of curiosity than anything else, Warren bought Palmer Hoyt's rod. He tried it out and found it worthy. And then when he found out that I was retiring, he decided it was only proper that I, not he, should own Palmer Hoyt's old rod. So Warren gave it to me, hoping that at long last I would have both reason and occasion to go out with him to work the streams and quiet beaver-ponds and see if we couldn't fool a few trout on the prowl into lunging at a fake insect.

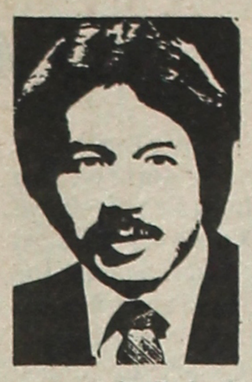
It was a warm and sincere gesture on Warren's part. It would be as ungracious not to accept the invitation as to not accept the rod and the sentiments that accompanied.

So one of these days soon, now that the streams are lower and clearer, we will have to go out and give the rod a workout. We'll have to see whether the trout are still there, and how well I've absorbed Warren's instructions about casting a dry fly.

Old poop, indeed. #

**MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi**

# '84 Convention



San Francisco

There is a magic to Hawai'i that I had forgotten about until my recent visit to Honolulu to prepare for the 1984 National JACL Convention. For four days, I didn't have to spell my name to anyone or help them pronounce it. Saimin noodles at McDonald's and inari sushi (called cone sushi in Hawai'i) at hot dog stands made me feel like I belonged there. Too often on the mainland I find myself postured such that I feel required to explain that I am an American, which explains why I speak English and why I have no particular facility for the arrangement of flowers. It is a good feeling that comes over you, to not feel out of place.

I think our Hawaiian brothers and sisters take this all too much for granted. They fail to realize that we "Kotonks" fall victim to a lifetime of small incidents, which, at best, lead to the conclusion that we are okyaku-san in our own country. We may not necessarily be mistreated as guests, but may have to live with a sense that this is not the place where we can put our feet on the table in front of the television set.

In this environment, where there seems to be a little bit of shoyu and sugar in all of the food, our Honolulu Chapter is hard at work, completely dedicated to putting together what they are calling, "the best convention ever". Under the leadership of the thoughtful Larry Kumabe, the new chapter president, and Edgar Hamasu, the chapter convention chair, the initiative taken by chapter founder, Earl Nishimura, is coming to reality.

**The framework for travel,** housing and registration logistics are nearing the completion, and a release in the Pacific Citizen should be forthcoming shortly. Program and agenda items are in process with requests for convention workshop due to the National Board by Oct. 15 of this year.

The convention will take place from Aug. 13 to 17, 1984, at the Pacific Beach Hotel in Waikiki. It will be a family convention, something for everybody. The Honolulu Chapter knows no other way. #

**VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry Honda**

# Friends of Tad Hirota

Treasure Island, Ca.

It was fitting that friends of Tad Hirota, the genial publicist and raconteur of Eastbay, held the testimonial for him two Saturdays ago (Aug. 20) here in the middle of San Francisco Bay—for he plays a big role in San Francisco and the Eastbay. Both communities have acclaimed him. (Treasure Island still evokes the haunting tune, "Deep Purple", a lyrical piece that soared during the 1939 World's Fair here. How about you, Tad?) The Military Intelligence Service of Northern California and Golden Gate VFW Post 9879 co-sponsored the soiree at the Naval Station Officers' Club on one of the finest August weekends that the 200 attendees can remember. More would have come had there been accommodations.

Tad Hirota's mother, brothers, sister and children, who were introduced by emcee Henry Gosho, MIS, met a slice of the community leaders and friends who have known Tad in and out the past 50 years from the Oakland YBA, the Boy Scouts and prewar Japanese Amateur Athletic Union (as it was known) —especially during basketball season, co-helpers (or co-workers) during the fair at Treasure Island in '39 ... There were more friends from the Tanforan and Topaz camp days; his Army buddies from the MIS (Tad was in the Feb., 1944, class at Ft. Snelling, seeing service in the Philippines and occupied Japan with the 81st Division at Sendai, (We're indebted to Gosho's recounting here of Tad's activities, incidentally); the postwar people in JACL (after settling in Berkeley—Tad started the Eastbay JACL, since then, split into three thriving chapters: Contra Costa, Berkeley and Oakland); colleagues from Western Pioneer Insurance Co., which was established in the late '40s when Nisei returning to California were unable to buy automobile insurance, the Berkeley Lions, San Francisco Optimists, Sumitomo Bank, Berkeley-Sakai Sister City Assn., San Francisco Japanese Community Services, Go For Broke/MIS Museum, East Bay Senior Citizens and many other fine civic organizations. Tad was a joiner and a do-er.

After serving a biennium as Northern Cal district governor in JACL in the mid-'60s, Tad became National 1000 Club chairman—a stretch referred to by Lefty Miyanaga of Salinas in his roasting of the honoree. Lefty remembered Tad asking him to manage his bid for National 1000 Club chairman at the 1970 convention. But Lefty, whose eloquence is often tempered by a deadpan stare in front of the audience, could not remember whether or not he had successfully managed that election campaign. That brought forth the first hearty laugh of the evening. (To Lefty and Tad's friends: Tad was so popular that he had no opposition.) ... Tad went on to two more terms as Nat'l 1000 Club chairman, hustled the 1000 Club count passed the 2,300 count for the first time—thanks, in part, to the 1000 Club-sponsored JACL charter flights to Japan. Those were the days also when JACL chapters had financial quotas to meet through membership dollars and 1000 Clubbers were contributing at least three times the nominal JACL dues ... We should add Tad's third term as nominal 1000 Club chair was obscured by a lackluster change in title to national vice president for membership services. But the gentle Hirota touch upon JACL has been productive, dedicated and unwavering.

MIS-NC chair Harry Iida of Salinas praised Tad's work with the MIS club newsletters (always studded with clips and quips) and getting his hometown of Salinas started on its sister city affiliation. Santa Rosa's Sister City ties with Kagoshima also had help from Hirota ... Tad put together the first MIS reunion in San Francisco in '66. Fun time was foremost—a format which many reunions follow to this day.

He was showered with plaques, an engraved silver tray, a replica of a samurai helmet (kabuto) in a glass case, a Jack Matsuoka caricature in a frame and gag gifts. Author Chet Tanaka gave him his "Go For Broke", which was autographed by those present ... Since the doctor told him he shouldn't speak too long, Tad obeyed and was very brief about acknowledging the turnout, the tokens of appreciation and thanked everyone. Tad is a man of few words, but of many deeds.

On a serious note, Harry Tanabe of the Nisei VFW took the opportunity to report on his meeting with the national VFW commander Currieo at Sacramento and again during the VFW national convention at New Orleans he had attended earlier in the week, assuring that the controversial VFW "no apology, no reparation" stand was shelved and that a positive resolution from the 14 Nisei VFW posts would be projected at next year's convention.

We also relived the 1967 JACL-Japan Tour meeting. Many went on that trip—including the Tosh Minamotos of Oakland, Sam Sato of San Francisco who sat at the same table ... An important P.S.—The two-hour dinner was videotaped by Paul Hara & company. Those who weren't at Treasure Island might ask Tad about seeing it ... These momentary pauses and reflections—especially at personal testimonials such as the one for Tad Hirota—are a joy and jewel to behold timelessly. #

## What's PCYA? will be answered at barbecue

EL CERRITO, Ca.—Dawn Takeda and Christine Uesugi will tell of their experiences at the recent "Presidential Classroom for Young Americans" program in Washington, D.C., when Contra Costa JACL holds its annual barbecue on Sept. 11, 5:30 p.m., at El Cerrito Community Center.

They were recipients of chapter's ninth annual PCYA scholarship which covers tuition for high school students attending the week's project, Masako Sato, chairperson, said. The PCYA is designed for selected high school seniors who study U.S. government through direct exposure inside one hectic week. #

## *Meiji era survey off by 470 meters*

TOKYO—A mistake in a Meiji era survey was discovered last month (Aug. 12) from charts produced from U.S. satellite and laser rays, putting the Japanese archipelago 470 meters closer NW-ward to the Asian continent.

The Maritime Safety Agency, which learned of Japan's true position, will instruct vessels to correct their marine charts accordingly. Experts had been pointing out that the locale of the archipelago was questionable and a review was needed.

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**CLIFF'S CORNER: by Dr. Clifford Uyeda**

# Big Mountain People

San Francisco

The conflict between the Navajos and the Hopis is rooted in the series of federal legislations dating back over one hundred years. They pitted one tribe against the other while outsiders gained economic bonanza by exploiting the native Americans.

Healing this century-old wound is the hope, especially among the elders of both tribes. Chairman Peterson Zah of the Navajo Tribal Council states, "We have come up with a different idea, the idea that through cooperation we can all help one another."

The present administration in Washington has expressed "full support" for the new policy of cooperation between the Hopis and the Navajos. On the reservation the attitude is that of "wait and see". Too often in the past, "full support" was only in rhetoric for public consumption.

The land settlement act (PL 93-531) of 1974 gave the Navajo nation the authority to purchase 250,000 acres of private land and 250,000 acres of BLM (Bureau of Land Management) land for relocation of Navajos living in areas awarded to the Hopis. Until now, however, the federal government had acceded to the non-Indian residents and ranchers and foiled the purchase of lands selected by the Navajos.

July 8, 1983 was the deadline for the Navajo tribe to select the lands. If by that date the Navajo tribe had not selected "resettlement" lands the task becomes the responsibility of the federal Navajo-Hopi Relocation Commission.

The Navajo tribe, therefore, took action before the deadline and selected 370,000 acres in the area of Sanders and Chambers, a parcel which is contiguous with the southeastern section of the Navajo reservation. It is being hoped that part of the selected land will be used in land exchange with the Hopis.

The Navajo leaders are themselves facing backlash from unhappy Navajos who believe that the repeal of the 1974 Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act is the only acceptable solution.

Chairman Zah stated, "If the Navajos and the Hopis blow this chance for a settlement, then it will haunt both tribes for years to come." He feels that these lands under consideration are "really excellent lands." He also cautions, "Whatever comes up, we won't be able to make all the people happy." Meanwhile, the intra-tribal conflicts among the Navajos continue.

The Navajo-Hopi land "settlement" act has pitted Hopis against Navajos, and even the Navajos against Navajos. Unfortunately, this has been the practice, rather than the exception, in the U.S. government's dealings with the native Americans since their first meeting centuries ago.

The American conscience has not yet today reached a point where regrets for past unconscionable acts are expressed in performance greater than rhetoric. It will have to, if the United States' human rights advocacy is to be taken seriously throughout the world. It is one of the major credibility gaps which the United States must correct.

It was a Navajo that stated, "Society should be judged—not by how they treat the majority, but by how they treat the minority."

Out in the Pacific during World War II, wherever the Marines landed, the Japanese got an earful of strange language they could not decipher. They were listening to a code based on the Navajo native language which earned the reputation as "the only fool proof unbreakable code in the history of warfare."

Over 1,500 Navajos served in the armed forces during World War II, and nearly 400 of them were the Marine Code Talkers. Like the Nisei in the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) a tight lid of secrecy was clamped on the project.

Suggested reading: "The Second Long Walk: The Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute" by Jerry Kammer (1980: (Univ. of New Mexico Press)

# ALL/JACL awards scholarships

FRESNO, Ca.—Janel Urushima, daughter of Ray/Mary Urushima, won a $10,000 scholarship to Pepperdine...Alice Shimada, daughter of Hisao Shimada, was awarded the Fresno American Loyalty League (JACL) $400 scholarship.

Alice, now at UC-San Diego, received her scholarship, with other honored graduates, at the ALL dinner on July 30 at Yomachi's, the ALL/JACL monthly newsletter reported.

Shirley Akkiko Suda, graduate of UC-Davis Medical School, has primary interest in general surgery. The daughter of Dr./Mrs. Otto Suda, was honored with her membership into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Society. She will serve her internship at the UC-Davis, affiliated hospitals.

Christine Davis received both a Central California District JACL Council $300 scholarship, and ALL $400 scholarship. Deanna Kitamura was presented the 1983 CCDC Citizenship and Achievement Plaque, plus a $400 ALL scholarship. Elaine Yamaguchi was recognized with an ALL Presidential Classroom for Young Adults scholarship and CCDC Citizenship Achievement Award.

Victor Takahashi and Ian Taniguchi were recipients of $400 scholarships. #

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# Defunct Lone Star club gives to JACL

**HOUSTON, Tex.—The Lone Star Club, an organization composed of pioneering Issei and Nisei, has closed its books with a $2,370 contribution to the JACL, according to Harvey Onishi, one of the former members of the service club. #**


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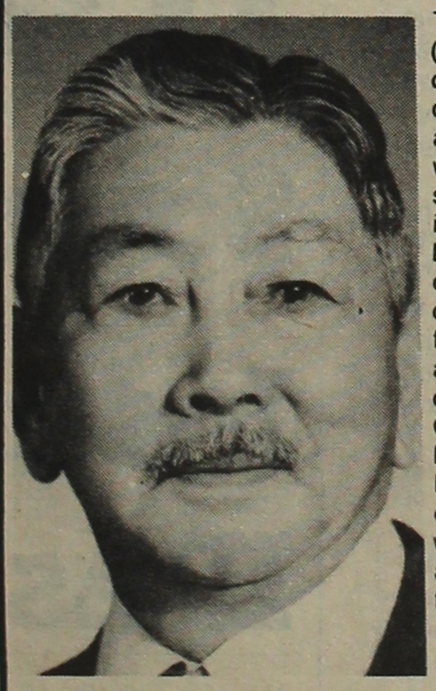

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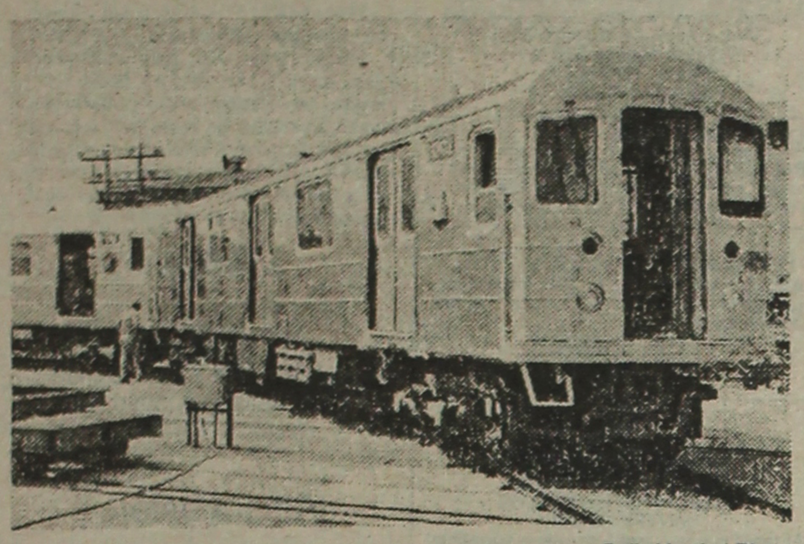
# Scribble-proof subway cars from Japan arrive in N.Y.



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**NEW SUBWAY TRAIN**—Inspector at Japan's Kawasaki Heavy Industries, which won the bid to replace New York's wornout subway trains, prepares new "scribble-proof" train destined for Manhattan.

KOBE—When the City of New York decided to purchase new subway cars from Kawasaki Heavy Industries, there was a hue & cry over the deal in New York. Come October, 11 special Japanese-made coaches will make their appearance in New York.

(The first car was unloaded Aug. 18 at south Brooklyn.)

The new-type coach is stout and light and "scribble-proof" since the vehicle is made of aluminum and covered with stainless steel, which can be cleaned easily with detergent of spray-type paint and felt pen grafitti.

Kawasaki had won the order for 325 cars over U.S. and European bidders. The remaining 825 cars, which the New York Metro ordered to replace its fleet, is being produced by a Canadian manufacturer under technological guidance of KHI.

Window panes are thick plastic, which is hard to break. The floor is covered with a special thick rubber. The engineer's compartment is protected with bullet-proof glass.

American labor protested when the bid went to the Japanese company, but New York City's transportation bureau overcame the opposition when it was pointed out KHI had superior technology in manufacturing a light vehicle. #

# ARMY

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but had not protested until their assignment to combat training.

A copy of the board's decision was obtained by Army Times from the public files but the names of the 11 were deleted. Some of the 11 protestors reportedly are prominent in business today.

About 600 Nisei were transferred to Ft. McClellan in March, 1944, for combat training. Many of them were prewar draftees who had been assigned to noncombat duties such as clerks, cooks or drivers after Pearl Harbor at inland Army posts. Many, the majority board report said, were "resentful of the transfer (to McClellan) and some expressed an unwillingness to take combat training in view of the conditions in which they, or their families, found themselves".

The board said they complained about the treatment their families received in the relocation centers and "protested the undemocratic action taken by the United States government in dispossessing their relatives and themselves simply because they were of Japanese descent".

On Mar. 20, 1944, the infantry trainees were ordered to march to a field house on the post to hear an orientation by the training center commander. A group of about 43 began the march but soon stopped and refused commands to continue toward the field house. A soldier was ordered to take names of those who would not march, but they refused to identify themselves and were placed under arrest.

During the next few days, 106 Nisei were arrested for failing to obey orders. A senior officer told those under arrest that the Army could do nothing to resolve the problems at the relocation centers, that it was the Army's business only to train them for combat.

Of the 28 who refused to train and up for court-martial, Brig. Gen. Wallace C. Philon, commanding at Ft. McClellan, told an Associated Press reporter that the 28 had "lived for several years in Japan and have become indoctrinated with the military philosophy of that country".

Twenty-one were eventually tried and convicted for violating Article of War 64—wilfully disobeying the lawful command of a commissioned officer. They were sentenced to dishonorable discharge, total forfeiture of pay and confinement at hard labor from five to 30 years. In November, 1945, the sentences were reduced to three years by a special clemency action. In 1946, they were put on parole and released.

**Protest Against 'Incarceration'**

In January 1981, the Army changed the sentences for each of the 11 to honorable rather than a dishonorable discharge. The remaining ten who had been convicted have sought no records correction, the Army Times noted.

Last year, the 11 testified before the board, in requesting further relief, that they refused combat training "because no one appeared to listen to their complains about the manner in which their families were being treated at the relocation centers", the board decision explained. The 11 had hoped their courts-martial would bring the grievances to the attention of the government, the board said.

While there was no error in the courts-martial and evidence "clearly establishes" that the applicants failed to obey a commissioned officer, three of the five members concluded that "in retrospect it appears that the sentences imposed were too severe". The board majority said their refusal to train for combat appeared "to be more in the nature of a protest against prolonged incarceration of members of their immediate families in relocation centers, rather than an outright refusal to undergo combat training".

Having been frustrated in prior attempts to free their families, the board majority concluded the Nisei soldiers decided "to bring the plight of their families to the attention of high government officials through the media of the general courts-martial".

The board noted that the Japanese Americans who did train at Ft. McClellan later served with distinction in the 442nd. #

**CRUEL DEATH . . .?**

# Humane society receives complaints over 'live sashimi'

HONOLULU—Few people who eat oysters on the half-shell worry about how the oysters feel. They are only food. They've been ice-packed. Are they completely dead? No! The oysters are not only fresh, but alive.

They do not die, according to Ian Cook of the Univ. of Hawaii zoology department, "until they've been in the stomach for one minute".

The Hawaiian Humane Society hasn't complained about the oyster on half-shells, but more than two dozen people did protest to the society about the Japanese practice of ikizukuri, or live sashimi, in which fish and lobster are served still moving. The complaints led one restaurant, Suntory, to take lobster-sashimi off its menu.

Alan Howard of the Univ. of Hawaii anthropology department thinks that culture is one reason people can accept one way of eating while being appalled by another. The Rev. Egen Yoshikami of the Byodo-In Temple said the ikizukuri-style developed because they wanted something really fresh".

Hawaiian Humane Society director Ruth Wade said her organization does not aim "to make moral judgments on what can and cannot be eaten. It is the manner in which the animal meets its death with which we are concerned."

The society recommends that the fish be killed quickly and lobsters be put in cold water to anesthetize them before bringing them to a slow boil. #


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