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Chicago Nikkei hear pledges of support from legislators

CHICAGO—The Illinois Dept. of Human Rights held a hearing at Truman College on Nov. 9 to hear testimony on bigotry and other concerns of the state's 250,000 Asians.

Twenty-five witnesses presented statements on immigration and refugee policy, employment, education, licensing of professionals, health and human services, women's issues, and care of the elderly.

William Ware, chief of staff for Mayor Harold Washington, opened the hearing with a statement that discrimination against Asian Americans, or any other group, would not be tolerated by the Washington administration, and pledged that Asian Americans in Chicago would no longer be left out of the political process. Ware also stated that he would investigate prospects for establishing a city Asian American advisory group.

State Sen. William Marovitz and State Rep. Lee Preston announced they would introduce legislation in the Illinois General Assembly to create an Asian American Study Commission to serve as a liaison between Asian Americans, the General Assembly, and state agencies.

Edwin Cudecki, chair of the Illinois Consultation on Ethnicity in Education, urged the Dept. of Human Rights to initiate further dis-

cussions on how Asian Americans are portrayed in media, schools, and among labor unions. Former JACL Midwest governor Ross Harano warned the department that bigotry against Asian Americans is on the rise nationally.

JACL Midwest Director Bill Yoshino gave an historical account of racism toward Asians and drew historic parallels to the current atmosphere of tension. In concluding his statement Yoshino said that prejudice and racism "can be as overt as the killing of Vincent Chin in Detroit or as subtle as the denial of a job promotion. It is, however, pervasive and damaging, creating fear and animus. We must acknowledge its existence and recognize the atmosphere in which it may become intensified." He further stated that "this public hearing represents an important first step and denotes that Illinois is assuming a leadership role in this effort."

The Illinois Department of Human Rights is the enforcement agency for the Illinois Human Rights Act of 1980, which prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, access to financial credit and places of public accommodations. Its director, Joyce Tucker, praised JACL's efforts in coordinating and participating in the hearing. #

SENATE BILL S 2216 . . .

Matsunaga submits bill on redress to Senate

WASHINGTON—Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), with 13 colleagues, introduced S 2216 on Nov. 16. The bill would implement the recommendations of the Commission on War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

In his remarks, Matsunaga stated that, "The Commission's careful review of wartime records, and its extensive hearings, confirmed what Americans of Japanese ancestry have always known: The evacuation of Japanese Americans from the West Coast and their incarceration in what can only be described as American-style concentration camps was not justified by military necessity, but was the result of racial prejudice, wartime hysteria, and a historic character failure on the part of our political leaders."

Matsunaga's speech, delivered late last Thursday evening, generated the co-sponsorship of five senators from the floor, including that of conservative Republican Jeremiah Denton of Alabama.

The 13 co-sponsors of S 2216 are:

Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), Frank Murkowski (R-Alaska), Alan Cranston (D-Calif.), John Melcher (D-Mont.), Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio), Donald Riegle, Jr. (D-Mich.), Paul Tsongas (D-Mass.), Jeremiah Denton (R-Alabama), Carl Levin (D-Mich.), Daniel Moynihan (D-NY), William Proxmire (D-Wisc.), and Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY).

Inouye, who with Matsunaga obtained the co-sponsorship of the other senators, stated in his speech that, "It is vitally important that we recognize the gravity of the serious error that was committed and most importantly that we redress in some form the victims of this reprehensible event in order to preclude something as horrible from happening again in the future."

Familiar Provisions

Similar to HR 4110, the Senate bill would acknowledge the fundamental injustice of the internment, apologize on behalf of the people of the United States, and provide a \$1.5 million trust fund, from which individuals would be paid \$20,000 each.



Spark M. Matsunaga

The balance of the fund would be used primarily to sponsor research and public education.

S 2216 also contains provisions compensating Aleuts who were removed from their homes during WW2.

"We're very pleased," said National JACL Redress Director John Tateishi of the bill, "and sincerely appreciate the efforts of Senators Matsunaga and Inouye."

Tateishi said the bill would probably be referred to the Committee on Governmental Relations, on which both Carl Levin and Ted Stevens sit. The committee is chaired by William Roth, Jr., of Delaware. #



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER—Carleton College President Robert Edwards presents an engraved award to Eden Inoway of Salt Lake City, recognizing her as a Carleton/JACL Scholar in the freshman class of 1987. Inoway is the daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Carl Inoway. Ranked among the nation's 25 top liberal arts institutions, Carleton is located in Northfield, Minn.

Nat'l A/P caucus drafts platform

LOS ANGELES—Community leaders from across the country gathered here as the Democratic National Committee's Asian Pacific Caucus held its first national conference on Nov. 4-5.

Caucus members discussed selection of delegates to the Democratic National Convention and issues to be incorporated into an Asian/Pacific platform for 1984.

Addressing the caucus were Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), Rep. Fofu Sunia (D-Am. Samoa), Ann Lewis, political director of the Democratic National Committee, Assemblyman Tom Hayden, Calif. State Senate president pro tempore David Roberti, Calif. Sec. of State March Fong Eu, Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, and S.B. Woo, candidate for lieutenant governor of Delaware.

In his keynote speech, Mineta told conference delegates to address not only issues of specific concern to Asian and Pacific Americans, but also those that affect other minorities and the nation as a whole. Otherwise, he stated, Asian Pacifics may be looked upon as "just another special interest group."

Caucus chair Thomas Hsieh of San Francisco reported that the Democratic National Committee had amended its affirmative action rules for delegate selection to the nominating convention to in-

clude Asian Pacifics as well as Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans and women.

Planks for the 1984 platform address the rise of anti-Asian violence, redress, immigration laws, medical aid for hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors), and assistance to minority businesses.

In addition to Chair Hsieh, Lorna Kakesako of Hawaii was elected vice chair; S.B. Woo of Delaware, secretary; and attorney Mike Eng of Los Angeles, treasurer. #

Nat'l BCA board backs redress

SAN FRANCISCO—The national board of the Buddhist Churches of America at its recent meeting unanimously passed a motion commending the recommendations of the Commission on War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

At the time of the 1942 evacuation, the BCA, then known as the Buddhist Mission of North America, was the largest Japanese American organization in the country.

National JACL director Ron Wakabayashi, in expressing appreciation to BCA for its action, said: "I am pleased that two of the largest Nikkei community groups have adopted virtually identical positions on the matter of redress/reparations." #

Reagan to sign bill to revive U.S. Civil Rights Commission

WASHINGTON— President Reagan is expected to sign a bill, passed by the House and Senate last week, giving new life to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Reagan, who replaced two of the commission's six members earlier in his term, tried to fire three more members and to appoint more like-minded individuals in their place. But the Senate refused to confirm Reagan's nominees. (See PC, 11-4.)

Under the compromise legislation, the commission expands to eight members. Reagan will be allowed to

seat two of the three new commissioners he nominated last spring. Two of the three old commissioners, however, will stay.

And the commission is no longer an agency of the executive branch. Four commissioners will still be appointed by the President, but two will be named by the Senate leadership and two by the Speaker of the House.

An amendment to the measure also appropriates \$11.9 million to run the commission to Sept. 30, the end of the fiscal year. #

More Nikkei Californians elected to hold political offices throughout state

UNION CITY, Ca.—Nurseryman Tom Kitayama won another term as mayor of this No. California city in the Nov. 8 elections by a margin of 3,320 to 1,975 for his opponent J. Manuel Herrera.

Three Nikkei won school board seats in other areas. Attorney Garry Ichikawa easily defeated four opponents in Fairfield, Calif., for a seat on the Solano Community College board. Ichikawa, a local JACL member, is the first Japanese American to be elected to public office in So-

lano County. He polled 55% of the total votes cast.

Tom Matsumoto of Santa Clara County garnered the highest number of votes in the race for a seat on the Evergreen School District board. Matsumoto's 1,576 votes equalled 35.2% of the total number cast.

In San Mateo County, Kevin Enomoto won the second seat on the Las Lomas School District board by receiving 915 votes. Hal Louchaeim came in first with 1,104 votes. #

PAUL C. TAKEDA, 86:

A Community Service Pioneer

By HENRY MORI

LOS ANGELES—During my earlier period of enforced confinement in the spring of 1942 at the Colorado River Relocation Center in Poston, Arizona, the name of Paul Chikara Takeda was synonymous with the American Red Cross.



It was he and his brother, the late Junichi Takeda, who were responsible for the formation of the first American Red Cross office in any wartime relocation center sanctioned by the National ARC.

I recall how proudly we were to witness the unfurling of the Red Cross flag in front of an Army barrack where our headquarters were to be. In the days ahead, we improvised just about everything we had around us to establish a half-decent looking "office," with makeshift shelves, desks, chairs and a visitor's counter.

And, we weathered the hot dust storms when one came by closing all the stubborn windows on a moment's notice, gathering the loose documentary papers which had scattered on

the uncarpeted wooden floor. I would remind Paul that his Japanese name, Chikara, meant strength and power. And, we laughed, even in a hellhole like Poston.

Perchance, I met one of his nieces on Nov. 11, Veteran's Day, and learned the 86-year-old, Hawaii-born scholar whose bilingual forte made him a community asset had quietly passed away in his sleep at St. Vincent Hospital several hours before. In my flashback, I immediately thought about Paul and the American Red Cross.

Nihongo Instructor

Takeda was six when his parents took him to Hiroshima to give him a Japanese education. Sixteen years later, he returned to the United States, and worked his way through high school and college, graduating from UCLA in 1927 as an economics major.

A year later, he visited Japan and married Shizuko Kiyokane who was then attending Imperial Women's College in Tokyo. Upon return to California, the couple taught at Lodi Japanese Language School and Hinode Gakuen near Sacramento for two years.

New Mexico Nisei grower tells all about his chili pepper creation

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—Roy Minoru Nakayama was the fifth of Kaichiro and Tome Nakayama's eight children. Kaichiro had worked his way on a freighter from Japan to the United States in 1907. He adopted the American name John and learned farming from a German family in Nebraska, where he met his wife.

Roy, like his brothers and sisters, toiled on their father's truck farm while they were growing up. Roy liked farming, even following a mule-drawn plow. He liked school, too. And he found a way to have both.

Roy, 60, has a doctorate in horticulture, plant pathology and breeding. He is a professor at New Mexico State Univ. horticultural section. And he farms at NMSU's experimental fields south of Las Cruces, where he raises chili.

Roy and his wife Rose live in a rambling brick house on Hatch Highway, north of Las Cruces. "Roy is 'Mr. Chili,'

you know," Rose says of her husband, who has a full-length apron from a World Championship Chili Cookoff autographed a few years back by actor William Conrad.

The Nakayamas met in Cincinnati about 1950, when Roy was driving from Iowa State Univ., where he attended graduate school, to Washington, D.C., between semesters. Rose had lived with her four sisters on a 60-acre farm near Cortez, Calif., until February 1942 when President Roosevelt authorized military officials to incarcerate persons of Japanese descent.

Roy had his troubles during World War II. He joined the U.S. Army after graduating from Las Cruces Union High School, three months before Pearl Harbor. He was captured during the Battle of the Bulge and held eight months in a German prisoner-of-war camp. His family, in New Mexico, was unaffected by the evacuation edict.

Nakayama has an interesting story on his experimental

seeds of No. 7103 chili, known as NuMex R. Naky, which was released this year. The pods are larger than No. 6-4

but not as large as Big Jim, he explains. "Naky is valuable for its highly extract-

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Berkeley Nisei named head of U.S. Figure Skating Assn.

SUN VALLEY, Idaho—George T. Yonekura of Berkeley, Calif., was elected president of the United States Figure Skating Assn., during the governing council meeting held here on May 14.

George became interested in figure skating in 1958 when his daughter Lynn took her first steps on the ice. Lynn, now assistant professor in the Univ. of So. Calif. School of Medicine, went on to become Central Pacific and Pacific Coast Junior Ladies Champion and National Novice silver medalist, the SKATING/October 1983 magazine disclosed.

Yonekura's interest soon turned to administration. He served for many years as board member; vice president, and then president of

the St. Moritz Ice Skating Club of Berkeley, Calif.

In 1967, he was voted into the U.S. Figure Skating Assn.'s executive committee.

He is a national referee, high test, and junior competition judge. He has put in long hours on the ice at regional, sectional and national championship levels. He was a team leader for the 1978 Worlds in Ottawa, the 1979 Worlds in Vienna, and the NHK Trophy in Japan in 1980 and 1983.

Yonekura and his wife Margaret reside on Berkeley hills overlooking San Francisco—From N. Nakajima, Sheffield Lake, Ohio. #

● Award

Cadet Theodore Ken Yoneda, son of Ted/Suellen Yoneda of Stockton, Ca., was awarded academic and deportment honors at Wentworth Military Academy and Junior College, Lexington, Mo. Cadet Yoneda was listed on the academic Dean's Special Distinction list in October and received 100% deportment for the first grading period in the 1983-84 school years. #

● Theater

Julie Nakagawa, an outstanding student of the School of Cleveland Ballet, became the first recipient of the Kay Williams Scholarship award. The 19-year-old Nakagawa is originally from Evanston, Ill. She is an advanced student in the professional student division and a scholarship/apprentice in the company. The fund was created by the Cleveland Ballet Council in honor of Mrs. Alfred L. Williams, a fine arts patron and a Ballet trustee.

deaths

Mrs. Sowa Uchiyama, 89, of Oakwood, Ohio, died Oct. 30. A native of Fukuoka who resided in Weiser, Idaho, and more recently in the Dayton, Ohio-area, widow of the late Gonzo is survived by 4 s Dr John (Des Moines), Dr George (St Louis), Dr Sam (Tacoma), Dr Mathias (Portland), 2 d May Kimura (Dayton), Lea Nakauchi (Dayton); 18 gc, 7 ggc. #

NOTICE OF DEATH

TAKIO KATAOKA, 68, four-time Milwaukee JACL president in 1954, 1974, 1977 and 1978, of 2723 N. Frederick Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53211, died November 7, 1983. Member of the Thousand Club and chapter board, he had been ill for a year and month. Funeral services were held Nov. 8. He was interred at the Wood National Cemetery for veterans. He is survived by w Lily, s Jeffrey, d Margaret, three grandchildren and relatives, including br Muneo, sis Toy Kanegai (both of Los Angeles) and br-in-law Kiro Iseda. For many years, Takio was the Santa Claus at the JACL Christmas party for children.

RITA ZWERN
Los Angeles

At the invitation of the Japanese Christian Church of Los Angeles, the Takedas continued teaching until World War II.

At Poston, Takeda maintained his posture as a community servant. As a charter member of the camp's Red Cross, he expanded his activity as its Junior Red Cross chairman and first aid instructor. He was also a charter member/executive secretary of Poston Cooperative Stores.

In early April 1945, Paul and Shizuko relocated to Cleveland, Ohio. There, Takeda worked as a shipping clerk for a wholesale house until the end of war. Upon their return to the West Coast, the Takedas, who had no children, ventured in self-service laundry and apartment business. But their careers

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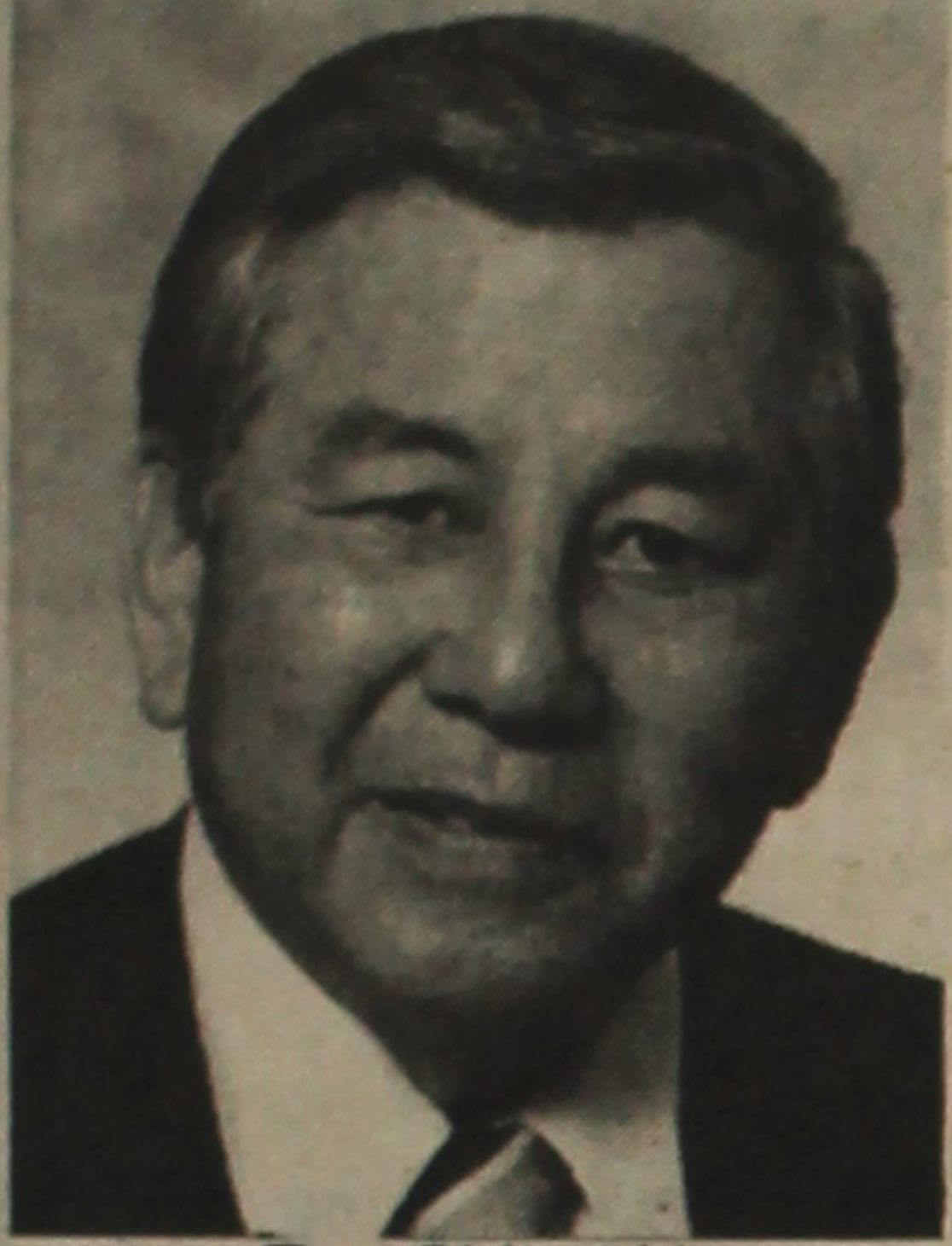
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JACLers forming new national bank

GARDENA, Ca.—A national bank headed by JACLers is nearing completion in Gardena, an area heavily populated with Nikkei establishments and homeowners. Three years in the making, the bank expects to open its doors in January 1984.

Ron Shiozaki, past PSW district governor and past Gardena chapter president, heads the interim board of directors. Several other JACL members sit on the board,



Ron Shiozaki

which comprises Harry T. Iida, D.D.S.; Thomas Y. Kamidoi, D.D.S.; Henry M. Nagahori, president of Imperial Mold and Products, Inc.; Kiyoko Higuchi, real estate broker and Shell service dealer; Thomas D. Spears, president and CEO of Spears TV and Appliance; and Lou Tomita, past Gardena chapter president and general chair of the 1982 JACL National Convention. Attorney Mayo M. "Mako" Higuchi is secretary to the board.

There are 131 shareholders to date, including 51 founders, representing more than \$2,000,000 of capital stock. The stock sale has moved into the second phase, and, according to William Patterson, the bank's president and chief executive officer, the principals are pleased with the substantial support received in the primary service area.

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Friends raise \$45,000 for Japanese Retirement Home

LOS ANGELES—A total of \$45,000 was donated this year by the Friends of the Japanese Retirement Home to the Home, making up a major part of the annual operating deficit, it was announced Oct. 29 at the general membership meeting. Since their organization in 1977, the Friends have donated \$278,782 to the Home.

Art Yoshimura was re-elected president of the group. Helping him on his cabinet are Jack Muro, 1st v.p.; Mable Urushibata, 2nd v.p.; Yuri Tanaka, 3rd v.p.; Kats Kunitsugu, rec. sec.; Hana Uno Shepard, corr. sec.; Michi Obi, treas.; Yuk Urushibata, parliamentarian; Chizu Kameta, hist.;

and Ethel Kohashi, auditor. The cabinet was formally installed at a dinner meeting held Nov. 15 at Yamato Restaurant under Betty Yumori, dinner chair.

Yoshimura, who is serving his second term as president of the support group for the Japanese Retirement Home, pointed out that in addition to raising funds for the Home, the group also puts on an annual picnic and a Christmas party for the residents at both the Home and the Intermediate Care Facility. He pointed out that membership in the Friends has grown to 218 this year. Membership is \$10 per person, and anyone who is interested in helping the Home can join.

TAKEDA

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belonged in teaching, or comparable to it.

At age 62 when most look toward retirement, Paul's future had only begun: he was literally drafted in 1952 to serve as the executive secretary of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California, a position he held the next 10 years.

In 1974, Paul C. Takeda was awarded the Sixth Order of the Rising Sun from the Japanese government; and three years later, the Shihakuji Yukosho, the second highest recognition bestowed by the Japan Agricultural Society.

Takeda was presented the Senior Citizen Oscar Award of 1972 by the Los Angeles City; and was cited the "Pioneer of the Year 1978" by the Nisei Week Festival board.

As to his many organizational affiliations, a printer friend of mine can't recall a time when Takeda did not ask him to make stationery or addressed envelopes in behalf of certain groups. "All the billing went to him," my friend said.

His last mission was to serve as president of the So. Calif. Japanese Pioneer Social Service Center. And his last message from the hospital bed was his regrets that he could not attend a banquet celebrating a merger of senior citizen service centers in mid-September.

Our paths met many times during the course of our work since those hard and difficult days of confinement at Poston.

Paul C. Takeda, a quiet, unassuming, and soft-spoken scholar, will long be remembered as the man who brought the American Red Cross to Poston. #

Henry Mori, longtime English editor of the Rafu Shimpō and now retired, is assisting the PC editorial department.

Kickoff dinner raises \$70,000 for Eden Issei Terrace project

BERKELEY, Ca.—Friends and supporters of Eden Issei Terrace, the 100-unit, low-income housing project in Hayward, turned out on Oct. 29 for the project's construction kick-off dinner at the Oakland Airport Hilton.

Welcome was extended by Judge Ken Kawaichi, the emcee, followed by the introductions of guests. Entertainment included music by the Wanto Kayo Club (East Bay Singing Club) and Jack Imada.

A drawing was conducted by Tom Ouye and messages were delivered by Laura Date, current president of East Bay Issei Housing, Inc. and Robert Sakai, past president.

In their program message, they stated: "We wish we could have created this project 10 years earlier. Most of the Issei are gone now and won't benefit from the project, but we must not let this be an excuse to do nothing. We still have the opportunity to help those who are still with us. For those that have already left us perhaps it is a

comforting thought to know that they inspired the EBHI and thus created a legacy to the Issei... We offer thanks to all the Issei who have made our lives here a reality. If they had not dared to cross that wide Pacific Ocean, where would we be?"

\$71,600 Raised

It was reported that the kick-off dinner raised \$71,600 for the project which has a completion date slated for late next year.

Sponsors of East Bay Issei Housing, Inc. are:

Alameda JACL, Bay Area Free Methodist Church, Berkeley Buddhist Church, Berkeley Higashi Honganji Church, Berkeley JACL, Berkeley Methodist United Church, Berkeley Nikkei Senior Center, Buddhist Church of Oakland, Buddhist Temple of Alameda, Buena Vista United Methodist Church, Christian Layman Church, Contra Costa JACL, Diablo Japanese American Club, Diablo Valley JACL, East Bay Japanese for Action, Inc., Eden Township JACL, Eden Township Japanese Community Center, Fremont JACL, Lake Park United Methodist Church, Oakland JACL, Sakura Kai, Inc., San Lorenzo Japanese Christian

Church, Sycamore Congregational Church and Tri-Valley JACL.

Poston III interneers to gather in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—The Fourth Poston Camp III Reunion is now being planned for Spring 1985. Earlier reunions were held in San Jose, San Diego and Fresno in 1975, 1978 and 1981, respectively. All Camp III residents, students and non-students, who have not notified earlier committees of their correct addresses are requested to do so this time. The steering committee hopes to make the gathering more of a campwide reunion as well as another successful high school reunion.

PC readers are asked to "pass the word" to former camp residents. Respondents are also asked to indicate their class or which block they lived in. Information should be sent by November 30, or soon thereafter, to the Reunion IV Steering Committee, c/o Babe Karasawa, 10427 S. Woodstead Ave., Whittier, CA 90603. #

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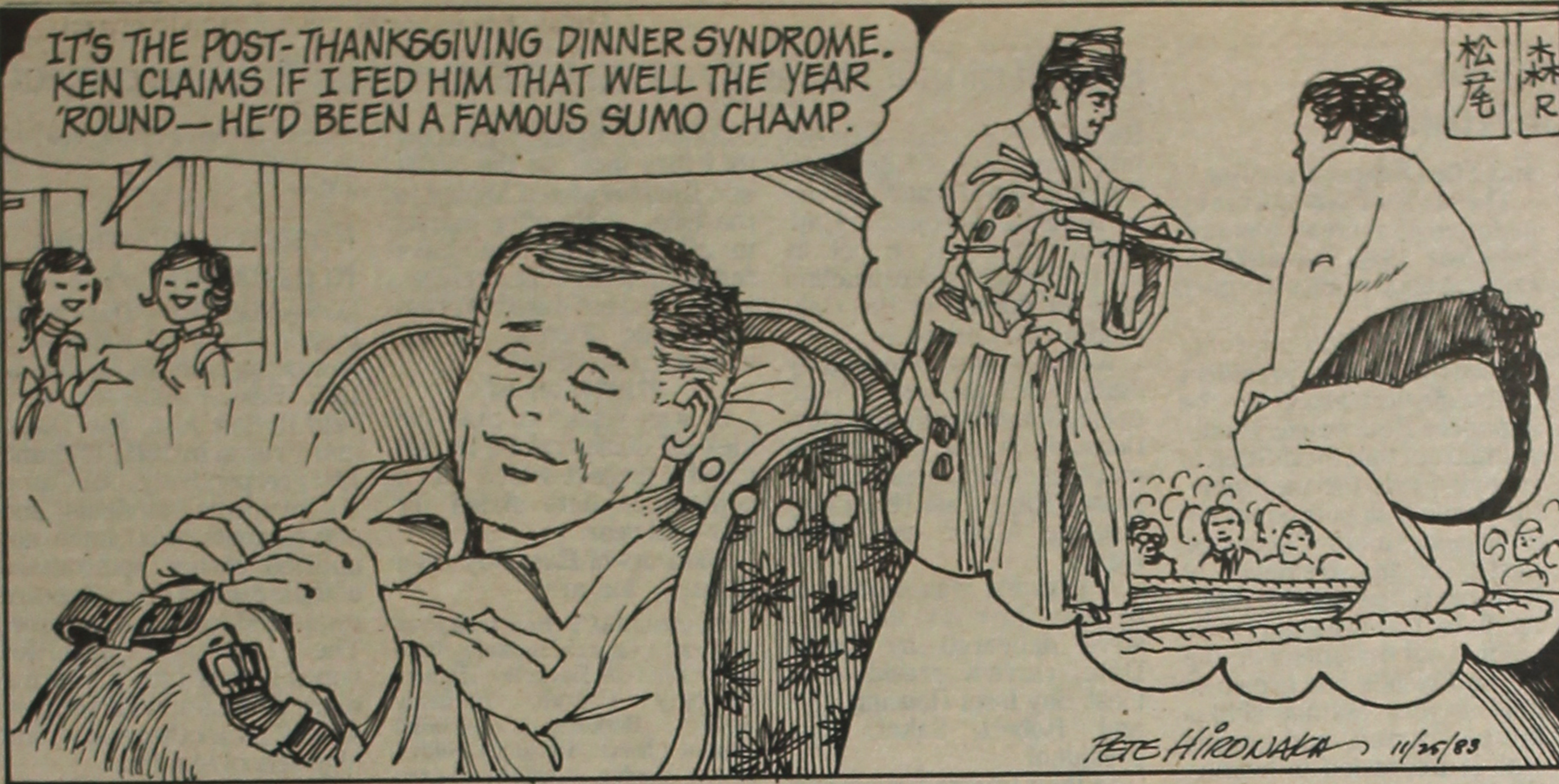
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Letters

● CQ: Ichihashi

I am working on a paper on the late Yamato Ichihashi (1878-1965), the Issei professor of Japanese history and government at Stanford University from 1913 to 1943.

I have been trying unsuccessfully to locate Professor Ichihashi's son to seek answers to some questions I have about his father's early life in Japan.

His son was named Woodrow Tsutomu Ichihashi and born December 22, 1918. His nickname was Woodie. I know nothing about him, except that he was a jazz buff and interned at Tule Lake.

I wonder if any PC reader knows of Woodrow's whereabouts. Any information about him would be appre-

ciated greatly. I can be contacted at the Asian American Studies Center, 3232 Campbell Hall, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

YUJI ICHIOKA
Research Associate

● Anti-Asian Feelings

I notice up north here—rather a feeling of anti-Asiatic—not just for Japanese. Comments have been mostly against the poverty of the people from Vietnam—being in need of public help—also the fear of blue collar red-necks loss of jobs due to Japan car imports.

I enjoy the paper. I have been in the JACL over 40 years and lived in Japan six years prior to 1941.

RENE BORDET
Vallejo, CA

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



Salt Lake City: Past and Present

Salt Lake City WE HAD THOUGHT that this was our third visit to Salt Lake City: the first in 1958 for our first JACL national convention; the second earlier this year when we attended a conference on redress at the University of Utah;

and now at a "redress dinner" of Nikkei in this area. We thought this was our third visit...until we entered the Mormon Tabernacle.

LIKE MANY TOURISTS Vicki and I decided to visit Temple Square, the ten-acre compound of the Church of the Latter Day Saints (Mormons) which is located in the heart of this city. As I stood in that grand oval auditorium and looked up to the stage with its magnificent organ pipes, I had the feeling that this was not the first time that I'd stood on this spot. And then it all came back to me.

THE YEAR WAS 1942, just about the same season of the year. I'd just been released from the dismal con-

finer of Tule Lake concentration camp, headed for school in Mitchell, South Dakota. After a weary bus trip to Reno where we boarded a train, we proceeded to Salt Lake City, passing through the Great Salt Lake which was bifurcated by the train tracks. It seems so far in the distant past (which it indeed is), but we did stop in to view the Tabernacle and were thoroughly impressed.

TODAY, THIS AREA claims two Nikkei public officials: Judge Raymond Uno (past JACL National President 1970-72) and Salt Lake Commissioner Tom Shimizu. Former JACL Washington Representative Wayne Horiuchi holds down a very responsible position as public relations officer for the Union Pacific Railroad. A number of Nikkei are active and prominent in the affairs of the Mormon Church, including Salt Lake JACL Chapter President, retired Lt. Col. Sadao Nagata. As an engineer in construction in the military, Sadao's knowledge and experience are utilized by the Church in many of its projects, including the Mormon temple in Japan.

AS WE TRAVEL about the country visiting Nikkei communities, we come across more and more friends from the past. On this trip to Salt Lake City we were pleasantly surprised to see a grade school classmate, Mrs. Janet Fushimi (nee Chiyoko "Checkers" Arai), whom we'd not seen in over 40 years. And Army buddy, George Nakamura, from Company "C" in Ft. Snelling. But the one who went the furthest back was Sumi Sugiyama who knew this writer from the day he was born. Sumi told me about things about myself that I'd not know.

THE REDRESS CAMPAIGN in these parts is in the able hands of dedicated people, including not only chapter President Sadao Nagata, the ever-present support of Alice Kasai, but also the commitment of Tomiye Ishimatsu.

But they can't do it by themselves. They need your active support for the cause that affects all Nikkei. Get involved. Please. #

BY THE BOARD: Miki Himeno



Women's Work: Getting Done

Monterey Park, Ca.

Irene Yasutake Hirano has accepted the chairship of National JACL's Committee on Issues Affecting Nikkei Women! Irene is former chair and member of the California Commission on the Status of Women and is executive director of T.H.E. Clinic for Women, where she has been involved for the past nine years. She is co-chair of the National Network of Asian/Pacific Women; co-founder and past chair of the California Asian/Pacific Women's Network and L.A. Asian/Pacific Women's Network, and is also president of the Asian Pacific Legal Defense and Education Fund, among other things. No Asian has had as much name identification or visibility in connection with women's issues in California as Irene Hirano, and JACL is privileged to have her.

Since her acceptance in mid-October, Irene has already put together papers on purpose, activities, structure, budget and reporting, besides a tentative proposal for a workshop at the national convention. Districts are urged to submit names of persons who might serve in the national network. A core committee based in Los Angeles met with national program director Lia Shigemura on Nov. 17.

For a while this summer I had ominous visions of the collapse of the Committee on Nikkei Women when Susan Kamei found it necessary to resign. It did not help matters any to hear futurist Hank Koehn make a statement to the effect that the women's movement had failed in the seventies because they had not liberated men first. (I could not see men's liberation in the immediate horizon.) To find someone in the L.A. area to fill the vacancy at this point in time and still have a workshop for women at the '84 convention seemed unrealistic. The prospects were doom and gloom until contact was finally made with Irene and she consented to take the leadership instead of the previous advisory role.

Newsworthy Nikkei Women

Three women who have been in Los Angeles area news are Betty Kozasa, Midori Watanabe and Rose Ochi. Betty was a featured speaker with Dr. Michael Ego at the Japanese Amer-

ican Cultural and Community Center on Sunday, Oct. 24. Both are on the National JACL Aging and Retirement Committee, which Mike chairs.

Midori Watanabe, president of L.A. Singles Chapter, is pioneering a convention of JACL singles during the Memorial Day week-end in May 1984. I had the privilege of being their installing officer a year ago and am cognizant of the uniqueness of this chapter and the special needs they are attempting to address.

Rose Ochi has been appointed by President Floyd Shimomura to be Vice President/Membership, replacing Vernon Yoshioka. Rose is executive assistant to Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley and is director of the Los Angeles City Criminal Justice Planning Division. She will add a different dimension to JACL.

Asian/Pacific Women's Network

The Asian/Pacific Women's Network in Los Angeles sponsored an excellent conference, "Exploring the 80's: Social and Economic Trends for Asians" in mid-September at the University of Southern California. The conference showcased Asian leaders who are ordinarily invisible in this community. The conference sought to create a synergistic network "to share information and to define, recognize, and prepare for future opportunities" and to meet the challenge of the revolutionary changes occurring in "culture, lifestyle, and alternatives."

Keynoting the conference was Hank E. Koehn, vice president and director of the Futures Research Division of Security Pacific National Bank. Koehn rapidly reviewed the changing family structure, the demise of the Masters in Business Administration mentality and the ascent of East Asia and its challenge to Western corporate models.

Most of his remarks were based on the book *Megatrends* by John Naisbitt. Naisbitt writes about management structure, among other things, and mentions Theory Z described by Dr. William Ouchi, whom some of us had the opportunity to hear recently at a leadership conference sponsored by USC's Asian Pacific American students.

Koehn suggested the executive of 1990 will succeed by cha-

risma and that political unrest in East Asia overturned Naisbitt's projected "decade of Latinos."

Conference program committee members were Miro Sinco, Dr. Patricia Lin, and Pearl Mihara, co-chairs; and Dick Obayashi, Judy Owyang, Audrey Noji, Florence Ochi and Irene Hirano. President is Mary Wong Lee with Debra Nakatomi, president-elect. Other Nikkei officers include Shirley Komoto, resources and fundraising, and Grace Nagata, public relations.

Four sessions were held to explore The Family Revolution: Redefining lifestyles and values; The Elderly of Tomorrow: Majority female and alone; Victims of Our own Success: Politicization of Asians; and Trend Monitoring: Impact in economics and technology. Facilitators were Dr. Kenyon S. Chan, Audrey Yamagata-Noji, Frances Chikahisa, Stanley Sue, Dr. Judy Chu, Dr. Patricia Lin, Jenny Wong, Michael Woo, Dr. Samuel Q. Chan, Ken Hamamura, Shirley Komoto and Dick Obayashi. A tape of the conference has been purchased and will be available for listening, or may be purchased as Program 769-95 from On-Site Taping Services, 6942 Cantaloupe Ave., Van Nuys, Ca. 91405 for \$30 for 5 tapes. #

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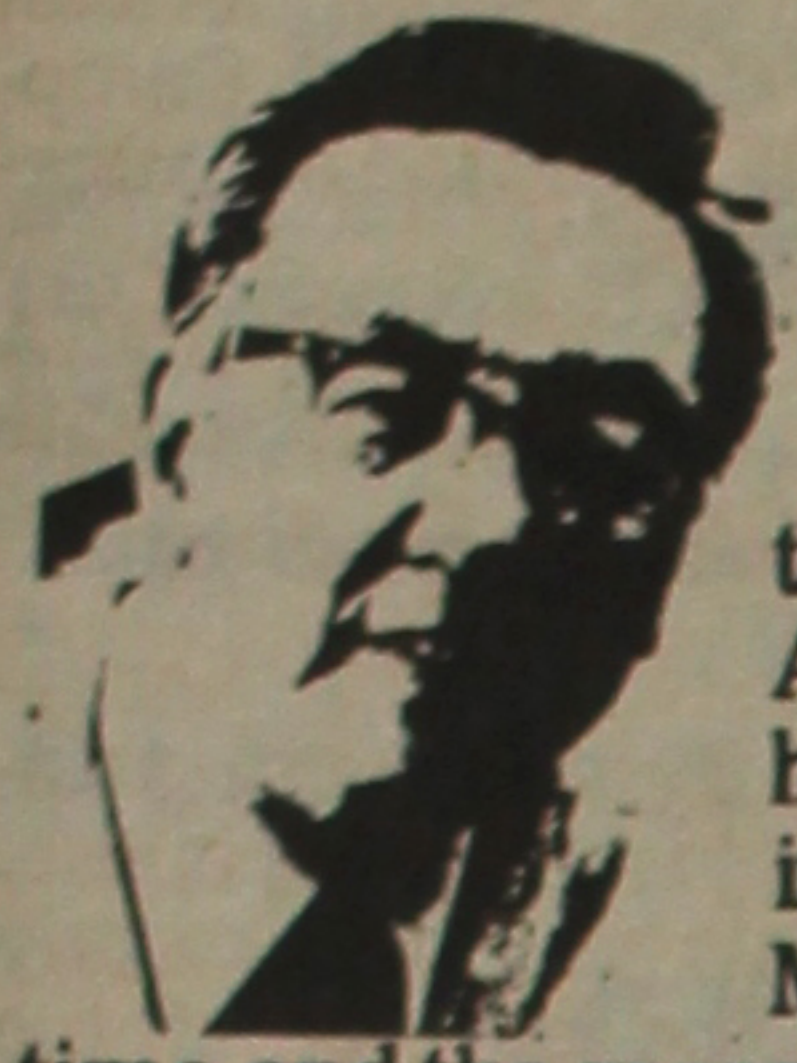
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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Exploited Student Exchanges from Japan

Tokyo

Last week in this space I mentioned that large numbers of Japanese Americans are visiting the ancestral homeland these days. They're coming individually and in group tours. Many are retired Nisei who have the

time and the means to travel, to see the sights, look up relatives and make pilgrimages to towns and village where their parents were born and where the ashes of grandparents and great-grandparents are buried.

Obviously the airlines don't fly empty on the east-bound trip while the tourists are scrambling around Japan. Great numbers of Japanese are visiting the States and they aren't all salesmen. A surprising number are students intensely curious about the U.S.A. and anxious to learn first-hand about this allegedly marvelous country of ours.

Many of these students come on well-recognized student exchange programs sponsored by organizations such as the American Field Service, and service clubs like Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis. Sister Cities have an exchange program, too. Seventeen or eighteen Denver high school students, for example, visited Japan last summer. They paid most of their expenses individually, but were guests for several weeks in private homes in Takayama, Denver's sister city. Next summer Takayama is expected to send some of its sons and daughters to Denver where the hospitality will be reciprocated.

But the demand among students in Japan for opportunities to travel is so great that, inevitably and unfortunately, exchange programs are being commercialized. What's unfortunate is that in some cases — not all, to be sure — well-meaning and good-hearted Americans are being persuaded to offer the hospitality of their homes in the name of international understanding while tour organizers are profiting.

There's nothing wrong in making a buck under the free enterprise system, but somehow it doesn't smell right to exploit good will. American families who open up their homes to Japanese students ought to know that somebody on the other end is pocketing a fee, and that's not always made clear.

One university student I talked to said she had spent a month as a guest in the home of a middle-aged California couple she referred to as her American parents. For this experience she had paid an agent the equivalent of \$1,500, plus \$650 for an optional trip to Disneyland.

That's a nice little vacation, educational and all that, which apparently she could afford. Considering the cost of air fare, it wasn't overly expensive. That's because the vacation was subsidized by her American hosts.

Student exchange programs undoubtedly are doing a world of good. Most of them are run by volunteers who believe in the worth of what they're doing. There are more applicants for these programs than there are opportunities and paid visits are one way of meeting the

demand. But everyone ought to know where the money is going and that apparently isn't the case.

There's no quicker way to curdle the milk of good will than to show that somebody is profiting from another's sacrifice. #

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: by Floyd Shimomura



Visit to NHK

Sacramento, Ca.

While in Japan, Ron Wakabayashi and I had dinner with two officials from NHK who were involved in the making of "Sanga Moyu"—the 52-week series about a Japanese American family during World War II.

Sen Nishiyama, Dick Yamashita, and Charlie Harada (who also works for NHK) from the Japan JAACL Chapter were also in attendance.

Executive producer Kondo and program director Yamamoto were gracious hosts and appeared genuinely interested in our concerns.

The docu-drama "Sanga Moyu (Mountains and Rivers Ablaze)" is based on the Japanese best-selling novel "Futatsu no Sokoku (Two Fatherlands)," by Toyoko Yamasaki. The novel centers on Kenji—a Kibei—who serves in the U.S. military as a translator in the South Pacific and at the Tokyo war trials. The novel, I am told, explores the conflict within Kenji regarding his loyalty to his "Two Fatherlands" and ends with Kenji committing suicide after the guilty verdict is announced at the war trials. The novel has become somewhat controversial in the Japanese American community since Nikkei—almost unanimously—believe the U.S. is our one and only homeland.

Although not having read the untranslated novel, I expressed the following concerns:

1. Kibei are not typical Japanese Americans. They represent only a small percentage. Most Japanese American Nisei were American-born, felt they had but one "fatherland" in America, and volunteered to fight and die for it in the war. To the extent that Kenji's personal conflict over divided loyalties is generalized to all Japanese Americans, the show would be misleading at best, a serious distortion at worst. Moreover, whether most Kibei shared Kenji's feelings is also open to question.

Response from NHK: The title was changed from "Futatsu no Sokoku" to "Sanga Moyu" to de-emphasize the divided-loyalties focus. Also, the story line involving Tadasu, Kenji's American-educated younger brother (who fights in the 442nd in Europe) is reportedly being strengthened to bring out the Nisei perspective.

2. The focus on World War II could give the Japanese public a distorted view of the present acceptance of Japanese Americans in the U.S. At least one official at the American Embassy expressed concern to me that 52 weeks of "Sanga Moyu"—"could have no other effect except arouse anti-American feelings in Japan." I related this comment to Mr. Kondo and Mr. Yamamoto. While not sharing the U.S. Embassy's dire assessment, I did point out that the American government had created a Commission which admitted that a great wrong had been done and that Congress was now in the process of correcting that wrong. For NHK to present a balanced historical context, I urged them to continue to run news reports and documentaries concerning the present redress program. Hopefully, the final chapter on the wartime incarceration has not yet been written.

3. Finally, I asked why Japanese American actors and actresses were not used in their production in significant roles. After all, it is "our" story they are purporting to tell.

In closing, I expressed general concern that the Japanese American story is being told in Japan from the Japanese perspective, not the American Nikkei perspective. This could lead to profound misimpressions that could lead to a distortion of our true history and image in Japan (and perhaps in America as well—NBC, ABC, and CBS have reportedly expressed interest in the story!).

Mr. Kondo and Mr. Yamamoto appeared genuinely interested in trying to portray the story accurately and truthfully. Despite their good intentions, I am growing more and more concerned as 1984 approaches. #

CLIFF'S CORNER: by Dr. Clifford Uyeda



Whaling Issue

San Francisco

Whaling issue has once again become an extreme sore-point in the U.S.-Japan relations. Highly emotional charges and counter-charges are being directed at one another.

The American protests, this time, are in response to Japan's filing of an objection to the whaling moratorium declared by the International Whaling Commission (IWC) in July 1982. There is a three-year phasedown period before the moratorium becomes effective after the 1985-86 season, and the moratorium will be up for review no later than the 1990 meeting of the commission. During the phasedown period a retroactive increase in the 1982-83 quota as well as the setting of much higher quota than recommended by the IWC Scientific Commission were both granted. In essence, what has been achieved is a five-year whaling moratorium that begins after three years.

Norway was the first nation to file an objection, followed by three other countries—Japan, Peru and the Soviet Union. The filing of an objection is nothing more than a technical maneuver which declares that a nation is unhappy with the IWC decision. It breaks no IWC rules. If a nation continues to whale after the conclusion of the 1985-86 whaling season, then the IWC decision is breached. It is precisely for this reason that the present shouting matches are totally irrelevant, silly and only serve to strain the already fragile U.S.-Japan relations.

The situation is used by many Americans as an opportunity to vent their emotional attacks upon Japan. Japan's response has been equally emotional and is often based on distorted logic. Those who are more reasonable have advocated no provocative statements or actions during the phasedown period.

In Japan the Foreign Ministry, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) and the Environment Ministry were not in favor of filing an objection. In October of 1982, the Nippon Research Center, an affiliate of the Gallup Poll, showed that 75 percent of the Japanese people favored going along with the moratorium. In filing the objection, Japan added that the objection does not imply a continuation of whaling after 1986 but that Japan reserves its position on the ban.

Secretary of State George Shultz is being criticized for his weak attempt to lever the Japanese into compliance. Sen. Bob Packwood (R-Ore.) has told Shultz that he doesn't want the Japanese to "get so much as a single fish" when the U.S. announces that allocation of right to fish in the U.S. 200-mile zone. American conservationists have begun developing plans for a boycott by consumers of the U.S. firms which buy tuna from the Japanese.

We are puzzled and dismayed by the premature remarks and actions against Japan when there is no violation of any IWC rules. "Compliance" on the moratorium is not due until 1986.

In all probability a whaling moratorium will become an established fact in 1986—unless the premature American reactions overturn the logical sequence of events. The American militant stance completely disregards the three year readjustment period which has been provided for by the IWC. A logical question is: Why are Americans so intent on punishing Japan for a "violation" which may or may not occur in three years in the future? #

FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR: David Nakayama



Legacy of Pfc. Yamane

San Francisco

Pfc. Mark Yamane was one of 18 Americans killed in the United States rescue mission in Grenada. Yamane was a member of the Army Rangers, a highly trained military strike force.

Mark Yamane was a Sansei. While the sadness of this twenty-year old's fate may have us question the judgment and actions of our government, Pfc. Yamane has contributed to the Japanese American veteran's legacy. He has defended the integrity of his community and nation. Through the loss of his own life, Pfc. Yamane has proved his loyalty, just as American veterans of Japanese ancestry have done throughout our history.

No one likes war. As his father, George Yamane, a Japanese American veteran himself, was quoted, "Our ultimate goal is everlasting peace. Somehow or the other in this world we are not reaching that." Pfc. Mark Yamane was one of many who believed in what he was doing and in making our world a better place for all of us.

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So. Calif. chapters to sponsor forum on three 'coram nobis' cases

GARDENA, Ca.—Both Gardena and South Bay JACL chapters are co-sponsors of a public forum on Monday, Dec. 5, on the writs of error coram nobis, the wartime Nikkei cases before the U.S. federal court. It is being held at the First Presbyterian Church, 1957 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., starting at 7:30 p.m.

With Frank Chuman as moderator, the panelists scheduled to appear are Dale Minami, lead counsel in the Korematsu coram nobis appeal; Alan Terakawa, L.A. County Counsel's Office; Min Yasui, National JACL redress chair and another who has filed a writ of coram nobis at Portland, Ore.; and John Tateishi, JACL redress coordinator.

Comments on where the Korematsu appeal goes next in view of the decision by U.S. District Judge Marilyn H.

Patel in San Francisco (see Nov. 18 PC), can be expected. The Justice Department, earlier, had moved to vacate the 1942 Korematsu conviction.

Central Cal to cite John Kubota

FRESNO, Ca.—John Kubota, long-time member of the Fresno A.L.L./JACL chapter, is to be honored for his outstanding service in the Central California Nikkei community. A testimonial dinner will be held Sunday, Nov. 27, at the Fresno Hacienda. Social hour begins at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$13.50 each, available at all CCDC chapters, Nikkei Service Center, and local churches.

The Japanese government is also awarding Kubota with the Fifth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure for public service. #

JACL Reports

Lick right stamp to spread the word

LOS ANGELES—A call to use the 10¢ Freedom Series postage stamp, in circulation since 1977, was made by Harry Kajihara, Pacific Southwest JACL redress chair.

The phrase "people's right to petition for redress"—from the First Amendment—runs along the top and right side of the stamp.

As first class mail requires a minimum of 20¢, a letter would need two such stamps.

"Wouldn't it be something if 26,000 JACL members used this stamp for their mailings," Kajihara said. He hopes particularly that members will buy the stamp for the Christmas season. #



Chicago calls for town meeting

CHICAGO—JACL sponsors a "town meeting" on Friday, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m., at Heiwa Terrace, 920 W. Lawrence, to involve the Nikkei community in efforts to get sponsorships and endorsements for HR 4110.

The meeting features Minoru Yasui, national JACL redress chair, as main speaker, and a showing of "Some Kind of Apology," from CBS's Sunday Morning with Kuralt.

Chicago JACL recently reorganized its redress committee, which now has a steering committee composed of Michael Ushijima, chapter president; Bill Yoshino, Midwest regional director; and Lary Schectman and Chiye Tomihiro, committee co-chairs.

In addition, the following persons serve on an advisory council to the committee:

Dr. Ben Chikaraishi, Ross Harano, Noboru Honda, the Rev. Gyo-

may Kubose, Thomas Masuda, Arthur Morimitsu, Shigesato Murao, Jack Nakagawa, Tsune Nakagawa, Betty Nakanishi, Chiyo Omachi, Yoji Ozaki, Sam Ozaki, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, David Tanaka, John Tani, Thomas Teraji, Shigeo Wakamatsu, Noby Yamakoshi, Ronald Yoshino, Ben Yoshioka. #

Salinas CLer wins school post

SALINAS, Ca.—The Salinas Valley JACL reported the election of one of its board members, Kenji Yonemitsu, to the Chualar School board on Sept. 20. #

PC Calendar of Events

● NOV. 26 (Saturday) Penryn—38th NCYBL conf, Placer Buddhist Ch, 9am regis, 6pm banq, 9pm Sayonara Ball.

● NOV. 27 (Sunday) Fresno—John Kubota testim dnr, Hacienda Inn, 4:30pm.

● NOV. 29 (Tuesday) Contra Costa—CARP mtg, East Bay Free Methodist Ch, 8pm

● DEC. 1 (Thursday) Sacramento—JACL/Stepping Stones info wkshps series, Summit Bk hosp rm, 1331 Bdwy, 7:30pm; How to Help a Grieving Person.

● DEC. 2 (Friday) San Francisco—Asn Pac Pers Assn Christmas party, Yank Sing Res't, 427 Battery, 7pm; info 765-1358.

● DEC. 3 (Saturday) Carson—Santa's potluck party, Dolphin Park, 6:30pm.

● DEC. 3 (Saturday) Chicago—Inaugural dnr, Hotel Continental, 6pm; Minoru Yasui, spkr; Richard Yamada, Chicago Mutual Aid Society, honorees.

● DEC. 3 (Saturday) New York—Holiday Fun Fair, Jpn Am United Ch, 255-7th Av, 12n-7pm; auction, white elephants, food.

● DEC. 3 (Saturday) Seabrook—Sr cit app dnr, Buddhist Hall, 6pm.

● DEC. 3 (Saturday) San Francisco—Nihonmachi Little Friends' Christmas arts/crafts show, 2031 Bush St, 10am. Info 922-8898.

● DEC. 4 (Sunday) San Diego—50th Ann'y inst dnr, Kona Kai Club, 6:30pm; Dr Peter Irons, spkr, "Reopening the Internment Cases.

● DEC. 4 (Sunday) San Francisco—ACLU mtg on Coram Nobis Cases, Sheraton Palace.

● DEC. 5 (Monday) Gardena/South Bay—Error Coram Nobis panel, 1st Presbyterian Ch, 1957 W Redondo Bch Bl, Gda, 7:30pm; Frank Chuman, mod.; John Tateishi, Minoru Yasui, Alan Terakawa, Dale Minami.

● DEC. 6 (Tuesday) Los Angeles—John F. Aiso testim dnr, Sheraton Grande Hotel, 6pm.

● DEC. 7 (Wednesday) Los Angeles—Two Jon Shirota plays: 'You're on the Tee' & 'Ripples in the Pond', East West Players, 8pm.

● DEC. 9 (Friday) Fresno—OCYBA benefit dance for Nikkei Sv Ctr, Buddhist Ch Annex, 9pm; Older music too, Info 299-6756.

● DEC. 10 (Saturday) St Louis—Christmas party, Olivette Comm Ctr, 6:30-10pm.

● DEC. 10 (Saturday) Los Angeles—Asn Rehab Sv dance, ARS, 6th/Sn Pedro, 7pm.

● DEC. 11 (Sunday) West Los Angeles—25th ann'y Aux'y Reunion dnr, Yamato Res't, 6pm.

● DEC. 13 (Tuesday) Stockton—Elections, Calif 1st Bank, 7:30pm.

● DEC. 17 (Saturday) Stockton—Christmas party, Keiro potluck.

● DEC. 31 (Saturday) New Mexico—New Year's Eve party, Japanese Kitchen; RSVP 865-4417, 883-6146.

● JAN. 28 (Saturday) St Louis—Inst dnr, Mandarin House; Henry Tanaka, spkr.

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San Diego marks 50th anniversary

SAN DIEGO, Ca.—This year marks the 50th year since the founding of the San Diego JACL Chapter. In commemoration, the chapter is hosting a banquet on Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Kona Kai Club on Shelter Island beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Twenty-one of the 26 past presidents will be presented with recognition plaques.

Dr. Peter Irons delivers the keynote speech on "Re-opening the Internment Cases." Irons is lead counsel for the coram nobis cases of Gordon Hirabayashi, Fred Korematsu and Minoru Yasui. On Dec. 9, 1981, he testified before the CWRIC in Boston on the impact of the internment on the legal profession and the judicial system.

Ron Wakabayashi, national JACL executive director, is installing officer for the 1984 chapter officers and board.

For further information, please contact Robert Ito (619) 277-5460.

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WEST LOS ANGELES JACL

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'GRANDPA JOY'—Herbert Nicholson and Margaret Wilke, co-authors of "Comfort All Who Mourn," the story of Herbert and Madeline Nicholson, display a copy of the book at the celebration of its publication in 1982.

West L.A. celebrates 42nd inaugural

SANTA MONICA, Ca.—About a third of the 150-plus attending the 42nd annual West Los Angeles JACL installation dinner Nov. 13 at the Bayview Plaza Holiday Inn (across from Santa Monica High School) were sworn in to office with Sid Yamazaki as 1984 chapter president by Henry Sakai, PC Board chair.

Some officers hold more than one cabinet post, serving in the Auxiliary, scholarship committee, earth science section or Sansei JACL.

A teacher by profession, Yamazaki is coordinator of University Adult Education and director of the Nora Sterry Lighted School program. With some 1,200 members in the chapter, he stressed continuing communication with the membership as a major role. He succeeds Charles Inatomi, who continues as a program co-vice president with Emily Yamanaka.

Lt. Dan Cooke, veteran press relations officer with the Los Angeles Police Department who grew up in the West L.A. area, was main speaker, humorously explaining his responsibilities, being on call 24 hours, reading the daily papers and showing off what his briefcase contained.

Virginia Tominaga, outgoing Auxiliary president, was honored with West L.A. JACL Community Service award. The JACL silver pin was presented to Elmer Uchida, Dr. Robert Funke and Jack Nomura. The JACL bronze pin (for outstanding service during the year) was awarded to Helen Eto, Emily Yamanaka and Peggy Hoshizaki. The chapter certificate of recognition went to Hiro Mochizuki, Shig Takeshita and Charles Nishikawa.

Lisa Kusunoki and Michael Shimano, both of University High, were introduced as 1984 chapter representatives to the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans.

Lorraine Kuda reported on her activities as Miss West L.A. JACL during Nisei Week festivities. The Venice Hongwanji Taiko Group entertained. Jean Ushijima, city clerk for Beverly Hills, was emcee.

West L.A. Aux'y to hold 25th fete

LOS ANGELES—West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary is calling former WLA Auxiliary members and friends to its 25th anniversary reunion dinner Dec. 11, 6 p.m. at Yamato Restaurant, Century City.

Started in 1958 by then chapter president, Dr. Milton Inouye, his wife Chieko headed the Auxiliary then and is back at the helm this year. For reservations (\$20 ticket), call Haru (390-7958) or RSVP with any Auxiliary member.

'Thank You' to Friends Who Comforted

A loving, caring Quaker couple, Herbert and Madeline Nicholson, came into our lives at a time of our greatest travail, and together they selflessly gave of their time and energy to lighten the burden of our wartime plight behind barbed wire—a story of devotion and sacrifice that has now become legendary.

It is only recently—and belatedly—that I learned that, on Oct. 17, only four months after Herbert "Grandpa Joy" Nicholson's passing, his beloved Madeline also quietly passed away. Nevertheless, on behalf of the Japanese American community, I

wish to say how profoundly grateful we are to the Nicholsons for their lifelong service to countless thousands of persons of Japanese ancestry, both in America and in Japan. Personally, I will never forget the incredible regularity with which Friend Herbert visited the Issei elderly in hospitals and the Keiro and other Los Angeles convalescent homes, in spite of his own mortal affliction, spreading always, by his effervescent presence, his special contagious brand of love, joy and hope.

I know that many more of us ex-internees who are now

scattered throughout the United States would join us, if they knew, as our heart goes out in love and sympathy to family members who survive the two who did so much to promote our welfare. Though we mourn with them the enormous loss, we also share with them the joy of their eternal peace.

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P.S. Friends and admirers who wish, may contribute to a memorial fund at the Lake Ave. Congregational Church, 393 N. Lake Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101.

Bilingual service center gets fund

LOS ANGELES—A \$1.17 million contract was awarded to California State University, Los Angeles, by the Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs, U.S. Dept. of Education.

The fund will create and operate a multi-functional support service center which will provide training for bilingual instructors in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

Cal State trains teachers for classrooms where children's native tongue is Spanish, Cantonese, Korean or Japanese. The center will operate two satellite projects in El Monte and Santa Barbara, stocked with Chinese, Tagalog, Ilokano and other Pacific areas languages.

CHILI

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able red color, used as a dye by the meat (for cold cuts and wieners) and salad dressing industries.

NuMex R. Naky is a result of several crossbreedings. Nakayama mated Rio Grande variety with New Mexico Native, producing a new chili. That was then mated with a Bulgarian paprika chili. Meanwhile, Nakayama crossed old No. 6 with yet another Bulgarian paprika chili. The two Bulgarian offspring were mated, producing NuMex R. Naky.

"Harvesting," says Nakayama, "is the single biggest cost in production." A grower has about \$1,000 in an acre, and half of that is for harvest-

ing. He said if chili farming becomes unprofitable, a grower will not plant the next year.

"It seems like the pickers always want more money, five to ten cents a barrel more, every year. The grower can't pass increases on to consumers. It's not like other crops, because if chili gets too expensive, people just won't buy it."

Nakayama is not particularly keen about machine harvesting: He doesn't want migrant laborers denied their work. And, he admitted, there is still no perfected chili-harvesting machine.

—From Don S. Tokunaga, Albuquerque, N.M.

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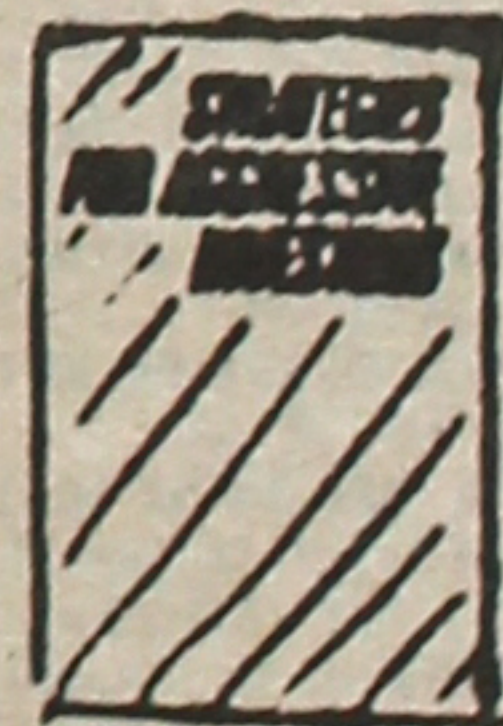
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McGraw Hill's hardcover edition, **MIRACLE AT MIDWAY**, has been published in paperback (Penguin, \$8.95).

With Pearl Harbor still fresh in their minds, the men of the U.S. Pacific Fleet waited for and quelled the Japanese imperial navy at Midway by June 7.

Gordon Prange's book is a sequel to his "At Dawn We Slept," (also a Penguin paperback) about Pearl Harbor. He was in charge of the G-2 Historical Section at SCAP during the Occupation.

Despite this triumph, the U.S. naval brass in Washington continued to fear an enemy invasion of the Mainland

Funds sought for Utah oral history project

SALT LAKE CITY—Japanese, Chinese, Hispanics and Italians are some of the ethnic groups being interviewed for a forthcoming book entitled, "In the Shadows of the Temple," a oral history project of the Utah State Coalition of Senior Citizens.

At least \$1,500 has been requested from the Utah Nikkei communities by the end of November to help the project. Every dollar contributed is matched with 75 cents by the Utah Endowment for the Humanities.

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and was not deterred in their effort to remove and detain some 100,000 Japanese American residents. The sordid episode of the 1942 evacuation stinks more as time passes with more history coming to light. — Harry Honda.

Reference Items—"Nuclear Power" (Penguin, \$4.95) by Walter C. Peterson of London explains the theory and practice of nuclear reactions—this 2nd edition amplifying its first edition of 1976. . . B.L.C. Johnson of Australian National University updates the economic story of former British colonies in his "Development in South Asia" (Penguin, \$5.95). . . Peter Odell, an energy expert in London, offers a fact-filled account in "Oil and World Power, 7th Edition" (Penguin, \$5.95). A new chapter is a response to the OPEC challenge—observing that less is being consumed. #

Asian scholars may apply for study aid

WASHINGTON — Doctoral fellowships in sociology and applied sociology, 1984-85, under The American Sociological Assn. Minority Fellowship Program, with maximum stipend of \$5,292, was announced by Ronald K. Ikejiri, Washington JACL representative.

U.S. citizens and permanent visa residents, including, but not limited to, persons who are Black, Spanish-speaking, American Indian, and Asian American, are qualified.

Forms are available by writing to: Minority Fellowship Program, American Sociological Assn., 1722 N St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 20036. Applications must be received before Feb. 1, 1984. Awards will be made by April 15, 1984. #

'Under Rising Sun' author says Japan wanted to take Hawaii

HONOLULU—John J. Stephan, in his book "Hawaii Under the Rising Sun: Japan's plans for conquest after Pearl Harbor" which will be released in December by Univ. of Hawaii Press, said Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto, commander-in-chief of the Imperial Japanese Navy's combined fleet, ordered invasion plans drawn up less than 48 hours after the attack.

Buoyed by the successful Dec. 7, 1941 surprise attack on the mid-Pacific islands, the Japanese were set on an invasion and restoration of the Hawaiian monarchy as a puppet regime.

The University of Hawaii historian said one of Japan's ambitions was to call for the incorporation of Hawaii, then a U.S. territory, into the Japanese empire.

There would be the re-education of the second generation in Hawaii, re-distribution of land, and disbanding of major corporations which controlled the island's lifeline.

Yamamoto, after watching the ease with which pilots breached military defenses, regretted his officers were not prepared to take Oahu, the island where Pearl Harbor and the capital city of Honolulu is situated.

In doing research, the author interviewed former top-ranking Japanese naval officers and consulted military archives in Japan as well as the Japanese language press in Hawaii. There were several reasons for Japan's desire to annex a group of islands 3,900 miles from Tokyo. For one, the Japanese made up nearly half of the 400,000 population.

Yamamoto desired the Hawaii takeover as a means of ending the war quickly. If the Americans were forced back to the U.S. mainland, it would leave Australia, New Zealand, Alaska and the Panama Canal exposed and vulnerable.

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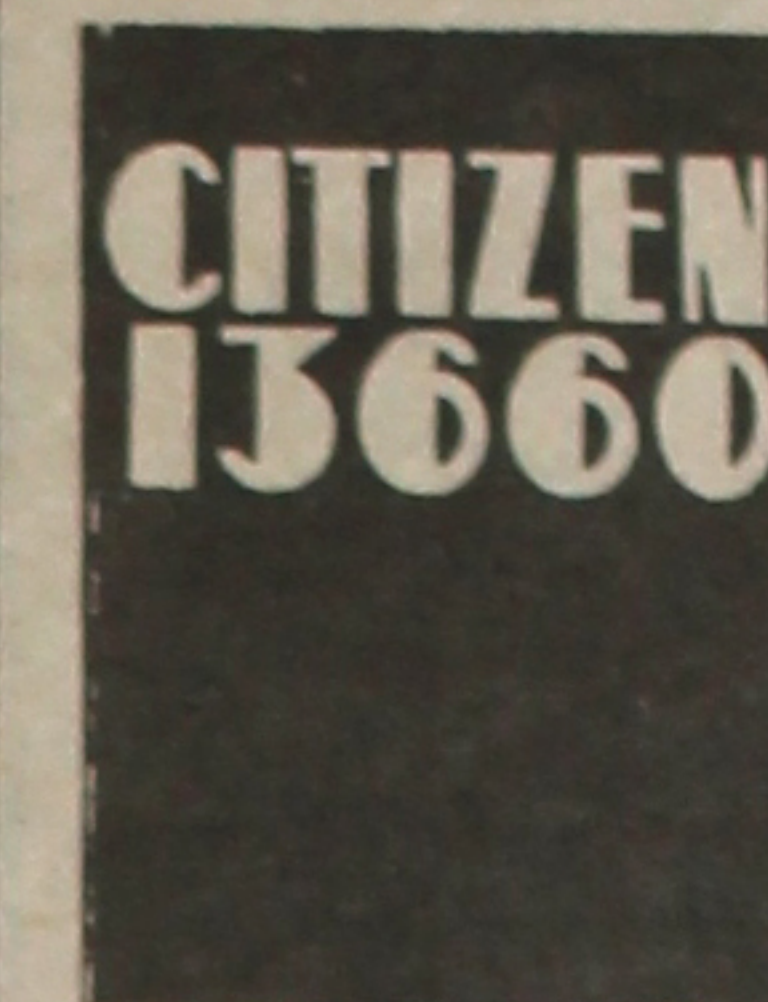
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Unique Adventures in Lima, Peru (1)

Pan American Conference

By MISAO K. SAKAMOTO

Misao Sakamoto's articles on the Pan American Nikkei Conference shed further insights of the Japanese in South America. Incidentally, she has covered parts of the conference scene which we failed to mention.—H.H.

The conference hall in Lima, Peru, South America, resounded with the national anthem of Peru, and then came a powerful collective voice of "Viva Peru!" The multicolored flags on the stage represented delegations from Peru, Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Uruguay, Colombia, Mexico, Canada, and the United States. This was a gathering of Japanese people, whose parents and grandparents had immigrated to the Americas since the middle 1800's. Its purpose was to help enrich the historical and cultural heritage of those who share this common root. A total of about 600 delegates attended this conference including a large number of Peruvians.

My husband, Calvin, and I had decided to attend this conference in July, 1983 as one of our unique adventures in South America. As members of the Japanese American Citizens League, we were aware two years ago that a conference had been scheduled in Peru. The first Pan American conference was held in Mexico in 1981. São Paulo, Brazil would host the third conference in 1985.

We knew there was a large emigration from Japan to South America. But we knew little of the life and culture of the present-day Japanese community there. We thought this conference would give us a good opportunity to expand our own horizon.

The three-day conference was held at the Civic Center Amphitheater adjacent to Lima Sheraton Hotel where the foreign delegation stayed. The bi-lingual earphones helped me to understand the language and capture the spirit of the conference, for it was conducted entirely in Spanish. The speakers lauded the early immigrants, who, through heart-breaking times, persevered and worked very hard in a foreign country. I was especially impressed by an older Issei, representing the Japanese Central Association of Peru, who spoke in fluent Spanish. I thought the immigrants had adapted well to the new country by learning its native tongue. I cannot say the same for my parents, or many other Japanese immigrants, in Hawaii or the mainland United States, who never learned to speak the English language.

'The Tree of Friendship'

The poignant words of Yoshio Kokubo, delegate from Colombia, touched my heart when he said, "Let us contribute to the tree of friendship, and let it grow and grow until it develops good fruits. Let all Pan American Nikkei protect it from possible storm."

This message held an additional meaning for me. I had read "Pawns in a Triangle of Hate: The Peruvian Japanese and the United States," by C. Harvey Gardiner in preparing for this conference. He writes of the policies and programs of both the American and Peruvian governments that resulted in the seizure and internment of the Peruvian Japanese. He gives an analytical account of about 2000 Peruvian men, women, and children of Japanese descent who were interned in the United States during World War II simply because they were Japanese. These people, most of whom were farmers, merchants, barbers, and clerks were brought to the United States and placed in internment camps in Texas and New Mexico. There were no criminal charges against them. These facilities were operated by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Services. (Note: Internment camps for United States citizens of Japanese ancestry were administered by War Relocation Authority.) After the war, the author tells us, more than a thousand people from Peru were sent to Japan. Many of them were exchanged for American prisoners of war.

As I listened to the other speakers I remembered October 1945. I was a United States Civil Service employee in General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters in Occupied Japan. During my stay in Japan I visited a little settlement outside Tokyo. Here I met a group of people who had been repatriated from Peru. They were destitute. Defeated Japan did not welcome them. They were living in a makeshift shelter, using crude equipment and tin cans to prepare their meals over the outdoor open fire. They did not verbalize bitterness or disappointment. They told me they were in the process of developing a cooperative farm on that land. For them it was a matter of survival based on mutual assistance. I was touched by their fortitude. I was not then aware of anti-Japanese sentiment in Peru, and that these very people, whom I was visiting, were the ones I would read about, 37 years later, in "Pawns in a Triangle of Hate." Now, I thought of this group of people and their children. Had they returned to Peru?

Japanese Cultural Center

One morning, during the conference, a small group of us visited the Peruvian Japanese Cultural Center. It was built on the piece of land donated by the Peruvian government to the Japanese community after the war, as reparation. The history of Japanese immigration to South America was well documented and displayed in the cultural center museum. The enlarged photographic exhibit showed the life of the early immigrants on the rubber, banana, sugar cane, and cotton plantations. Many immigrants fulfilled their initial three-year labor contract and then moved to the cities to meet their

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children's educational needs. Others rebelled, broke their contract and established their own farms and business. The largest number of immigrants came from Okinawa Ken, Kumamoto Ken, and Hiroshima Ken, the southern prefectures of Japan. This center was also used to meet present social needs of the community such as language classes, the tea ceremony, flower arrangement, and other cultural programs.

We also visited the group of little children attending the Saturday morning Japanese class. The teacher said, "Kiritsu" attention; "Orei" bow; "Okakenasai" be seated. The children responded like little robots. I chuckled. I recalled my childhood when I attended the Japanese school in Hawaii. I too had to conform to such formality.

The Lima Japanese community also established a medical clinic adjacent to the community. There is an emergency and diagnostic clinic staffed by 45 doctors, 35 of whom are Nikkei. The clinic provides free multi-phasic and annual examinations. I noticed a metal plaque on each large piece of medical equipment with a notation, "For technical cooperation. Donated by the government of Japan." I would have been proud had I seen a sign "Donated by the government of the United States." I wondered whether my own country is sharing its medical technology and equipment with third world countries.

I had noticed a group of students in school uniforms attending the conference each day.

"What schools do they come from?" I asked.

"They are high school students from two local private schools. The schools are supported by the Japanese people," answered Yupei Nakasone who sat next to me at the conference.

Private schools? Why not public schools, I thought; why are the Japanese people segregating themselves in this way?

Nakasone invited me to visit La Union School with which he was associated. This school has classes from the first to the twelfth grades. He introduced me to the director, Isidoro Hamada Sanchez, whose father was Japanese and whose mother was Spanish. He spoke neither English nor Japanese. Nakasone became my Japanese-Spanish interpreter. We laughed over our three-way language communication.

I noticed some of Hiroshige's famous Tokaido prints hanging on the walls in the director's office. But I was startled to see the Japanese flag set next to the Peruvian flag; this was a school in Peru. I asked, "Why do you have a Japanese flag in your office?"

"Because the Japanese people in Lima built this school," said Mr. Hamada. "The flag shows respect for our ancestral land, and it is a reminder of our cultural heritage."

La Union School was established in 1971. "The Peruvian government does not have a high standard of education for the middle and high school levels," said Hamada. The Japanese people took the initiative to provide better education for their children. We have 86 Peruvian teachers and 15 Nikkei teachers on the staff."

I was surprised at this ratio. I later learned that more Japanese do not go into teaching because of the very low salary of 300,000 soles per month. (Equivalent to U.S. \$200 per month.)

"The classes are taught in Spanish," Hamada continued. "We place great emphasis on studying languages. The first graders have one hour of Japanese each day. From the second grade up they have one hour of Japanese and two hours of English each day. High school students have three hours of English and Japanese each week."

The school has *rajo taiso* radio exercise at 8 o'clock each morning. All the students are gathered in the central court and take their instructions from the radio loudspeaker. Hamada smiled and said, "We are beginning to have discipline prob-



THE U.S. REPORT—Second session (July 16) of PANA-2 Conference hears Floyd Shimomura (third from left) speak on JACL's redress and other main objectives. Others seated are (from left) Harry Honda, PANA president Carlos Kasuga; Chuck Kubokawa and Jose Yoshida of Peru, session chairman.

lems. The older students are resisting these daily exercise drills, and now the younger ones are beginning to show some indifference too."

Aha, I thought, this is not Japan where group exercise is deeply rooted in its school and industrial systems.

Hamada went on to explain that the school does not have any drug problems and the staff and administration try to help the students maintain a high scholastic standard. Last year about 70% of the students enrolled in universities. "Would you like to meet our psychologist and social worker?" he asked.

"Yes, I would."

The psychologist, a Peruvian, told me that she devoted a great deal of her time counselling students in addition to giving the usual intelligence, personality and vocational aptitude tests. She explained that problems related to personality conflicts were increasing. Students needed guidance in areas of communication, sexuality and emotional development. "They seemed to be ashamed of their racial and cultural background and felt insecure. Some were introverted and unable to communicate well. The students were referred to me by their teachers."

The social worker, also a Peruvian, became involved with the parents when a student was not doing well in school. "I make many home visits, and I am beginning to see more and more behavioral problems," she said. "Now many mothers are also working. Both parents work long hours and have little time for their children's needs or family life."

I sensed that a new personality was emerging among the younger generation, influenced by the contemporary Peruvian environment. Having a psychologist and a social worker on the staff appeared to be a recognition of this changing process.

Later, when I attended the conference workshop on "University Student Exchange," I wondered whether the large number of students from Brazil and Peru in this group were listening attentively to the speaker. He was an Issei who, in fluent Spanish, said, "The struggle of your parents and grandparents in this country should never be forgotten. They came here with high hopes for better education for you. By studying hard now, you can become better citizens of your respective countries."

Could the students turn off their ears and say, "Oh, no, not again!" I wondered. From my own childhood I knew that Japanese children had been listening to this same old story over and over again.

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Exchange, outlined the goals of the student exchange program: to develop competitive sports and to promote technical, scientific and cultural information. He encouraged the students to master the English language if they wanted to study in North America.

I gathered, from the discussion, that Japan was the only country that had offered scholarships and other educational opportunities. But most of the students expressed a desire to study in the Americas instead. They especially wanted to know more about financial aid and home-stay programs in the United States. One Brazilian student said that he had accepted a scholarship in Japan in 1981 but did not complete his studies there. He felt that the academic courses in the Japanese university was not suitable for his projected career in South America.

I empathized with these students who wanted to seek university education outside of their own country. I felt that their perspectives and opportunities would be limited if they continued to confine themselves to the Japanese community. They should be encouraged to reach out to other communities throughout South and North America. But they should first explore the foreign studies programs with the help of their own established universities.

I was very glad I had had the opportunity to attend this conference. It helped me to expand my own sense of identity. I felt even more appreciative, than I had been, of our common roots and ethnic culture beyond my own geographical realm. I became aware of a strong we-group feeling in the Japanese community in Lima. The Japanese culture seemed to be deeply embedded in this society and in its individual lives. I also realized that there was a warm friendship between the Japanese people of the two American continents.

Just before the closing of the conference, the Peruvians sang their national anthem. Then we all held hands and sang "Hotaru no Hikari" which is a song usually sung at Japanese school graduation exercises. It includes the Japanese words "sa wakare yuku"—and so we shall now part. And it is sung to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne."

For the finale, the Peruvian delegates led a Peruvian style "Banzai" with "Viva Pan Americana!" "Viva Peru!" "Viva Pan American Nikkei!" #

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