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ON SUPER TUESDAY: MARCH 13

Mondale finds weak support among Asians

HONOLULU—Organizers of Gary Hart's presidential campaign missed the Jan. 28 deadline for getting his name on the Hawaii caucus ballot. Thus, on Mar. 13, Democrats of that state had three choices: Walter Mondale, Jesse Jackson, and "uncommitted."

Off the ballot, Hart's only recourse was to push for uncommitted delegates, whom he could then woo before the Democratic national convention in July.

Mondale received support from organized labor and from Sen. Daniel Inouye, cochair of the Democratic convention. But Gov. George Ariyoshi believed that an uncommitted posture would give Hawaii a better bargaining position.

Analyzing the Hawaii race, Christian Science Monitor reporter Gregg Kakesako noted that "Ariyoshi has a string of political victories spanning nearly three decades. He is in comfortable control of a party organization that has ruled Hawaii politics since it achieved statehood in 1959.

"Senator Inouye has an equally impressive record," Kakesako continued, "but despite his popularity he has never developed a strong political army like the one Ariyoshi can count on in any given election."

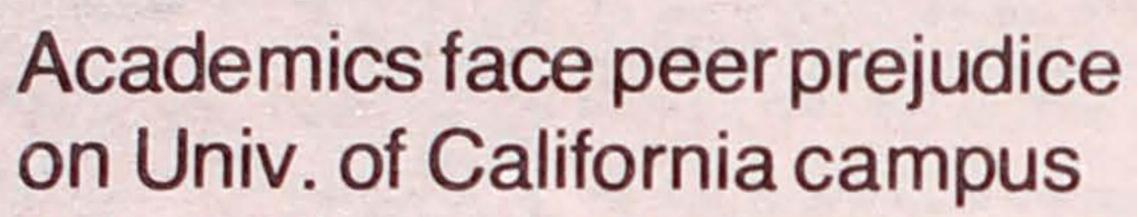
In any case, Island Democrats agreed with Ariyoshi on Super Tuesday. Of the 2,830 votes cast, "uncommitted" picked up 1,798; Mondale, 914; and Jackson, 118.

Under the party's formula, this means 14 of Hawaii's 27 delegates are uncommitted, 5 are Mondale's, and the remaining 8 belong to the state's top Democratic leaders. Of these eight, Inouye and U.S. Rep. Cecil Heftel prefer Mondale.

Dave Kumagai, chair of Hawaii's Democratic Party, said the delegation thus breaks down to 7 votes for Mondale and 20 uncommitted.

In American Samoa, voters gave Mondale three pledged delegates in the Super Tuesday caucus.

Results from Seattle, still incomplete as of press time, indicate that the city's predominantly Asian precincts preferred Hart to Mondale by about 50% to 30%.



DAVIS, Ca.-Minorities and women have little chance of being hired as faculty members at the Univ. of California at Davis, because their colleagues are prejudiced against them, reported the academic senate's committee on affirmative action Mar. 1.

The committee, which conducted an informal opinion survey, found "a strongly polarized faculty." G.A.H. McClelland, author of the report, stated that "at least nine out of more than 140 respondents were openly antagonistic towards the principles and implementation of affirmative action. At the other extreme are more than 23 respondents who describe flagrant disregard for affirmative action principles in their departments, or mere lip service compliance with regulations. About 40 respondents ... expressed no comments. The remainder, while agreeing with affirmative action, did express concern over its implementation."

McClelland explained that hiring decisions depend in part on secret ballots among the faculty to provide an "objective" evaluation of the candidate. But "the existence of prejudice and antagonism, among even a minority of such voters, can seriously jeopardize fair evaluation, and render affirmative action choices most unlikely."



Photo by Dean Wong (International Examiner)

MORE DEBTS PAID—Mayor Charles Royer of Seattle (3d from right) signs ordinance that provides \$5,000 to former city employees who were terminated during WW2.

Observing the Mar. 6 ceremony are (from left): Jerry Shigaki, Seattle JACL president;

Tim Otani, PNW regional director; Thomas Kobayashi, former city employee; Councilmember Dolores Sibonga, sponsor of the ordinance; Sumiko Haji Kuriyama, former city employee; and Lloyd Hara, city treasurer and past Seattle JACL president.

Asian Pacific Democrats seeking heavier clout

LOS ANGELES — Asian \$2.5 million to political candidates in the 1980 elections, are seeking to translate that kind of money into power.

Indications of that ambition can be found on the agenda of the biennial state conference of the California Democratic Party's Asian Pacific Caucus, to be held April 6-7 at Amfac Hotel. Asian Pacific Democrats in the Eighties: Census, Consensus and Coalition," the conference addresses such topics as "Are Asian/Pacifics missing from the Democratic coalition?" and "Five percent [of the vote] can make a difference."

Coalition Building

The conference also hosts the first inter-ethnic meeting of California's Asian, Black

and Hispanic Democratic Americans, who contributed Entitled "The Coming Age of caucus leaders to discuss common political strategies for minorities.

Closing the event is a dinner honoring Yori Wada, Harold Yee, and Thomas Hsieh of San Francico; Paul Higashi of Sacramento; and Mary Miyashita and Kaz Umemoto of Los Angeles. Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy addresses the dinner gathering.

For further information call Mike Eng, 387-2255. #

News in Brief

Nikkei reps. push for House hearing

WASHINGTON-U.S. Reps. Robert Matsui and Norman Mineta of California urged the chair of a congressional subcommittee to schedule hearings on redress in the near future.

In a Mar. 16 letter to Rep. Sam B. Hall, Jr. (D-Tex.), chair of the House Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, Matsui and Mineta wrote: "We believe that by receiving testimony on the history of the internment from those who experienced it, the members of the subcommittee can best understand the need for and premise of this legislation."

In their letter the two congressmen noted that, in addition to 93 members of Congress, such organizations as the AFL-CIO executive committee and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights have also backed the redress bill.

"I am hopeful that these hearings can open the eyes of those still unaware of what Japanese Americans underwent in WW2," Matsui said.

Reagan campaign advisors named

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Gov. George Deukmejian, chair of his state's Reagan-Bush campaign, named two Nikkei to the re-election drive's Volunteer Advisory Committee. Former Lt. Gov. Ed Reinecke, Calif. Republican Party chair, heads the newly formed body.

Agnes Arakawa of Monterey Park and George Oki of Sacramento, both representing the Calif. Japanese American Republicans, join the committee's four other Asian Americans. They are Richard Koo, Los Angeles, representing the Calif. Asian American Republican Assn.; Charles Lee and T. Kong Lee, San Francisco, and Henry Yee, Huntington Beach, all representing the Chinese American Republican Assn.

Racial violence declines in 1983

LOS ANGELES—Racially and religiously motivated violence declined in 1983 from the previous year, said the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations.

The commission's fourth annual report showed that anti-Semitic incidents, which account for all the attacks in the religious category, declined by 20%, and that racial incidents declined by 26%. Both counts were higher than the 1980 and 1981 figures, however.

Cuts in ethnic studies protested

DAVIS, Ca.—Students on the Univ. of California campus here protested on Mar. 7 the administration's failure to address their concerns regarding ethnic studies programs. Asian/Pacific Islanders, Blacks, Chicanos, and Native Americans marched together in the noontime demonstration.

According to a release from the Coalition to Save Asian American Studies, recent cutbacks, "specifically the removal of Asian American studies research materials and the reduction of Asian American studies office space, triggered the protest."

JACL chapter to pay attorneys' fees

SPOKANE, Wash. — U.S. district judge Robert McNichols denied in early February the Spokane JACL Chapter's suit for \$60,000 in attorneys' fees incurred in its 1978 race discrimination case against Washington State Univ. in Pullman. The chapter charged that WSU failed to provide counseling and educational services for its 429 Asian American students comparable to those provided for other minority groups. Asians make up almost half of all minority students at WSU. The Asian American studies program currently employs two faculty members and one half-time counselor.

Enthusiasm burgeons in Hawaii for Reagan-Bush re-election

HONOLULU—In 25 years of statehood, Hawaii has never sent a Republican to the U.S. House of Representatives. Today, both U.S. senators, the governor and a record 64 of 76 state legislators are Democrats. In 1980 Hawaii was the only state west of Minnesota to support President Jimmy Carter.

Only a tourist might seem foolish enough to suggest that a state so full of Democrats and so wedded to unions and minorities might go to President Reagan in 1984. But that is what many astute Hawaiians are beginning to think.

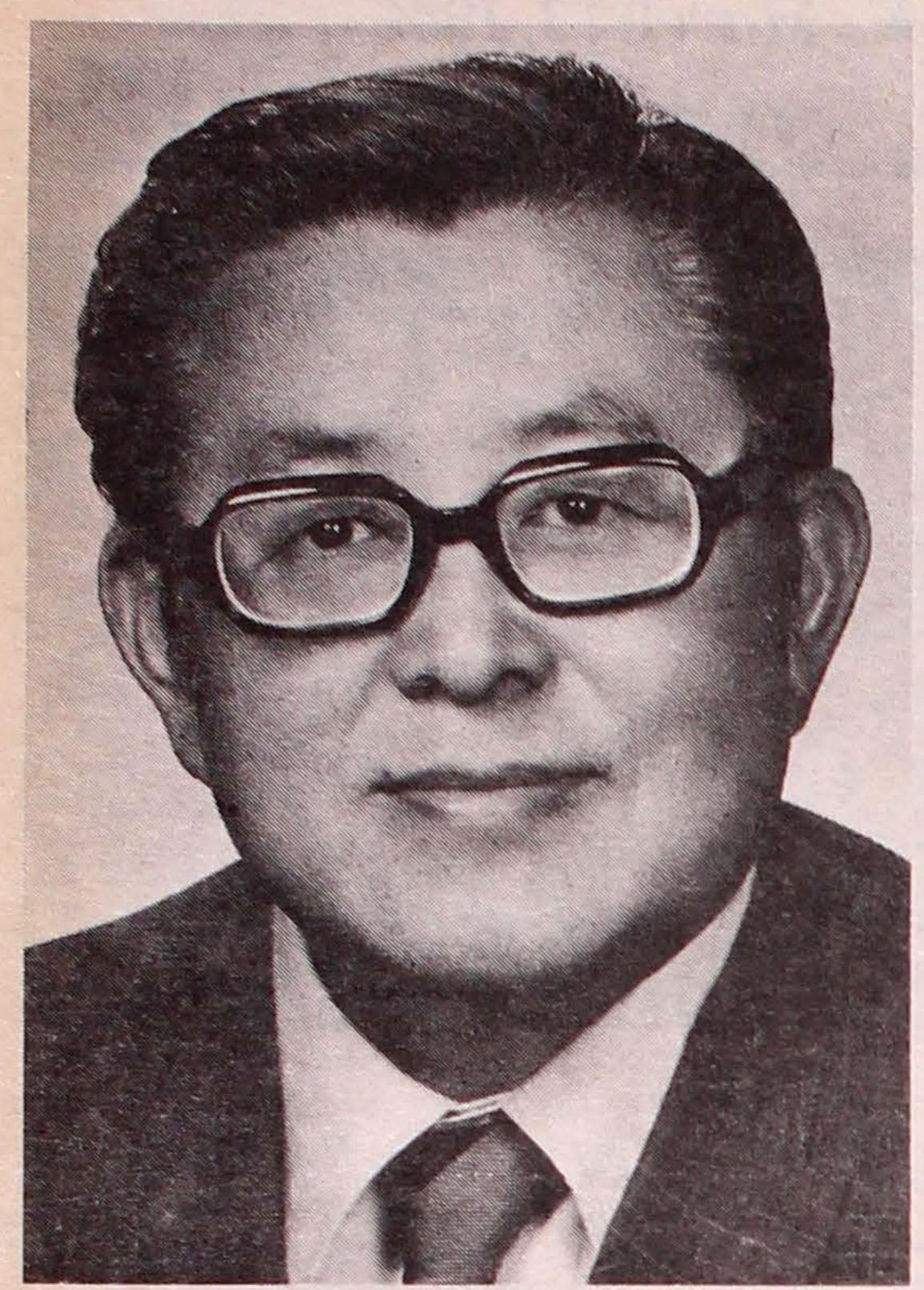
"People tell me they think he is doing a good job," said Patsy K. Young, a Democrat who has served eight years in the state senate. Feelings for the country and its leaders are particularly strong among the 25% of the population (and probably a higher percentage of voters) of Japanese ancestry who remember that their patriotism was questioned during World War II.

Noting that Carter won the state by fewer than 6,000 voters in 1980, Republican state chair Patricia Saiki insists that Reagan has won many friends, particularly after he sent troops to Grenada. "The people here are basically conservative, especially the Japanese," she said. Before statehood, many of Hawaii's political leaders were Republicans with ties to large landholding interests.

In the mid-1950s, the Democrats successfully harnessed popular resentment against a white-dominated power structure to form a solid block of ethnic Japanese, ethnic Hawaiian and white liberal voters. "The Japanese can be so mousy, always going to vote the party line," a white Republican attorney said.

A former state senatur, Saiki, 53, jost a race for lieutenant governor in 1982, but has promised to get the GOP back on the winning side in her new position as party chair. She plans to raise money, prepare for the next reapportionment battle and target for defeat the weakest Democratic incumbents in the state legislature.

Nakashima named state vice chair for Reagan-Bush campaign



Stephen Nakashima

Marie Himel of Cheverly;

brother Andrew Shiga of

Seattle; two sisters, Yoshiko

Kitahara of Seattle and

Michiko Bumpus of Daytona

Beach, Fla.; and one grand-

A memorial service will be held

Saturday, Mar. 24, 11 a.m. at

Cedar Lane Unitarian Church,

9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, Md.

20814. In lieu of flowers, contribu-

tions may be sent to: Japanese

Cancer Society, c/o Dr. Haruo

Sato, 2-3-1 Kunimi, Sendai, 980

Japan; Music Perf. Fund of the

Cedar Lane Unitarian Ch.; or

Saki Himel Memorial Fund, D.C.

Youth Orch., Brightwood Sta., PO

dies of heart attack

CHICAGO - Ben Yoshioka,

68, prominent Nisei leader,

died Feb. 24 of a massive

heart attack while hospi-

Yoshioka, born in Berke-

ley, Calif., on Oct. 31, 1915,

was president of the Japa-

nese American Service Com-

mittee Heiwa Terrace Hous-

ing board and interim presi-

dent of the Little Brothers of

Yoshioka graduated with

B.A. and M.A. degrees from

UC-Berkeley. During the

WW2 era he went to Chicago

He is surved by his wife,

Pauline (nee Kitsuse), two

sons, three grandchildren,

deaths

Mrs. Bun I. Sakai, 94, of Port-:

land died Mar. 11. Among the sur-

vivors are three sons, very active

in JACL: Henry (L.A.), PC Board

chair, Walter and Bill (Portland).

Also surviving are s Richard

(L.A.), Kimi Kai (Spokane)

Funeral rites were conducted

Mar. 14 at the Hennessey Funeral

Home with a Buddhist minister in

Niimi

(Spokane), Frances

charge.

two brothers and five sisters.

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Box 56198, Wash., DC 20011.

Midwest leader

Nisei musician succumbs to cancer

KENSINGTON, Md. - Saki to, Calif., and James H. of Shiga Himel, 62, a retired Kensington; daughter C. bibliographer with the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology and a violinist in local symphony orchestras, died of cancer Mar. 6 at her home.

Himel was born in Seattle and studied music at the Univ. of Washington. In 1945 she moved to Washington, D.C. and worked in the Library of Congress before she joined the FASEB in 1959. She retired in 1981.

She had been a violinist with the Jewish Community Center Orchestra in Rockville since 1974 and was also a violinist and past secretary of the Montgomery County Symphony Orchestra.

Survivors include her husband, William; two sons, Yoshinori H.T. of Sacramen-

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By DIANE YEN-MEI WONG (East/West)

SAN JOSE, Ca.—While many Asian Americans identify with the Democratic Party, which they feel is the party of the "minorities, working class and poor," the Republican Party more closely represents the philosophy of the community, asserted Stephen Nakashima.

Nakashima, a San Jose attorney and certified public accountant, was recently named one of the state's regional vice chairs of the Reagan-Bush in '84 campaign committee.

[Nakashima served in 1978-80 as National JACL vice president for general operations.]

A resident of San Jose since he began his law practice in the mid-1950s, the Nisei man noted that this is where his active participation with the Republican Party began. For a number of years, he served on the arm of the party which helped to raise funds in Santa Clara County.

However, Nakashima explained that the roots of his interest in what the Republicans stand for began even earlier.

"There was one thing my parents never denied us, and that was to give us the opportunity to get all the education we could get," he said. "But we had to get it on our own."

Thus, Nakashima, whom many now describe as "wealthy," had to work his way through college and law school.

Self-Initiative Encouraged "I felt strongly that the philosophy of the Republican Party encouraged self-initiative, and encouraged people to take advantage of opportunities given, instead of giving a handout to people." If one was willing to work, he said, then one could achieve the goal.

"It is unfortunate that Asians are so associated with the Democratic Party, when basically Asian people believe in the Continued on Page 11

Tacoma's Rev. Pratt to celebrate 50 years of Buddhist teaching

TACOMA, Wa.—Buddhists of the Northwest will honor the Rev. Sunya Pratt at a testimonial dinner to be held at the Sherwood Inn on April 8. The devout Buddhist sensei will have completed 50 years of dedication to the teaching of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in the Tacoma temple.

Rev. Pratt joined the temple in April 1934 to work with the young Buddhists as an assistant to Rev. Sensho Sasaki. During her 50 years with the Tacoma temple, she has served with Reverends Sensho Sasaki, Shawshew Sakow, Giran Nishinaga, Jotetsu Ono, Hiroshi Futaba, Sadamaro Ouchi, Shoki Mohri, Shinnei Shigefuji and presently with Rev. Taitsu Imai. The first official recogni-

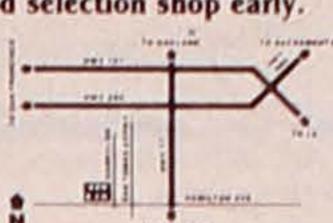
tion of Rev. Pratt's work in the development of youth in the understanding of Buddhism came on April 23, 1936, when she received her first ordination from Bishop Masuyama. It was at that ceremony that she received her name "Sunya."

On Mar. 1, 1969, Rev. Pratt was conferred full status as a minister of the Buddhist Churches of America in a ceremony conducted by Bishop Kenryu Tsuji.

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One ancestry, two nationalities: Nikkei women share experiences in workshop

By FUMI RAITH

NEW YORK-The city's second annual Women's Exchange convened at the Japanese American Assn. hall on Feb. 25. The Japanese American Counseling Center, and Japanese American Assn. co-sponsored the event. It was the first time that all three organizations worked together for the Japanese and Japanese American community in New York.

The "exchange" was timely in that it addressed the controversial TV program the Nippon Hoso Kyokai (NHK), which has raised concern among the Japanese American community. This concern was clearly reflected at the exchange when the keynote speaker, Sanko Kajihara, offered a provocative opinion. Some Japanese Americans spontaneously expressed their thoughts about "Two Fatherlands," and showed deep concern about how that program will affect the redress movement. The exchange leaders, upon hearing the audiences' reaction, immediately added one extra workshop to discuss "Two Fatherlands."

Approximately 60 women, half of them Japanese nationals, were absorbed into seven small discussion groups. Other topics were Marriage, Divorce and Being Single, Raising Children, Women's Status, Aging, Comparing the 1940s to 1980s, and How Japanese/Japanese Americans feel about Japan and

U.S.A. The participants, ranging from their early 20s to early 80s, were so involved in the discussion that they felt that the allotted one hour was insufficient. They expressed their interest in reconvening the exchange every three

months. The Japanese participants broke the myth that women do not like to speak in public. Most of them seemed to enjoy sharing their personal interests with their counterparts.

While one Japanese expressed her fear of raising children here in America, a Japanese American shared her experience of having Japanese parents and being raised in the American society. One group discovered just how much their personal life was affected by govern-"Sanga Moyu" produced by ment policy during the war. One Japanese expressed how it was when she first found out that an American was not so bad; she had been told that all Americans were "evil."

> Old Age Means Freedom One elderly shared her experiences of being called a "senior citizen." She said that she gained a new sense of freedom and showed her high spirits, which gave the younger women hope that getting old would not be so bad. Young women learned how elderly parents want to be treated by their children, and the elderly learned how children feel about their parents.

Overall, it was an afternoon during which women from different backgrounds, generations, and nationalities could gather and take pause to understand each

Those who worked hard to make the exchange successful included Haru Akamatsu, Hisayo Asai, Julie Azuma, Riki Ito, Sanko Kajihara, Mitsuye Kamada, Lily Kiyasu, Michi Kobinata, Mayumi Kurihara, Suki Ports, Reiko Ryder, Tomiko Sakazume, Kimiko Shiomura, Eiko Shiotani, Motoko Spiegel, B.J. Watanabe, and Fumiko Yuzawa.



Photo by James Young

VIETNAM NIGHTMARE — A young front-line soldier (portrayed by Ping Wu) is put on trial for murder during the last days of the Vietnam war in East West Players newest production, "The Grunt Childe." Dana Lee directs the play by Lawrence O'Sullivan.

Performances are Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7:30 p.m., 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. For reservations, call 660-0366.

Manzanar pilgrimage set for April 28

LOS ANGELES—The 15th annual pilgrimage to Manzanar will take place Saturday, April 28, the Manzanar Committee announced. The theme for this year's trek to the former WW2 campsite and Historic Landmark 850 is "A Pilgrimage for Peace."

The committee also announced that the Los Angeles County Library System has purchased 44 copies of their publication, "The Lost Years

mark 10th year

LOS ANGELES — The Little Tokyo Lions celebrated their 10th year at "A Night To Be Remembered' dinner Mar. 14 at New Otani Hotel.

Especially remembered were three community projects with their respective presidents on hand to receive \$1,000 donations. They were: Frank Kuwahara of Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Inc.; Fred Wada of Japanese Retirement Home, Inc.; and Kenji Ito of the J.A. Treaty Centennial Scholarship Fund,

Consul General Yoshifumi Matsuda, distinguished guest of the evening, added his congratulations and called the contributions "a very moving gesture" and substantial in view of the club's size-understood to be between 30 and 40 members.

Emcee Henry Onodera explained that funds were raised by the club's "tailtwister" over the years. Club president Yosh Takamine chaired the dinner.

This Lions club is probably the only one in the U.S. which conducts its meetings in Japanese and English. Some members hail from Japan where they first joined.

Dividend reported by Calif. First Bank

SAN FRANCISCO—A 27cent per share dividend for the first quarter was announced by California First Bank. Payment will be made on April 13, to shareholders of record as of Mar. 9. The state's 7th largest bank has nearly 10.6 million shares of common stock outstanding, reported Yasushi Sumiya, president.

1942-46," for each of their branch libraries. The 60-page book, which had been out of print for several years, was

Bookstore, 321 Towne Ave., east of Little Tokyo. Regular meetings to plan the pilgrimage are being held through April and the public is invited to participate. For further information, call

published in May 1982 in its

fourth edition. The book may

be purchased through the

committee and at Amerasia

(213) 662-5102, 825-1006, or write to the Committee, at 1566 Curran St., Los Angeles, CA 90026.

Cultural events

LOS ANGELES—Asian Pacific Awareness Week will take place Mar. 26-30 at Loyola Marymount Univ. Sponsors are Asian Pacific Students Assn., Chinese Club, Hui Kumulipo (Hawaii Club), Indonesians of LMU, and International Students Organization. The week-long event features dance performances, cultural art exhibit, guest speakers, and performances by jazz fusion group Visions and by Orient Express. For further information, call Asian Pacific Supportive Services, (213) 642-

LOS ANGELES—Japan America Theatre received notification that pianist Hiroko Nakamura has cancelled her U.S. concert tour. Nakamura was scheduled to perform at the theater on Saturday, Mar. 31. Ticket-holders should call (213) 680-3700 for refunds.

Community Affairs

SAN FRANCISCO—Japantown Art and Media Writers Workshop, 1852 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115 is sponsoring its 4th annual literary contest for high school students. Three prizes are awarded in both the poetry and short story categories. One or more poems or stories may be submitted that deal with some aspect of Asian American or Pacific Islander life. Include name, address, grade level, and name of high school with entry. A self-addressed stamped envelope is needed to return manuscripts. Deadline is April 30.

SAN FRANCISCO—Seizaburo Sato, a Japanese political scientist and member of Prime Minister Nakasone's "brain trust," speaks at a luncheon on Friday, Mar. 23, in the California Room West of St. Francis Hotel, Powell and Geary Sts. For further information and reservations, call Japan Society, 986-4383.

BERKELEY, Ca.—Reading Kanji, taught by Kay Kikuko Schonewald, is offered at Berkeley Adult School, 1950 Carleton St., from April 3-June 12, 7-9 p.m. Tuition is \$25. Call 644-6130 for information.

LOS ANGELES—Chi Alpha Delta Sorority, with the alumnae, actives and pledges of UCLA, holds its 55th charter day banquet at Proud Bird Restaurant April 1, at 12 noon. Guest speaker is Alan Moriyama, recipient of the Japanese American post-doctoral fellowship award. For reservations call Chris Taniguchi, 373-1114; Susan Tamaki, 299-5538, Toshi Miyamoto, 370-8462; or Karen Kubota, 938-9568.

LOS ANGELES—"Female Sexuality and the Japanese American Woman" is the topic of a seminar sponsored by the Nikkei Family Counseling Program of the Little Tokyo Service Center, Saturday, Mar. 31, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center. Coordinator Yasuko Sakamoto said Dr. Berta Davis, psychologist/instructor, (UCLA Extension,) will conduct the lecture program. Details and registration may be obtained by calling Sakamoto at 680-

Buddhist council holds yearly meeting

FRESNO, Ca. — About 250 delegates and ministers representing 62 temples throughout the continental United States met for the three-day national council meeting of the Buddhist Churches of America.

BCA President Roy Iwamoto of San Jose conducted the session, which approved a \$482,000 budget for the 1984 operations of the national organization and a \$353,000 budget for the Institute of Buddhist Studies graduate school and Buddhist education department programs.

Among approved bud getary items was the addition of a program specialist for children in the education department. The second phase of the Dharma School curriculum project was also introduced to the delegates.

The national body also approved the institution of twoyear terms of office for national officers beginning with the 1984 term, and sanctioned the disbursement of \$14,000 from the BCA social welfare fund to various service organizations throughout the world.

Some 450 people attended the national council banquet at the Hilton Hotel and heard Chicago's Noby Yamakoshi call upon all members to establish a solid foundation for the

furtherance of American Buddhism, so that Buddhism may become a recognized American religious institu-

The Revs. Akira Hata and Kakuyei Tada and their wives were honored for 25 years of dedicated service.

This year marks the 85th anniversary of the founding of the Buddhist Churches of America, and combined commemoration and annual Eitaikyo perpetual memorial services were held at the meeting, with BCA minister emeritus, the Rev. Gibun Kimura, as the speaker.

Elected to serve as national

officers for the 1984-85 term were Jim Komura of Seattle, president; Judge Mikio Uchiyama of Fowler, presidentelect; Shig Sugiyama of Ekoji, vice president; George Kondo of Sacramento, vice president; Brenda Koga of Salt Lake City, secretary; Kiyoshi Naito of Alameda. treasurer; and Kazuo Abey of Marin, auditor. The Rev. La-Verne Sasaki will complete the second year of his term as chair of the BCA ministerial association.

The 1985 BCA national council meeting will be hosted by the Northern California district at Sacramento Betsuin Temple.

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EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



The Camp Newspaper

San Francisco IT WAS ONE of those things we'd been meaning to do for years, but for one reason or another we were never able to accomplish it. On one occasion, we did make an effort to see him at his offices on Post Street, but he

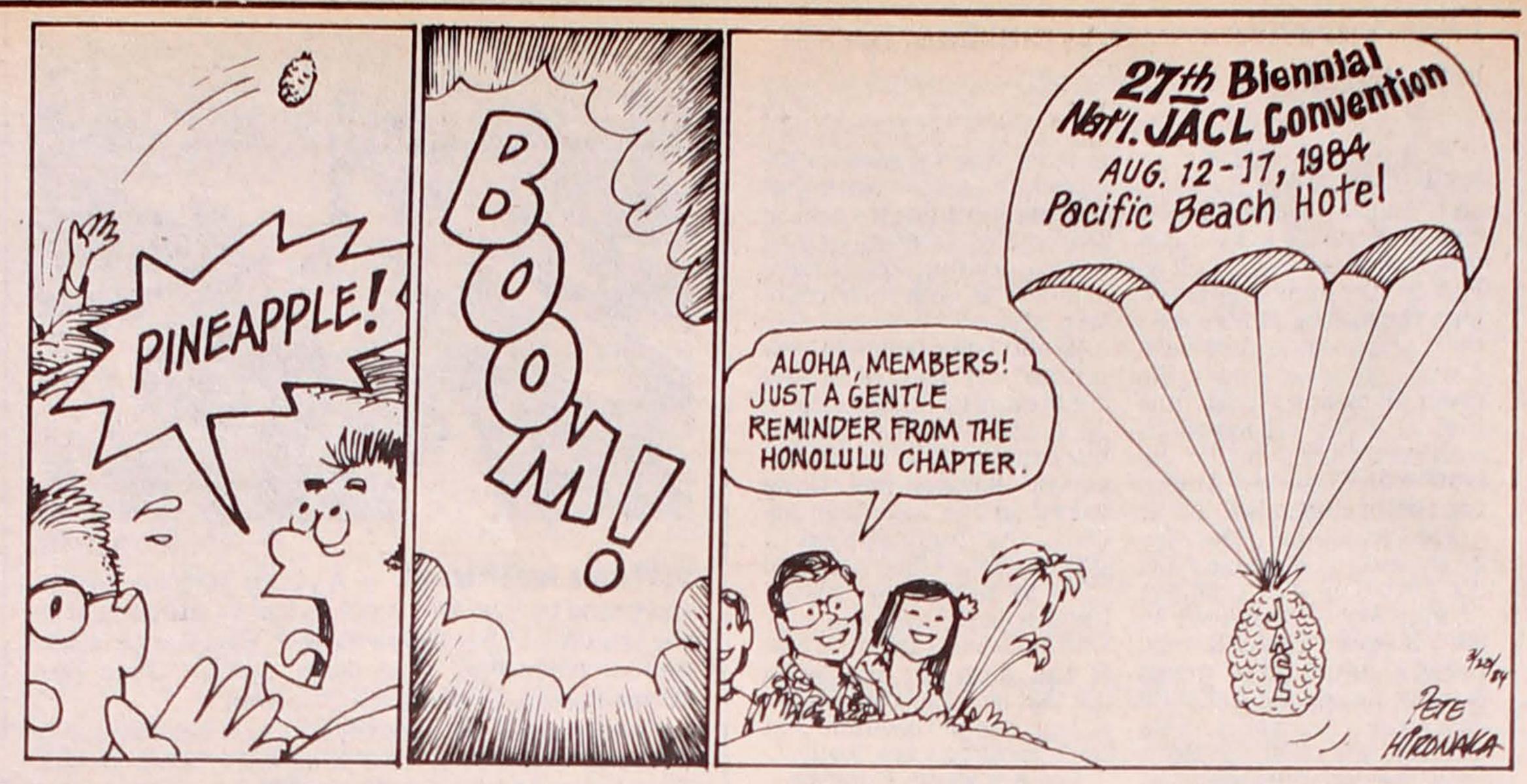
was not in. So on this most recent occasion, we tried again. We simply walked into the offices of the Hokubei Mainichi and inquired if Howard Imazeki, by chance, was there.

IT HAD BEEN about 41 years since we had last seen Howard. That was back in Tule Lake, the detention camp. He was then the editor of the "Tulean Dispatch," the weekly publication in the camp, run off a mimeograph machine. Katsuro "Kats" Murakami (now of Sacramento) carried the ink smears for days after an issue had been "put to bed." On occasion the staff would retire to a nearby messhall for a late night snack. Among some of the others that we now recall: Martha Mizuguchi Hikawa (Chicago), Kenny Hayashi (Orange County), Tom Semba (Minneapolis). There were other fine people on the staff whose faces we remember but whose names are now dimmed by the years. "Dick" (What's his last name?) was one of the outstanding artists. This writer served on the staffbut a few months, having left the camp in the fall of 1942.

THE STAFF MEMBERS regarded Howard with the highest respect as a person of unswerving integrity. Certainly he left such an abiding impression on this then-teenager. We're not sure that we were inoculated by his values of integrity, but over the subsequent years certainly we were caused to pause to ponder the inherent worthiness of his brand of integrity as we perceived it.

Yes, he left quite an impression on this writer. Brief as our acquaintanceship was.

THE LADY AT the front desk, without so much as bothering to ask my name or business, escorted me upstairs and announced "Okyaku-san!" And there, most assuredly, was Howard. Yes a bit older of course, but unmistakably the Howard Imazeki that had been the editor of the "Tulean Dispatch." The same Howard who chain-smoked. During our chat, he revealed that he was now 76 years young, that in February of 1943 he,



too, left Tule Lake for Boulder where he taught Japanese to the Navy trainees. He was surprised to learn that this writer had been rejected as a student by the same university at Boulder because of some Navy experiment going on there. (Following our induction into the Army, we were handling military documents marked "Top Secret.")

AFTER WE'D LEFT Tule Lake, we had heard about an incident wherein Howard had been assaulted and beaten by some inmates. And particularly because we had such a high regard for Howard, we were much saddened when we heard about it. So we were most interested when Howard related how it all came about.

It seems that after putting a newspaper issue to bed, the staff had retired to the messhall for a late night snack where they partook of some hot food that was served. Well, apparently the hot food was supposed to be for security personnel only, a "fact" unknown to Howard and the staff. When confronted with his contention, the picayune nature of this non-issue caused Howard to smile at the ludicrousness of it all. Apparently the smile was misinterpreted as disdain, and the following day some hoodlums beset themselves upon Howard.

HOWARD RELATED ALL this in a vein of wry amusement, although at the time it surely was anything

It was good to have seen him again. And in good health and spirits.

BY THE BOARD: Miki Himeno



Planning and Development

Monterey Park, Calif.

When the national board convened the night of Feb. 24, members were unaware that outside the flowering plum was in full bloom and that San Francisco would again provide us with beautiful, exhilarating weather.

Finances of JACL are always a major concern at national board meetings and this one was no exception. The concerns of my local district members were regarding the telescoping of the three-year redress expenses into two years, or using up two-thirds of the \$300,000 in 1984, and could these obligations

By the time the budget was discussed there was little doubt as to the need, and very little overt opposition to stepping up all activities, thus increasing expenses. The critical need is an accepted fact. It is a "go for it" spirit of determination because we are so close Judge Bill Marutani's surprise appearance gave impetus to the restructuring of the redress program. Coordinators are needed up and down the line, he suggested, and urged utilizing strengths of persons such as Violet de Cristoforo and Grayce Uyehara who are actively involved on the grassroots level.

Two items having financial impact will benefit the redress program in the long run. The Redress Legislative Handbook, largely the responsibility of Carole Hayashino, will be a tool for action. The other is John Tateishi's And Justice For All, an oral history published by Random House which will reach thousands in untapped areas.

While redress is a major financial concern, other programs must continue even under limited funding.

Women's Concerns

The presence of Women's concerns chair Irene Hiranoaugmented by a written report and budget proposal-was well-received, like a shaft of sunlight breaking through gloomy financial clouds. The women's core group meets regularly in L.A. every third Wednesday of the month at the JACL PSW regional office. They have set specific goals: to publish a special women's insert for a May Pacific Citizen; to participate in the national convention with a workshop, reception, and caucus; and to produce a resource packet. Locally, two workshops are planned to assist PSW and thus provide program modules to be shared nationally.

Aging and Retirement

Upon arrival Friday at the National Headquarters, I learned that cinematographer Emiko Omori and a dedicated group of artists and technicians had completed the filming for the aging and retirement committee project! The final shooting had taken place only days before in the office of national director Ron Wakabayashi with George Takei of "Star Trek" fame. Program director Lia Shigemura acknowledged with grati-Continued on Page 6

From the Youth Director: David Nakayama

Part Two of a Five Part Series



Berkeley... Thanks!

San Francisco When asked about possible youth programs for JACL chapters and the Japanese American communities at large, I recount my childhood in Berkeley, Calif. and the good times that I experienced.

I'm sure that many of my experiences have a common element with those of other Japanese Americans. I would like to share some of the youth programs that I benefited from and to take an opportunity to thank my hometown for providing them.

Sunday School at the Berkeley Methodist United Church was my first contact with Japanese Americans, other than my own family. While my sister and I were always the first ones at church (which we hated), the songs we sang and the games we played made us happy to be there. Easter Sunday meant baskets filled with chocolate eggs and bunnies and the Easter egg hunts at the church picnic weren't bad either. Christmas always provided gifts, more songs and more candy. I don't know who was responsible for these activities, but when I was real small, they meant so much to me. Thank you!

Athletics took many of my weekends as a youth. Community leaders like Min Sano, Ted Iida, the late Bob Tsutsui and Frank Yamasaki provided baseball and basketball programs for Japanese American youth. The Jr. Olympics was an event that I annually participated in and I'm glad that this JACL tradition continues. Berkeley JACL hosted a basketball tourney and this too, continues to this day. I didn't know too much about JACL at that time, but I knew that JACL provided fun things for me to do.

My church also sponsored Boy Scout Troop 26 (of which I am

now scoutmaster). Never having the opportunity to go camping or hiking, the Troop 26 leaders, like Jordon Hiratzka, Roy Kurahara and Tad Hayashi spent many weekends and weeklong summer camps, away from their families, to be with us Scouts. When you have to cook together and work together as a patrol, you learn much more than Scoutcraft. You learn how friendships are built and the meaning of responsibility.

Through the Boy Scout troop, my friends and I were befriended by twin brothers, Steve and Chris Yoshimura. These guys were older scouts, but made us feel pretty special. When you're a little guy, you get shoved around a lot by older kids, but Steve and Chris would not let that happen and would spend time and talk with us. They would cheer us on at athletic events and tell us things like how to slide into home plate. The Yoshimura twins were really good to me.

Easter egg hunts, athletic programs and Scouting provided much more than you might think. For Japanese American youth in Berkeley, they provided a childhood experience that will last through a lifetime. The Japanese American community leaders that founded these activities also share the same fondness in their memories. It wasn't surprising to learn that Min Yasui, national chair of the JACL Advisory committee for redress, was a former scoutmaster in Denver. Or that Ron Wakabayashi, our national director, was a Life Scout in Los Angeles.

So, my thanks to everyone back in Berkeley for providing such programs. The good times and even the difficult times were important to me. If there is one thing that I learned, it is that similar experiences must be provided to future generations of Japanese American youth.

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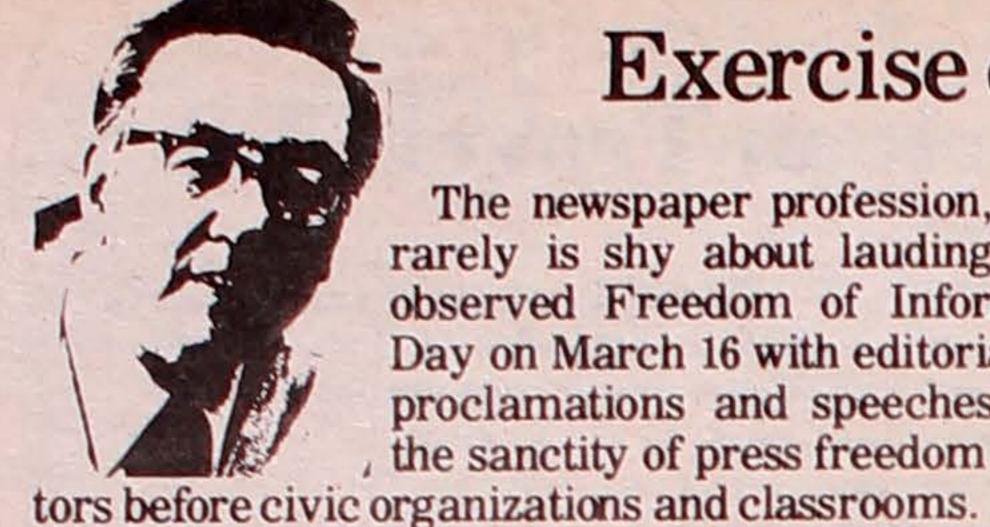
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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Exercise of the First Amendment

The newspaper profession, which rarely is shy about lauding itself, observed Freedom of Information Day on March 16 with editorials and proclamations and speeches about , the sanctity of press freedom by edi-

March 16 is the birthday of James Madison, fourth president of the United States and principal author of the Bill of Rights, which, in the First Amendment, guar-

antees freedom of the press.

Some people see press freedom as a constitutional "license to kill" that no other institution enjoys. Madison, however, saw a concept that many critics of the press today cannot grasp—to fulfill its First Amendment function as the forefathers envisioned it, the press needs to operate without fear of debilitating, unwarranted litigation.

Essayist Alan Barth put the press's role of the public's guardian against injustice or corruption or official stupidity in another way: "If you want a watchdog to warn you of intruders, you must put up with a certain amount of mistaken barking If you muzzle him and leash

him and teach him to be decorous, you will find he doesn't do the job for which you got him in the first place."

Pacific Citizen is in something of an anomalous position in that it is both a newspaper and a house organ beholden to the organization that owns it and, to an extent, finances it. Its need to tread the fine line between these two functions is responsible for the interminable meetings of the Pacific Citizen board, scheduled to meet again soon, in which it seeks a solution to a virtually insoluble dilemma.

To Pacific Citizen's great credit, its Letters columns are open to a wide variety of opinions, which is as it should be even though some of them may make the

organization's leadership wince.

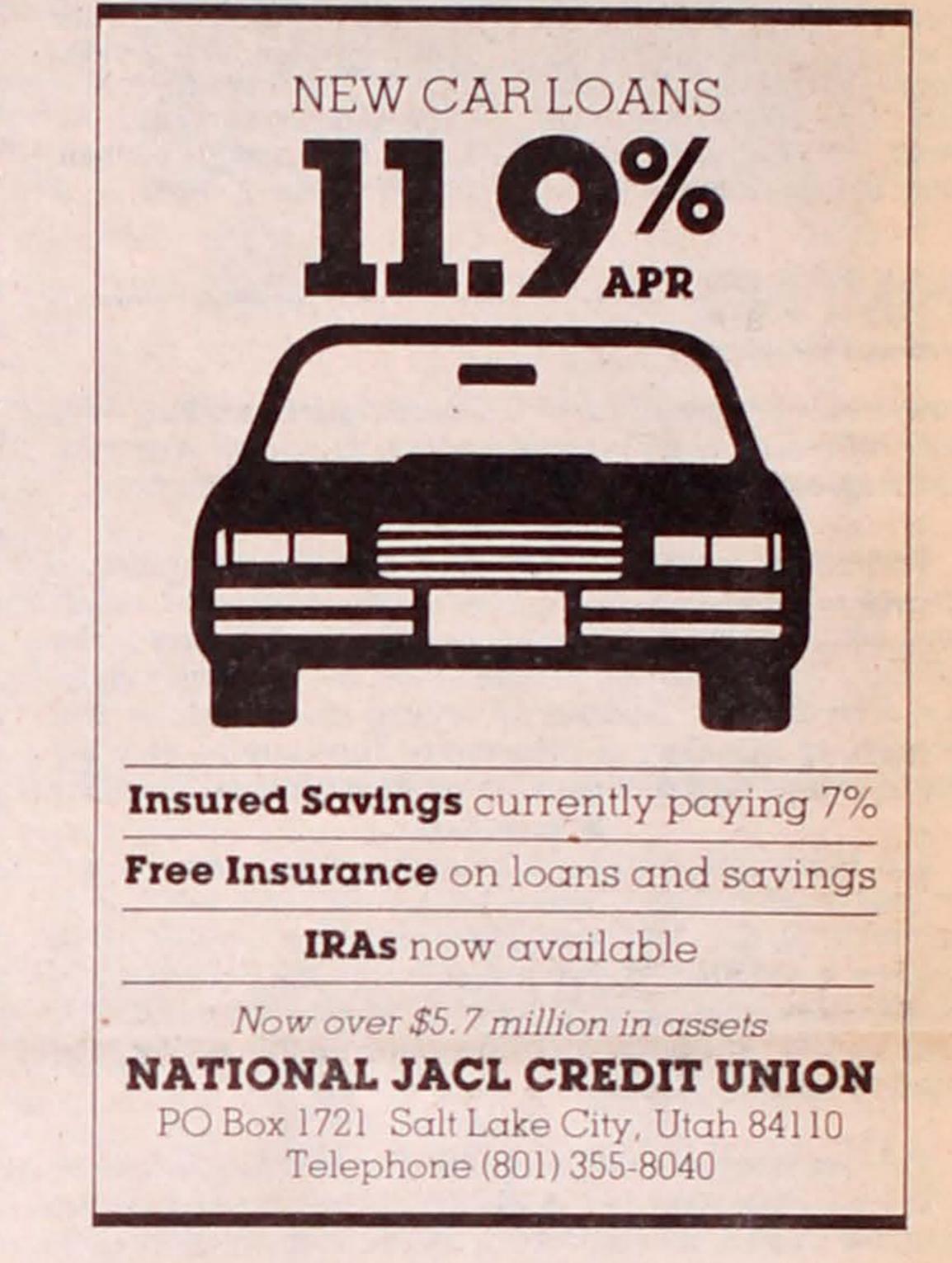
But this did not start out to be a commentary on Pacific Citizen. What I wanted to do was to applaud the Japanese press, notably the Letters columns of the English-language press in Japan, for the forthright opinions that have been published recently in reference to the Sanga Moyu controversy.

During the late, lamented war years, and the pre-

ceding decades when the militarists rode roughshod over human rights, the Japanese press was a docile creature intimidated into doing whatever it was told to do. Individuals who disagreed with official policy lost their jobs, were imprisoned or, if they were lucky, escaped abroad to publish their dissent in marginal newspapers and magazines.

The Occupation changed all that. The Japanese press reclaimed its birthright of freedom and from what I have been told, it is probably as free as a press anywhere in the world. In some respects, in the competition to utilize that freedom, it has been accused of abusing it.

Fortunately, there are means of redressing such abuse, and in Japan as in other free countries truth and accuracy are basic defenses against suit. Journalists are being reminded that the First Amendment belongs to all Americans, not just the press.



CLIFF'S CORNER: Dr Clifford Uyeda



On 'Fatherland' and Other Matters

THE Duus-Yamasaki dialogue in Bungei Shunju's New Year's issue covers 20 pages. A careful English translation comes to 18 typewritten sheets, single-spaced. A summary, therefore, could not include everything. It was felt

that the most pertinent points were covered (See Jan. 20 PC). The dialogue actually went on for three hours. Due to press deadlines Mrs. Duus did not receive the galley proof for editing while Mrs. Yamasaki did have this privilege. Many statements made at the time of the dialogue were toned down and even eliminated in the excerpts published by Bungei Shunju.

John Aiso is correct in his Pacific Citizen article of Mar. 9, and the complete English translation is also correct, in assigning the terms "sober and harsh" to NHK in its reference to the title of the book.

However, Mrs. Yamasaki's attempt to explain her use of the word sokoku is confusing. She states that for the Nisei Japan is "fatherland" and America a "motherland." That is not a clarification. Also her concept of Nisei having to experience the milestone of "two fatherlands" before being able to appreciate "one fatherland" is equally bewildering. Interest in one's heritage ought not be confused with loyalty.

'Fatherland' a Proper Translation

The dictionary, as mentioned by Judge Aiso, gives several definitions for sokoku. It would seem that the proper translation fits the context in which the word is used. For those who believe that "fatherland" is the proper translation for this

Gila River II Reunion

By FRANK SAKAMOTO

Chicago

The 1000 Club Whing Ding at this forthcoming National JACL convention not only features the usual timely highstepping skits of previous whing dings but has as its Main Act and Feature the first official reunion of Gila River Camp II.

Michi Weglyn (formerly Nishimura) will be with us to autograph her book Years of Infamy. Helen Kawagoe will preside in her usual charming way, and Henry Nagahori, president of Imperial Plastics, will welcome one and all "Island Style."

Some of the people we've been asked about are Yone Shimomura, Aki Nishimura, Mary Otomo and her brothers Paul and Hank, Mits Tagawa, Tets Shiota (he is a professor at the Univ. of Washington), Susie Mizukami and her brothers Shug and George, Michi Kawakami, Sei Dyo, Akira Ito and Hiro Iwamoto. Others are Aki Matsushita, one of the first to volunteer for MIS from camp and who was one of the "red hat" gang; Dr. Roy Teshima and wife, Lucy, are also from Gila River Camp II as is Dick Fukuyama.

The reunion begins officially in Honolulu on Sunday, August 12, in conjunction with the national convention and I have been asked to head the reunion. So if you are interested, please drop me a line: Dr. Frank Sakamoto, 1000 Club National Chair, 5423 No. Clark, Chicago, IL 60640.

Also please send names of other Gila Riverites who may be interested in attending. More details on the Whing Ding and the Reunion will follow.

particular novel, it is because of the strong sense of nationalism which permeates the novel: The importance of loyalty to the Japanese blood irrespective of one's citizenship, the immense shame (haji) for those who fail to recognize this, and the glorification of the militant Japanese spirit all reinforces Japanese nationalism and militarism. Chancellor Adolf Hitler's favorite word for the Third Reich was "Fatherland." It would also seem that the most inappropriate translation for sokoku as used in this novel is "ancestral land," because when applied to Nisei, as the author does, that could only mean Japan.

What needs to be noted in Mrs. Yamasaki's repeated comments is her belief that Sansei are totally ignorant about their parents' sufferings, and that the author has taken it upon herself as a "social mission" (shakei teki shimei no tame ni) to inform the Sansei. This combination of misinformation and presumption is appalling.

The exploits of the MIS are not altogether unknown. There are some negative images of the Nisei GIs, as well as some very positive images. Mrs. Yamasaki in giving us the dramatic version of the Nisei GIs seems to commit another kind of unintentional error. She interprets Nisei from a purely Japanese perspective and projects Japanese values to Japanese Americans.

The lack of specific reference to FDR, except as "Roosevelt," in Bungei Shunju was the editor's omission. During the dialogue Mrs. Yamasaki made long anti-FDR statement. In the midst of her tirade the Imperial Valley episode was mentioned. There was no question among those present at the dialogue that Mrs. Yamasaki was talking about FDR. To have omitted "Franklin" in the summary version was thought to only add to the confusion.

Struggle to Prove Loyalty

To Mrs. Yamasaki the spectre of brother meeting brother on the battlefield was high drama. Japanese history during the era of civil wars (Sengoku jidai) found brothers fighting against brothers, and fathers against sons. The Japanese American saga during WW2 was the struggle to prove their loyalty to America while being suspected and treated as disloyal. Why was this drama missed? Or treated only casually? It is because, I believe, the basic struggle of the Nisei during WW2 was misunderstood by the author.

Futatsu no Sokoku is not just an "interesting novel." The story weaves real events into distorted images of Americans and Japanese Americans with implications that are dangerous beyond the realm of fiction. The test is whether a reasonable person, reading the book or seeing the TV series, would believe that the so-called fictional portrayals are as described.

The present incident offers an excellent opportunity for the Japanese to learn about Japanese Americans. It seems that we should not leave it only to Mrs. Yamasaki and the NHK to educate the Japanese about Japanese Americans. Japanese Americans have their own responsibility to see that their concerns are not ignored or taken lightly. The Japanese people should have the opportunity to hear another side as well.

This is an age of ethnic sensitivity. This is especially true in the United States. Awareness of ethnic sensitivity is a necessary part of our living in an international society. Any work which tends to ignore this awareness does great harm toward international and inter-ethnic understanding.

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S.F.'s health fair set for March 31

SAN FRANCISCO — Japantown's annual health fair, sponsored by San Francisco JACL, offers free anemia, audiometry, dental, podiatry blood pressure, optometry, glaucoma and sports injury tests.

The fair is open Saturday March 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Christ United Presbyterian Church, Sutter and Laguna streets.

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Retired doctors Uyeda and Shimizu will be available for consultation.

Participants should bring a self-addressed stamped envelope to the fair for free follow-up evaluations.

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Optional blood chemistry analyses are offered at cost. The usual 25-element blood panel remains at \$8 this year, and a new cholesterol assay is available for an additional \$10. Fasting for 4 to 10 hours is required prior to the chemistry assays.

medical staff is provided by members of the church, the San Francisco and Golden Gate JACL chapters, Nikkei Lions Club, Satsuki Kai, Kimochi, Nisei and Retirement, and other local groups.

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tude the dedication of those who participated, working days with little sleep, to try to come in within the budget. A convention time-slot is being reserved for the showing of this film.

Veteran Affairs

Performing a vital function as liaison with the veterans groups is Marshall Sumida, who not only reported on veteran's activities but also on Sanga Moyu as it relates to the Military Intelligence Service personnel and the Japan chapter. The present controversy around Sanga Moyu has brought up questions of censorship. This may be time for JACL to draw up guidelines to direct future courses of action.

Scholarships J.D. Hokoyama, National Scholarship chairperson, has activated the committees named last year to begin selection of National JACL's 1984 scholarship program. According to present scheduling, March 15 was the deadline for national applications to be submitted to local chapters. National committees will be reading and selecting over the weekends of April 28 and May 12.

Youth The quandary of youth program leaders Alysa Watanabe and Paul Nakasone was in justifying their position on the national board when responses to their communications with districts are so sparse. No one wants to see the demise of the youth program. Everyone acknowledges that in the youth is

the future of JACL. Sociologist Mike Suzuki, EDC governor, reminds me that the youth population is cyclical and comes in waves just as the

Issei and Nisei age groups do.

Perhaps it is just as well that youth programs are low-keyed at this time when funds must be channeled into the redress program, but once that is achieved, youth programs can go full force! Take heart, Alysa, Paul, and all youth leaders; the day will come. In the meantime the national board needs continued youth input.

PC Calendar of Events

To MAR. 31

Los Angeles—Paintings/ceramics by Eddy Kurushima, USC Rel Cntr San Francisco-Exh by Shigeru

Taniguchi, Satori Gallery, 2124 Union To APR. 1 Los Angeles Stanton Macdonald-Wright's "The Haiku Series," wood-

block prints, 244 S San Pedro To APR. 29

Denver-Exh of watercolors by Riya Nakazono, Ken Caryl Rnch House •MAR. 24 (Saturday)

Seattle-NW Asian Am Th rummage sale, Nisei Vets hall West Covina—E San Gabriel Vly Jpn Comm Cntr Las Vegas Nite, 1203 W

Puente, 7:30pm; info (818) 337-9123 San Francisco—Wkshp on cancer by Nisei and Retirement, Sumitomo Bnk. Buchanan St Mall, 1-4pm

Oakland-10th anny celeb of Asian Health Srvs, Oakland Museum, 10th & Fallon; info 465-3271

•MAR. 25 (Sunday) Watsonville-Health fair, Buddhist Ch, 423 Bridge St, 1-4pm MAR. 26-30

Los Angeles-Asian Pac Wk, Loyola Marymnt Univ; sked info 642-2829 •MAR. 27 (Tuesday)

Washington-NOHO Kyogen Th perf, Baird Aud, Nat'l Hist Mus; 4:30 pre-perf lec, free; 7:30pm perf; recep;

tckts 289-8290 oMAR. 28 (Wednesday) Cupertino-Small bus conf, De Anza Col; info (415) 852-2703

oMAR. 30 (Friday) Los Angeles—JETRO medical eqmt seminar, Hyatt Regency 9am; info 626-

oMAR. 31 (Saturday) Seattle-Casino nite, Bush Hotel San Francisco-Health fair, Christ United Presbyterian Ch, 10am-3pm

San Jose Health fair, Wesley Methodist Ch, 566 N Fifth, 9am-2pm Los Angeles-Wkshp on female sexuality sponsored by Little Tokyo

Sry Cntr, 9am-3:30pm, 244 S San Pedro; info 680-3729 Sacramento-Issei potluck dinner, Jpn Un Methodist Ch, 6929 Franklin Blvd; 5:30pm, info Yuki Oshima, 756-

2972/443-5911 **•MAR. 31-APR. 1** Cleveland-Food bazaar, Buddhist

Mt Olympus Fund-A-Rama, Central Jr HS, 3031 S 200 East, Slt Lk Cty, 6:30-9pm

 APR. 1 (Sunday) PNWDC-Mtg, Seattle Chapter hosts, JACL ofc, 316 Maynard S, 9am Contra Costa—Issei apprec dnr

Los Angeles Am Assn of Retired Persons mtg, 244 S San Pedro, 1:30pm; info 293-3165, 263-8469 College Prk, Md-Wash. Toho Soc ann'l Spring Recital, 2pm, Tawes Fine

Arts Bldg, UMd Los Angeles-Chi Alpha Delta Sorority charter day bang't, Proud Bird Res't, 12n; gst spkr Alan Moriyama

APR. 7 (Saturday) Milwaukee-1000 Club whing ding Boston-'Mitsuye & Nellie' doc film, As Am Res Wrkshp, 27 Beach St,

3:30pm; 426-5313 New York-Farewell dnr for Ruby Schaar, Time-Life Bldg Tower Suite, 1271 Ave of Americas, 6pm; info Harako Brown 358-0173/353-5897

Watsonville health fair this weekend

WATSONVILLE, Ca. — The JACL health fair takes place Sunday, Mar. 25, 1-4 p.m., at the Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge St.

The program includes such topics as stroke, arthritis, memory loss, skin cancer, cataracts, shiatsu, acupuncture, mental health, foot care and osteoporosis. There will also be blood pressure and diabetes screening. #

Volunteer support for the Officers elected in San Gabriel Valley

WEST COVINA, Ca. — At a recent special board meeting, the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of JACL elected its 1984 officers. The installation dinner and scholarship fundraiser scheduled for April 1 was canceled due to injuries sustained by chapter president Deni Uejima in a fall.

The chapter encourages donations to its scholarship fund for high school seniors. Two other scholarships will be given in memory of David Ito, a past president, and Kenneth Miyata, son of Henry and Marvel Miyata.

In addition to memberships, the chapter is also soliciting contributions for its pledge to the National JACL redress committee. These may be mailed to the chapter, care of the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, PO Box 282, West Covina, CA 91793.

SAN GABRIEL VLY JACL Deni Uejima, pres; Yosh Sogioka, vp; Marvel Miyata, sec; Fumi Kiyan, treas. Stdng cmttes: June Uejima, schol; Sam Imai, ins; Fumi Kiyan, memb. Board members to be elected.

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Students back East

On behalf of the New England JACL, I am writing to ask for the help of JACL members around the country.

One of the most important areas of the country in the redress effort is New England. Our region, though small geographically, is very large politically. There are 12 senators and 24 congressional representatives from our area; this will be an important bloc during the crucial votes on redress.

The number of Japanese Americans in New England is quite small, which is a disadvantage in mobilizing support for the redress legislation. But our region does have one major advantage: New England is a major center for higher education. Students, including many Japanese Americans, come from all over the U.S. to attend a university in New England. If we could use these students in the redress effort—especially in terms of writing to congress persons who represent the schools they're attending-it would greatly

This is where we need the help of our friends and colleagues in other parts of the country. If you know of any Nikkei students studying anywhere in New England-Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermontplease write and ask that they get in touch with us, at the following address:

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Kei Kaneda, president; New England JACL; 334 Harvard Street #F-4; Cambridge, MA 02139.

Thank you, and best wishes from your friends in New England.

GARY GLENN Redress Coordinator New England JACL

Issei life

Despite its bland title, "Looking Up Old Friends," thoroughly enjoyed reading the translated first portion of Shuichi Sasaki's book, "Amerika Seikatsu (A Life in America)," which was published in your Holiday Issue and translated by Seizo Oka and Yasuo Sasaki.

I am eagerly looking forward to seeing more translations of this type. (Incidentally, my father was a friend of Keisaburo Koda, the rice king who is mentioned in the book. Both are from Fukushima prefecture in Japan.)

JOE OYAMA Oakland, CA.

Free subscription

I've had the opportunity to receive one of your published issues of the Pacific Citizen here at Folsom State Prison. As a Nisei originally from the Los Angeles area, I found your news interesting and very informative. Realizing how much I have lost touch with current news concerning Nihonjins' struggles, I am therefore requesting if there is available subscription on a complimentary basis for indigent prisoners. Currently there are a halfdozen Nihonjins here. Thank you for your consideration and time.

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Letters

CLers need freedom

In the Mar. 8 PC you carried your usual thorough coverage of the recent national board meeting.

I would like to underscore Tony Ishii's remarks regarding convention resolutions and the position that such actions should be limited during the convention process.

At first glance it appears that Ishii's comments are valid and could well serve to facilitate the biennium's agenda. However, in all due respect to Mr. Ishii's analysis I would suggest that resolutions be open-ended, provided that the membership is given the opportunity to ratify a given resolution within a specific timeframe following the convention.

An event such as JACL's biennial convention must allow spontaneity. Delegates must be given the opportunity to caucus and reach common objectives as delegates, and carry their interest forward. Rules should be minimal and national staff should assume responsibility to administer the flow of correspondence to facilitate the process.

Following the minutes of the national convention (which are now recorded by a court reporter) being released to the chapters, the membership should granted the right to ratify these resolutions. The total process could be handled within the concurrent time period that the new national board prepares and organizes its objectives for the new biennium.

The caveat, of course, is that this was the procedure, but reportedly, recent changes to the organizational structure have removed this vital role of the membership.

The bottom line is simple. JACL must provide more access for participation, not less. Administrative changes to "expedite" must not be permitted to cutoff the membership's participation in organizational policy. Once JACL loses its direct link to the membership, it loses its life-line.

Delegates must be given the freedom to act in good conscience while remaining accountable to the chapter and its membership. It's a delicate balance, but it is an inherent part of our democratic process, and in my humble opinion a life-line to the JACL future.

These comments are not intended to criticize Mr. Ishii. His position in JACL is the result of a sincere concern and commitment to the organization. Rather these comments are intended to 'soften" the emerging appearance of JACL as solely a "fund-raising mechanism" rather than an organization committed and dedicated to the welfare of the Japanese American and the plea for more visible organizational direction and leadership in the years to come.

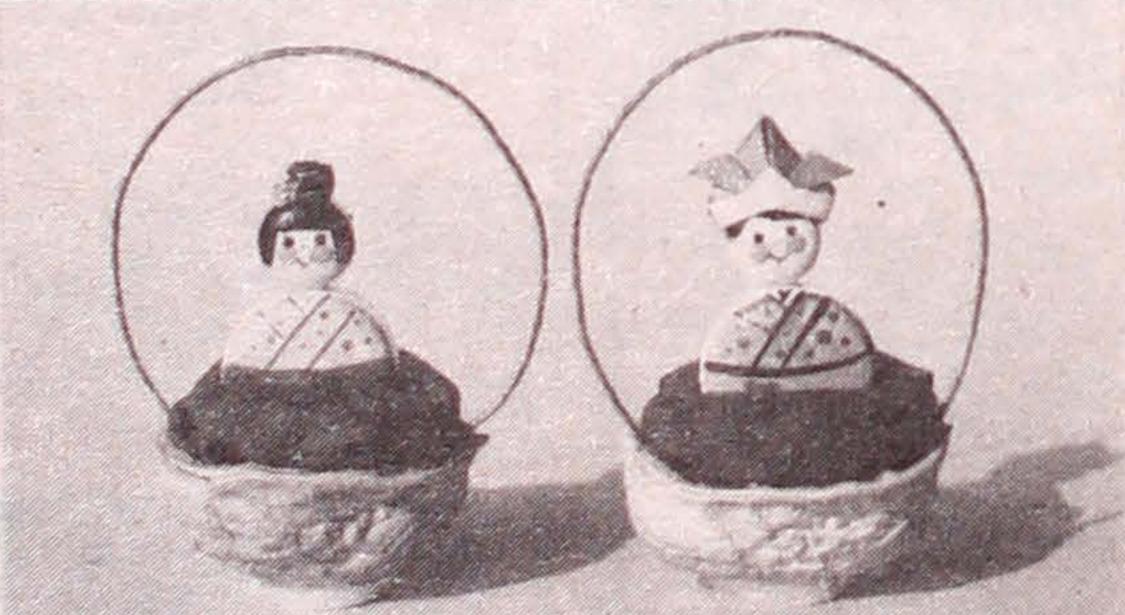
KARL K. NOBUYUKI Torrance, CA

Infamy still fresh

"The pen is mightier than the sword" it is written, and Howard Cady of the publishing firm of William Morrow was finally conquered. It was with great relief that I read in Pacific Citizen of Feb. 24 that Michi Weglyn's Years of Infamy will NOT go out of print. Weglyn's work is the bible for redress. As Jack Webb's Sgt. Friday always said, "Ma'am, just the facts." Years of Infamy contains JUST THE FACTS.

December 7, Pearl Harbor Day and Mr. Roosevelt's "Day of Infamy" was just that in time, a day, but after over 40 years, Weglyn's Years of Infamy is still fresh. Yes, last December 7 the media carried one or two lines instead of the normal blatant hogwash of the past. Does this tell us something?

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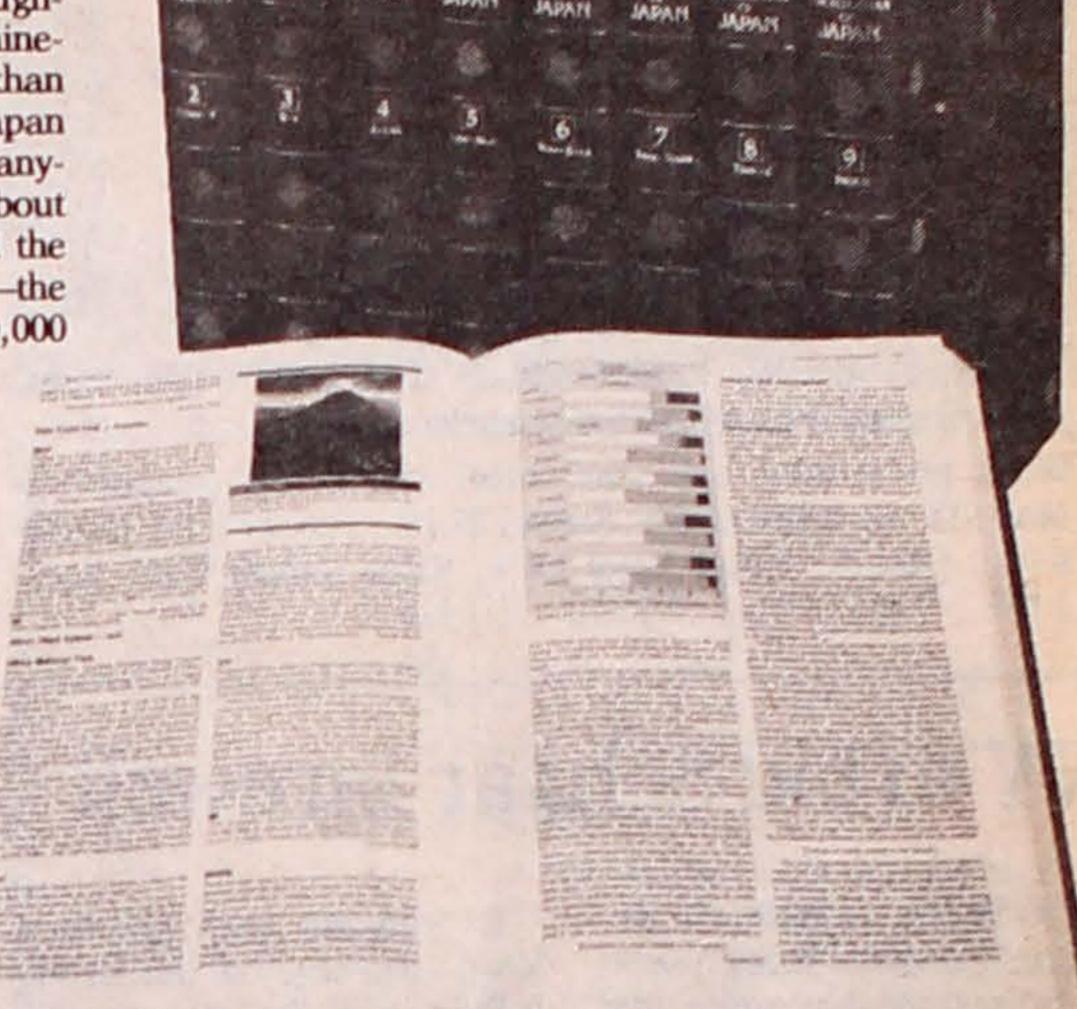
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Assimilation of Japanese and Japanese Americans

LOS ANGELES—Results of a study to determine the degree of assimilation of Japanese and Japanese Americans into the mainstream of U.S. society were released this month by Dr. Haruo Higashimoto, who carried out the survey as part of his graduate studies at Brigham Young University in Provo. Utah.

Higashimoto sent out surveys in May 1983 to the Nikkei in Los Angeles County, to a random sample of Pacific Citizen subscribers, and to Nikkei in the Salt Lake City area.

Following are some of the more interesting responses from the Pacific Citizen readers. Their response rate to the survey was 499 out of 980, or 50.9%. (Questions are numbered as they were in the survey.)

(JACL/PC List-Los Angeles County: May 1983)

(n.a. = not answered)

- 1. Sex: Male 55.9%; Female 42.3%, Unidentified 1.8%.
- 2. Age at last birthday: 52.0 years old on the average.
- 3. Marital Status: Married 65.3%, Widowed 9.8%, Divorced 7.2%, Separated 1.4%, Never married 15.8%.
- 4. What generation are you? Issei (including temporary stay) 13.4%, Nisei 57.5%, Sansei 25.7%, Yonsei 0.6%, Gosei 0.0%; Others: Kibei Nisei 1.4%, Kibei Sansei 0.4%, n.a. 1.0%

5. Occupation: (a) What kind of work are you doing?

Pctg	Pctg
Professional	Operative 4.0
Manager, Officer 17.0	Service Workers 3.2
Clerical	Laborers* 4.6
Sales Workers 5.6	Farmers 2.0
Crafts, Supervisors 8.0	
* including fa	arm laborers

7. Total family income (from all sources before taxes)

F	ctg		Petg	Pctg
\$ 0-4,999		0,000-24,999		\$40,000-49,99913.4
5,000- 9,999	3.6 2	5,000-29,999		50,000 & up 27.9
10,000-14,999	.5.4 3	0,000-34,999	7.4	No answer 5.4
15,000-19,999	. 9.8 3	5,000-39,999	7.4	
8. Highest grade	(or ye	ear) of sch	ooling co	mpleted?
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Some H.S.				Grad training22.0
				Other/n.a 0.6
	1	Average: 14	.5 years	

9. How many members do you have in your family-including yourself? 3.5 on the average.

12. Religious preference?

Pctg	Pctg	Pctg
Buddhist*40.9	Catholic 4.6	None 9.0
Shinto 1.0	Other Christian 2.2	No answer 1.8
	Other religion 2.2	
		were included in Bud-

dhist category, not in Shinto, for statistical reasons.

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Sac'to to put on Issei potluck

SACRAMENTO, Ca. — Sacramento Chapter JACL holds its Issei potluck dinner Saturday, March 31, 5:30 p.m., at the Japanese United Methodist Church, 6929 Franklin Blvd.

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The event is sponsored by the New York Chapter JACL and friends as an expression of appreciation for Schaar's many years of dedicated service to the JACL. She has also been a forceful spokesperson and activist for the Asian American community and an able and loved teacher of music and voice.

In keeping with Schaar's keen awareness of the strong influence of the mass media on public opinion, a scholarship fund which furthers this interest for Japanese Americans in the performing arts has been established in her name.

Under co-chair Harako Brown and Suki Ports, arrangements are being made by an ad-hoc committee consisting of: Haru Akamatsu, Hisayo Asai, Julie Azuma, Henry Iijima, Joe Imai, Mitzi Kamada, Tami Ogata, Riki Suzuki, and Kimi and George Yuzawa.

Persons interested in participating in the April 7 celebration may contact Harako Brown at (212) 358-0173 or

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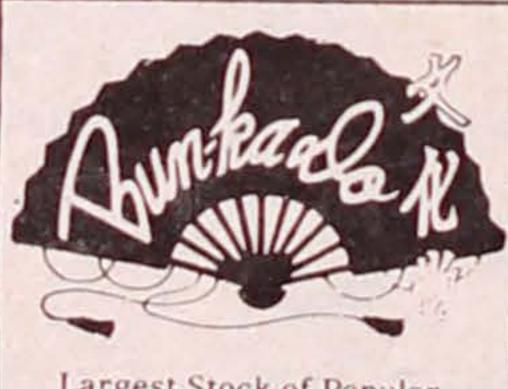
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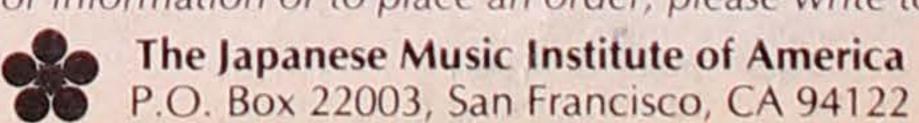
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13. What	s (was	the ethnic origin of	vour spouse?
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Pctg	Pctg
Japanese	White 6.8
Japanese American43.1	Black 0.0
Other Asian 1.8	Other 0.6
	n.a

15. If you are single, from which of the following ethnic backgrounds would you accept your spouse? (One or more answers possible.)

Pctg	Pctg
Japanese	White50.6
Japanese Amer89.9	Black
Other Asian	Other16.5
(Note: Percentage is calculat	ed from those who never married.)

17. From which of the following ethnic backgrounds would you accept a spouse for your children? (If single, future children? One or more answers possible.)

Pctg	Pctg
Japanese	White
Japanese Amer73.5	Black 6.8
Other Asian	Other
18. From which of the follow	wing religious categories would

you accept as a spouse for your children? (If single, future children? One or more answers possible.)

Pctg	Pctg	Pctg
Buddhist*50.1 Protestant44.5	Other religion 31.0	Shinto22.8

- 21. Do you understand Japanese? Yes 50.9%, Some 44.9%, None 3.8%, n.a. 0.4%.
- 22. What language is spoken in your family? Only Japanese 5.4%, Only English 47.3%, Mixed (English & Japanese) 45.3%, Other/n.a. 2.0%.
- 26. How many persons out of your five closest friends are of Japanese origin? None 7.3%, One 8.5%, Two 10.7%, Three 16.8%, Four 13.8%, Five 43.0%, n.a. -.
- 29. About what proportion of the people do you/your spouse see regularly at work are Japanese Americans?

Pc	tg	Pctg
Nearly all 7	7.9	About a quarter15.7
About three-fourths 6		
About half 9	9.5	None at all12.7

- 31. How would you say that your neighborhood is made up of? Mostly Japanese American 4.5%, Mostly non-Japanese 62.7%, Mixed 32.8%.
- 33. How do you identify yourself? (Please choose only one of the following.)

Pctg	rcig
Japanese 14.0	Japanese American77.8
American 4.4	Other 3.2
No answer 0.6	

34. Which side will you cheer for, Japan or U.S., if the two countries compete with each other in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics?

Petg	Petg	Pctg
Japan 9.4	U.S.A37.7	Neither 4.0
Both	Other 1.4	No answer 4.2

Please respond to the questions below by ranking a number from 1 (strongly agree) to 6 (strong disagree), as indicated in the following scale:

1	2	3	4	5	6
Strongly Agree	Agree	Mildly	Mildly Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

- 35. American people are prejudiced against persons of Japanese descent. (Note: Prejudice means their attitude, not their n.a.-6.6% behavior) 16.4 16.2 2.6
- 36. I experience discrimination against Japanese descent. (Note: Discrimination means overt behavior.) n.a.-7.4% 16.4
- 37. I take part in political activities in American society well. n.a.-11.6%
- 38. I want to transmit Japanese culture including language to my children. n.a.-7.8%
- 41.1 40. I feel I am assimilated into American society well. ..n.a.— 5.4% 44.1 6.6 17.4
- 45. To what degree do you think Japanese and Japanese Americans are accepted by non-Japanese Americans in general in American society?

Please choose one of the followard close kinship by marriage													19
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As neighbors													
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No answer													

48. Do you vote in local elections?

15.0

Yes 65.3%, No 22.0%, Not old enough to vote 0.0%, Not U.S. citizen 8.2%, No answer 4.4%.

61. (a) Where were you born? USA 83.9%, Japan 14.8%, Others 1.2%

USA	Pctg	California X I manufacture	Petg
California		Utah	1.7
Hawaii	5.6	Washington	5.0
Colorado	2.7	Other	24.4

(b) What is your legal status? Natural born U.S. citizen 82.2%, Naturalized U.S. citizen 5.4%, Permanent resident 8.8%, Visitor or other 1.4%, No answer 2.2%.



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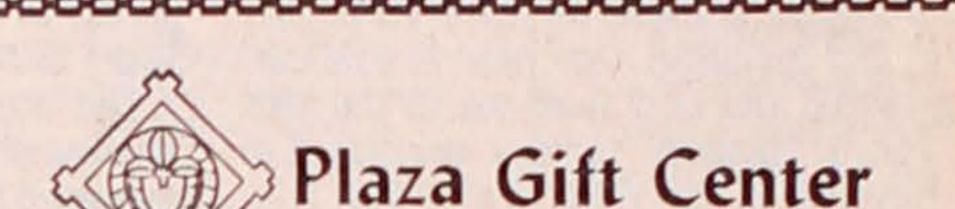
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Marutani speaks at D.C. installation

WASHINGTON — Judge William Marutani expressed his personal views on redress in speaking before 200 JACL members and friends who attended the 38th annual chapter installation dinner. He was the third member of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians to address the chapter over the past few years. (See Feb. 17 PC for text of speech.)

The dinner was held Jan. 21 at the Officers Club, Ft. Myer, Va.

The Rev. Andrew Kuroda was awarded the silver pin at the ceremonies, and Mike Suzuki received the sapphire pin.

Planning committee members were:

Co-chairs Nami Suzuki and Gerald Yamada, Bea Ando, Hisae Batchelder, George Furukawa, Doris Hoshide, Suzie Ichiuji, Etsu Masaoka, Jacqueline Murdock, Barbara Nekoba, Julie Nose, Mary Toda, Amy Watada, Nancy Yamada, Chiyo Yoshihashi.

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Omaha installs Stephen Hasegawa

OMAHA, Neb. - Chief of Police Robert Wadman addressed the 1984 Omaha JACL installation dinner Feb. 11 at Mr. C's Restaurant, relating the concerns of law enforcers in the Omaha area.

Judge Lawrence Krell, who has sworn in local JACL officers for years, installed Stephen Hasegawa to his second term as president. John Kawamoto was emcee; Al Nobel gave the invocation and benediction. Mike Watanabe entertained with a musical selection.

Upcoming chapter events include an Easter egg hunt April 22, graduation picnic May 20 and the ethnic festival

June 2-3. A Girls' Day program was set for Mar. 16.

Omaha raised \$1,000 for redress last year through bingo, a dessert auction, Las Vegas night and sukiyaki dinners. Over the years, the chapter has served sukiyaki dinners at various parties to raise funds. Em Nakadoi heads the dinner committee.

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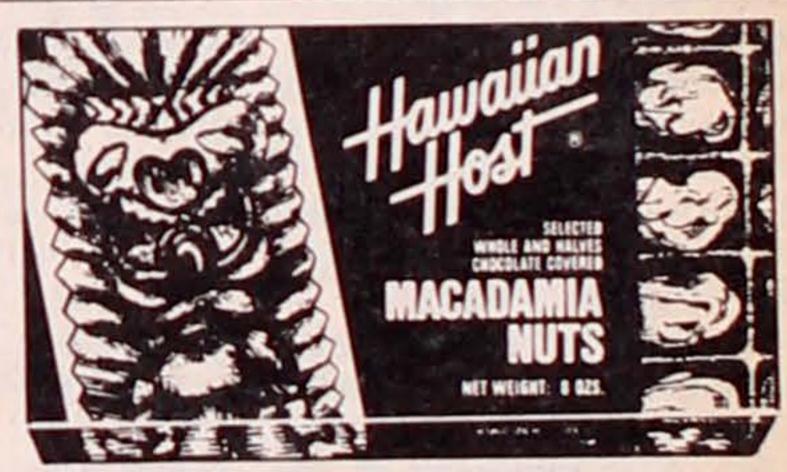
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On the Research Orbit

Los Angeles As the little number on the title "kicker" indicates, we have been on the path to the libraries nearby at least that

many times since this series began ten weeks ago trying to determine when "Little Tokyo" first gained print in the local media (so far, it's Jan. 30, 1932, Kashu Mainichi English section) by tracking down leads and possibilities. The way it's been—the jaunts to the L.A. Public Library downtown (and even to the County Law Library), newspaper morgues and college libraries have been rewarding as well as honing our eye on research. We are combing references, lists and indexes that we never have bothered to check before-or knew existed.

Under the category, "Japanese American -in California (which is a year-long focus because of the Little Tokyo Centennial)," in the special California Room of the L.A. Public Library's History Room is a treasure trove with references to material not even in that library! For instance: One card in this catalog provided the best lead yet to the 1905 Little Tokyo "mystery" colony mentioned in "The Heydays of the 1900s" (#5). The L.A. Daily Journal in 1907 carried a front page piece on the incorporation of the California Japanese Farmers Association's "Nippon Mura". The public library doesn't carry Daily Journals more than two years old. The law library, however, has them since the paper was founded in 1890—but the first 20 years are being microfilmed—so it means another wait. (This we had previously noted consisted of 10 families with 30 farmhands moving 14 miles north of Los Angeles to grow berries and hemp on 5 to 50 acres. Led by a former member of the Japanese Diet in 1905,

the colony broke up because of poor ground and lack of water and by 1908 the village was deserted. We wondered if this were another "Yamato Colony" enterprise. (The Yamato Colony in Livingston, Ca., began in 1907 and thrives to this day. The other Yamato Colony near Boca Raton, Fla., was started the same year but it did not last. Only a Japanese-style structure, the Morikami Museum, beckons as the landmark north of Miami where Japanese introduced growing vegetables in the winter time.)

Star (1851-79), the first newspaper in town?

Another anecdote worth tracking is the donation of flowering cherry trees planted in Watts by the Hiroshe (sic) Family in 1936 in appreciation for the help the library, grade and high schools gave to their children. Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda of West Los Angeles may help us here. He lived in the area before the war.

D'ya see what we mean by being in orbit

Also, we discovered leads about plans to build a Japanese village in 1910 at Luna Park (just below the hill from City View Hospital today though the park no longer exists), a Japanese fishermen's camp in 1915 in Wilmington; that Japanese workers "mysteriously disappeared" from Lamanda Park (because of racial prejudice and labor dispute), the Examiner reported in 1903; Japanese berry pickers in El Monte went on strike in 1933; and the old L.A. Star reported on the "Japanese colony" (presumably in Los Angeles) in 1870! Now, where do we locate the

The Japanese settlement north of Santa Monica (Port Los Angeles, no doubt) was also menaced by falling of the bluff in April, 1916. Just the other day, the county declared a row of elegant homes overlooking the Pacific offlimits to residents because the same bluffs were sliding down.

doing research?

Masaoka attracts big crowd to San Jose

By PHIL MATSUMURA witnessed the installation of officers and board members. applauded the recipients of awards, and enjoyed the dancing and fellowship that

wound up the evening.

In his stirring message, Masaoka spoke on the status of current redress legislation and urged members of the audience to support this movement to correct the injustices and suffering inflicted upon Nikkei during World War II. He reminded the crowd of the part each person can contribute to the evening's theme of "Contributing to a Better Community' by closing his talk with the reading of the Japanese American Creed.

Installation

Judge Wayne Kanemoto (retired) installed Yosh Morimoto as the 1984 president. Morimoto succeeds Wayne Tanda in whose successful two-year term the Issei Memorial Building was completely renovated and fully landscaped.

In recognition of his over 10 years of outstanding service, a sapphire pin was presented to Karl Kinaga, who has served JACL on the chapter, district and national levels. Silver pins were awarded to Perry Dobashi, Mike Honda, Kathleen Hironaka, and Albert Kogura.

The evening was honored SAN JOSE, Ca. - A crowd with the presence of many of close to 500 attended the dignitaries including Rep. installation of officers ban- Norman Mineta, who had the quet of San Jose JACL Feb. 11 task of introducing his brotherat the San Jose Hyatt. They in-law Masaoka as the keyheard guest speaker Mike note speaker; many mem-Masaoka of Washington, D.C. bers of the San Jose city deliver the keynote address, council headed by Mayor Tom McEnery, Vice Mayor Shirley Lewis and council members Jerry Estruth, Blanca Alvarado, Nancy Ianni, Iola Williams, Pat Sausedo and Claude Fletcher; and Santa Clara county supervisors Zoe Lofgren, Tom Legan, Rod Diridon and Suzanne Wilson.

> Also present were Santa Clara county sheriff Robert Winter, Mayor of Gilroy Roberta Hughan, Judge Robert P. Aguilar, Judge Tak Takei, Cupertino city councilmember Phil Johnson, president of West Valley JACL John Tauchi, president of San Mateo JACL Hiro Arima, the Rev. Peter Chen of United Wesley Methodist Church, the Rev. Ron Nakasone of San Jose Buddhist Church and JACL regional director George Kondo.

> Adding to the success of the evening was the masterful performance at the podium by master of ceremonies Robert Handa, television journalist for KNTV of San

> An appreciation gift to Mike and Etsu Masaoka was made by Karen Shiraki, JACL vice president of civic affairs.

In charge of the various details of the events were: Yosh Morimoto, Art Honda, Yosh

Uchida, general chairs; Ann Shiraishi, secretarial; Yosh Uchida, ticket sales; Wayne Tanda, awards; Ken Kai, photography; Barbara Miyoshi, program; Karen Shiraki, general arrangements; George Neyama, finance, Judy Niizawa, hosting; and Leon Kimura, printing.

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Seriguchi PC editor

Karen Seriguchi was elevated from news editor to editor of The Pacific Citizen, effective March 1, announced Henry Sakai, PC board chair. One-time Pacific Northwest regional director in Seattle, Seriguchi will be in charge of the editorial aspects of the publication.

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HONOLULU — An overvalued dollar is encouraging ever-rising imports from Japan, adding to protectionist pressure in America and increasing trade friction between the two industrial powers.

That was the conclusion brought out at the Feb. 6-7 Japan-U.S. Businessmen's Conference steering committee meeting at the Kahala Hilton. It was an interim session between last year's fullmembership gathering in Chicago and the 1984 meeting due July 11-13 in Tokyo.

Norishige Hasegawa, Japanese delegation chair, speaking through an interpreter, said, "It's wrong to assume we can change the situation tomorrow. The yen isn't undervalued vs. European currencies but only vs. the dollar." The Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd. executive noted the problem "is not just an economic matter but East-West tension is the background."

In earlier prepared remarks, Edson W. Spencer, U.S. delegation chief, told reporters, "It's a political problem in an election year." He said protectionist moves ... w under way or threatened in the U.S., such as new curbs imposed by President Reagan on textile imports and proposed "domestic content" legislation.

Spencer, chief officer of Honeywell, said the dollar's strength is caused partly by high interest rates, which are attractive to overseas investors.

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ficit last year was \$22 billion. The Japanese went on record as "deeply concerned" worldwide "unitary tax" systems adopted by more than 10 U.S. states.

NAKASHIMA-

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philosophy stated: work hard, stay out of trouble, get ahead and don't give problems," he cited.

The Nisei, however, was quick to point out that he is not so wedded to the Republicans that he would automatically discount all Democrats. For instance, the committee vice chair is a longtime supporter of Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.).

Mineta, whom Nakashima noted was once a Republican, "has brought a tremendous amount of credibility to the Asian community....He's a very good congressman, effective."

Another reason Nakashima has supported Mineta is because the lawmaker is Japanese American, he admitted. "[Besides] maybe he'll change from a Democrat to a Republican," laughed the attorney.

Though he conceded that Democratic leaders have appointed Asian Americans to different positions, he stood by his own party.

"Democrats are like doting parents who give everything to kids to help them," he charged. "Or is discipline the way to help kids grow into responsible adults?" queried the father of four daughters.

Though Nakashima does not yet know what he and the other regional vice chairs will specifically do, he noted that their work will probably at least include identifying problems and working out the most effective campaign for each area.

Views on Asian American Issues

He took some time to share his views on some issues of particular interest or importance to the Asian American community.

Affirmative Action. "I don't want to see appointments [made] because persons are Asians. I want them to be qualified for the job or position," Nakashima asserted. "It's an insult when you do it [appoint because of race]."

The committee vice chair, however, conceded that in situations when persons are equally qualified, then "give the minority a break."

In the case of his own appointment to the campaign committee. Nakashima admitted that he had had some doubts about whether he had received the appointment because he was Asian, or because of the work he had done for the Republicans.

"I looked around and saw there were others qualified. But people told me that there may be other qualified people, but that I am the best qualified," he explained.

Redress/Reparations. "I'm as qualified as anybody to talk about the evacuation," said the former internee. He and his family were uprooted from their home and placed in the camp at Poston, Arizona, where he stayed for about one year before he was relocated to Ohio.

He described the imprisonment of Japanese Americans during WWII as "the worst thing that has ever happened in this country." And though the ex-army man said that sometimes the country has made mistakes, he still thought it a 'great country."

Defining reparations as connoting only monetary compensation, Nakashima went on to say that he supports redress, which he defined as a broader term that includes reparations and anything else necessary to "right a wrong."

"I do not believe in the money part," asserted the Nisei man, "but I support the other points." He stated that he had made contributions to some of these other efforts, but that "not too many people know about that."

Bilingual Education. "My parents did not have bilingual anything, and they did a damn good job of raising us ... Bilingual does not help anybody," maintained the attorney.

"In this country, English is the language, and the better you learn it, the better off you are." If there are laws providing for bilingual services, he charged, then it would not be "necessary" to learn English.

At the same time, though, Nakashima noted with pride that one of his daughters had tutored a Chinese immigrant student for the past two years. "I want to help them [immigrants] out, but I don't want to do anything to slow them down from becoming Americanized "he explained.

In concluding his interview, the new vice chair emphasized that though he is a Republican, he cannot be easily lumped into one political category. "I'm conservative on some issues, liberal on others, and moderate on most. What is a label? It means nothing."

He encouraged more Asian Americans to join the Republican Party. "We need Asians in the Republican Party, because we need contact with the party.

"Unfamiliarity breeds misunderstanding. If the party is more familiar with Chinese, Vietnamese and other Asians, then it will understand the problems more," he stated.

"If they don't feel the Republican Party is doing enough, then they should join, educate and change [it]... If you're a young politician of Asian descent, look to the Republican Party."

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The report took issue with Japan's practice of compelling naturalized persons to adopt Japanese surnames as "proof of their conformity to that nation's culture."

The report, however, said that human rights were generally well-respected in that country. The State Department is required by law to submit a human rights report annually to congressional committees dealing with international affairs.

Very few non-Japanese file for naturalization in Japan because it is so difficult to become a national. Those who have lived in the country for five years or more are eligible for naturalization which guarantees all civil rights, including the right to vote.

Many Koreans in Japan avoid naturalization procedures because they wish to retain their ethnic identity.

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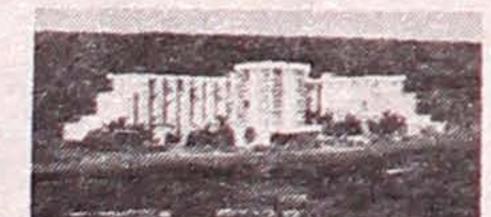
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