

## Civil rights panel hesitates on redress for internees

WASHINGTON—Members of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights recommended at their March 28 meeting that the government issue a formal apology to Japanese Americans interned during WW2. The commission also agreed that the government should pardon persons convicted of violating exclusionary laws and military orders and should review "with liberality" applications for the restitution of federal positions, status, or entitlements lost by internees.

Commissioners balked, however, at compensating the victims for the violations of their civil rights.

Sen. William Roth Jr. (R-Del.) had requested the panel to comment on S 2116, the redress bill introduced in November by Sen. Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii. Roth is chair of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, to which the bill has been assigned.

Clarence Pendleton Jr., chair of the rights commission, objected to monetary redress, because, he said, it would set a dangerous precedent for other groups who might also demand compensation for past injustices. After some debate, which also brought out objections to the "arbitrariness" of the \$20,000 figure for individual compensation, the commission decided to review the matter again at its May meeting. Minoru Yasui, chair of the national JACL advisory committee on redress, has requested time to speak at the meeting.

### Disappointment

John Tateishi, JACL redress director, expressed disappointment at the panel's refusal to support redress. "The mandate of the Civil Rights Commission," he said, "is to deal specifically with civil rights issues. What the commission did was to deal with the soft issues, the noncontroversial parts. But they ignored the essential point of the legislation. I think it demonstrated a lack of courage.

"The discussion points out that when people don't know the issue, they tend to be against compensation," he went on. "I

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**WELCOMING SPRING**—Hundreds of dancers will join the spectacular parade that climaxes Northern California's 17th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival on Sunday, April 29. Cultural exhibits, martial arts demonstrations and music are featured in the two-weekend celebration, April 20-22 and 27-29 in San Francisco's Japantown.

## Democrats consider putting redress in party platform

WASHINGTON — Members of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) were urged during a March 27 hearing to make redress part of the 1984 Democratic Party platform.

Thomas Hsieh, chair of the party's Asian Pacific Caucus, presented that caucus's platform, adopted in December 1983, to the 200-member national Democratic platform committee. The platform contains five planks, calling on the party to institute reforms in civil liberties, immigration, social and human services, business, and government appointments. Redress is incorporated in the civil liberties plank.

Geraldine Ferraro (D-NY), chair of the DNC platform committee, gave "an outstanding introduction" to the Asian Pacific Caucus, Hsieh said. "She noted that Asian Pacific Americans were the fastest-growing population of Democrats in the nation, and she referred to the fact that in the last four months, after we established the [national] caucus, we have already established [Asian Pacific] caucuses in over 20 states across the country."

Among other concerns, Hsieh reminded the platform committee that "this nation still has not resolved the question of redress for Japanese Americans interned in concentration camps. More than 30 years later, our national leaders are still debating whether there is justification for redress."

### Greater Asian Pacific Representation Needed

Hsieh also noted in his presentation that discrimination against Asians can be both physically violent and subtle. Such discrimination, he said, is reflected in the low representation of Asian Pacifics in the political process. "In California, we are 7% of the population, but we don't have one Asian Pacific legislator in the assembly or senate. We are 30% in San Francisco, but we still have no legislator at the city or county level. And in New York State [the Democratic National Committee] wants to give us 2½ delegates out of 275 at the national convention."

The Democratic Party must now take leadership to correct the situation, for "we have done everything that 'real America' is asking for," Hsieh said. "We work hard, we believe in family unity. Most of us firmly believe we should be well educated. We want to be part of the American dream."

Hsieh felt the presentation was well received. "This was the first time we have had a chance like this to present our policies as a unit. The reception was very, very warm."

In addition to the Asian Pacific Caucus, organizational and party representatives spoke to the platform committee on small business, agriculture, labor, and the concerns of Congress, city officials, women, senior citizens, college students, Blacks, Hispanics, and other ethnic Americans.

The committee holds six regional hearings over the next two months in New York, Birmingham, Ala., Chicago, Los Angeles, Cleveland, and Houston. Twenty-five committee members are elected officials (governors, mayors, and members of Congress); 175 are other party leaders. The final draft of the

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## House members call for redress plank

WASHINGTON — U.S. Reps. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), and Mike Lowry (D-Wash.) sent a letter to the Democratic platform committee March 28, urging the committee to support monetary compensation for the Americans of Japanese ancestry who were interned during World War II.

The letter was addressed to Rep. Geraldine Ferraro (D-NY), chair of the Democratic National Committee's platform committee and one of the original co-sponsors of the Civil Liberties Act of 1983 (HR 4110). The platform committee makes its recommendations to the 1984 Democratic convention in July.

In their letter the three representatives wrote: "We believe the internment raises the most basic questions about our constitutional guarantees of civil rights and liberties and, as such, it has profound importance for all Americans who share our faith in human dignity and democratic principles."

In a joint statement, Mineta, Matsui and Lowry said that "redress definitely deserves a place in the Democratic platform, and we believe we will be successful in gaining that place."

## Sony president says unitary tax hurts attempts to balance U.S.-Japan trade

HONOLULU—One way to narrow America's big trade deficit with Japan is to encourage the latter's businesses to establish plants in the U.S. says Akio Morita, chair and cofounder of Sony Corp. His firm 12 years ago built a color-TV plant in San Diego, Calif., which buys American parts and labor and makes sets for U.S. consumption.

But in recent years, Morita says, there has cropped up what he labels "a major impediment known as the unitary tax." It is imposed by nearly a dozen states, including California (but not Hawaii).

Under the system, a state seeks to tax a corporation's world-wide profits and not

just profits earned within that state. It's unfair and illogical for a state to reach its taxing arm beyond its borders, Morita said during his Mar. 20 address at the Japan-America Society of Honolulu and Pacific Asian Affairs Council.

Morita explains the unitary tax is self-defeating. In the mid-1970s when Sony was planning construction of a U.S. video-recording tape plant, California had to be ruled out. Instead, Sony built the tape plant in Dothan, Ala., in 1977.

Morita also urged Americans "not to push too much" in criticizing Japan for its level of defense spending. He said Japan's postwar record

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## News in Brief

### Jackson decries anti-Asian violence

NEW YORK—Jesse Jackson issued a statement March 19 condemning acts of racial violence against Asian Pacific Americans. "The brutal baseball-bat beating death of Vincent Chin in Detroit and the recent subway train decapitation of Ly Yung Cheung in New York City because of 'a fear of Asians' are part of a growing list of racially motivated attacks today against Asians, Blacks, Hispanics, and other ethnic groups," Jackson said. "These attacks—which are no different from the atrocities which the Ku Klux Klan has committed against Black people in the South—must be thoroughly condemned."

### Trial for fatal stabbing to begin

BOSTON—The trial of Robert Glass, Jr., for the stabbing death of Ahn Mai is scheduled to begin April 26 in Suffolk Superior Court. Glass, a 19-year-old Marine, has been accused of killing Mai and wounding three other Vietnamese in a July 25, 1983, attack in the immigrants' Dorchester, Mass., home.

### Hawaii senators: No school prayer

WASHINGTON—Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii voted against a constitutional amendment that would have allowed children to pray aloud in public school. The 56-44 vote on March 20 fell 11 ballots short of the two-thirds needed to pass.

Inouye has long been on record that the proper place for religious observance is the home or church. Matsunaga was concerned about children being influenced by teachers of another faith.

### Buddhist scroll may enter duty free

WASHINGTON—Legislation to provide duty-free privilege for Gohonzon—a scroll containing the religious doctrines of the Nichiren Shoshu — was introduced by Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) the week of March 26. His bill will extend the same status to Buddhist scrolls and tablets as given to objects of other religious faiths.

Approximately 250,000 members of the Nichiren Shoshu religion live in the U.S.



# House Democratic Caucus issues publication backing redress for former internees

WASHINGTON—In a booklet Democratic caucus has outlined Democratic alternatives to Reagan Administration policies, the House

nese ancestry. The 90-page booklet, entitled "Renewing America's Promise: A Democratic Blueprint for our Nation's Future," included a passage saying:

"We owe history and ourselves one particular act of retroactive justice: a formal apology and a promise of redress to the Japanese Americans unjustly interned during World War II. Deprived of their rights and their proper

ty without cause ... and without due process, they were robbed. ... By showing them that such racism cannot be repeated and will be required, we can also show all Americans the depth of old errors and the resolve to build a community committed to civil liberty."

The booklet was authored by a 41-member committee called the House Democratic Caucus Committee on Party Effectiveness. It will be used

throughout the 1984 campaign. There are 267 Democratic members of the House of Representatives.

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), who served on the committee, drafted most of the language endorsing redress. Commenting on the Democratic Caucus endorsement, Mineta and Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) said, "We are delighted that our colleagues recognize the fact that the redress issue involves fundamental respect

for civil rights and ... [that they] have taken a good, strong position. The support we gain for redress in the 'Democratic Blueprint' constitutes an important step towards the consensus we will need to help pass redress legislation.

"In the shorter term," they continued, "this support should help Congressmen Lowry, Wright, and us to get official endorsement for redress into the 1984 Democratic platform."

## Nine local governments adopt resolution to remember PL 503

SAN FRANCISCO—John Tateishi, JACL redress director, has announced that nine resolutions from city councils and county boards of supervisors were adopted recognizing the impact of Public Law 77-503 on Japanese Americans in 1942.

The resolutions, adopted in March 1984, resolve to "pay special recognition to March 21, 1942, as a reminder of PL 77-503 and its denial of justice to American citizens, and of our need to be constantly vigilant to ensure the constitutional rights of all American citizens at all times."

PL 77-503, passed by the U.S. Congress on March 21, 1942, made it a crime punishable by imprisonment and/or fine to violate the military restrictions promulgated from Executive Order 9066. It was under this law that the cases of Fred Korematsu, Minoru Yasui and Gordon Hirabayashi were heard by the federal district court. Their convictions were confirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Tateishi stated that "February 19th is now established as a Day of Remembrance in memory of the signing of EO 9066 (but) March 21st and PL 503 is virtually unnoticed by the Japanese American community and public. Our intent is to increase public awareness of the government's actions taken towards Americans of Japanese ancestry in 1942. It is an important part of the educational process in our national redress campaign."

He further expressed his appreciation to the Contra Costa, Gardena Valley, Lodi, Salinas Valley, Seabrook and Twin Cities JACL chapters for their success in obtaining the resolutions from:

Contra Costa County (Ca.) Board of Supervisors; El Cerrito (Ca.) City Council, Cumberland County (N.J.) Board of Chosen Freeholders, Gardena (Ca.) City Council, Hennepin County (Minn.) Board of Commissioners, Lodi (Ca.) City Council, Monterey County (Ca.) Board of Supervisors, Richmond (Ca.) City Council, and Salinas (Ca.) City Council.

## 34th Infantry Division endorses redress

MINNEAPOLIS—Spearheaded by Dr. Vic Izui, Dick Nomura and past national commanders Ed Kelly and Warren Fencil, all of the Chicago JACL, the Fighting 34th Red Bull Infantry Division, to which the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team were attached, the 34th Division Association at its annual meeting in Minneapolis last September passed a resolution endorsing the redress bill. Among the signers of the resolution was Gen. Charles Bolte, a commanding general of the 34th Infantry Division.

A copy of the resolution was sent to U.S. Sen. Grassley of Iowa by Jim Huyck, secretary of the association, which has its headquarters at Camp Dodge in Iowa.

National 1000 Club chair Frank Sakamoto of Chicago acknowledged the support of JACLers in the Twin Cities including Sam Honda for arranging press conferences at this and other meetings; Tom Kanno for providing copies of the resolution and to attorney Chuck Tatsuda for helping to write the resolution.

## UNITARY TAX

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of "social and political stability" under the same ruling conservative party (LDP) contributed more to world peace than weapons would. As to exports of cars to the U.S., "the issue is over," he stated, because "the American industry is making a huge profit."

In Dallas, the mayor and business leaders in mid-March were contacting European firms which may be

interested in doing business in Texas, a non-unitary tax state. A similar trade mission is being planned in the fall in Japan, Korea and Hong Kong, Mayor A. Starke Taylor Jr. said.

Texas already has a number of major Japanese investments, including Mitsubishi Aircraft International, Hitachi's semi-conductor plant in the Dallas area and several trading firms headquartered in Houston.

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## Asian Pacific coalition sets 1984 agenda

By RICHARD KATSUDA  
SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Asian Pacific American Advocates of California held its third annual statewide conference on Saturday, March 10. The following day, APAAC's state-board of governors met to develop plans for 1984, incorporating recommendations formulated during conference workshops.

The theme of the conference was "Bigotry and Violence: Barriers to Asian Pacific Americans to Becoming or Being Full-Fledged Americans." This theme was born out of a sense of urgency expressed at the APAAC board's January meeting, when members discussed the current surge of violent acts against Asian Pacific Americans. There was alarm in the realization that these acts, tragic as they were in and of themselves, were but the most glaring of the many manifestations of a dangerous trend in U.S. society.

In probing the extent of this trend, board members pointed out other major indicators: the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill; anti-bilingual initiatives; cutbacks in funding for human, educational, and legal services; obstacles in securing redress for Japanese Americans and Aleuts relocated or incarcerated during World War II; unmet survival needs of immigrants and refugees from Asian and Pacific nations; and inequities in employment and business opportunities, an eminent example being the plight of foreign medical graduates.

The board resolved that, in 1984, APAAC's priority would be to address these issues. Especially mindful of the importance of the 1984 elections, the board also included voter registration and education among its priorities for the year.

APAAC thus set in motion the following courses of action:

(1) to develop a position paper on Asian Pacific American issues for submittal to the governor and other officials;

(2) to write letters to the Office of Refugee Services in the State Department of Social Services and to the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement of Region IX to investigate the discontinued funding in social adjustment programs, health services, and mental health services for refugees;

(3) to monitor State Senate Bill 2035 (sponsored by Paul Carpenter) concerning refugee services;

(4) to monitor the governor's budget for mental health, embodied in Assemblywoman Sunny Mojonier's bill, which threatens to remove safeguards called for in the Short-Doyle Act;

(5) to assist the state board of education committee that evaluates textbooks for legal compliance, to ensure that the committee is sensitive to portrayals of minorities and women;

(6) to write letters of support for State Senate Bill 2080 and Assembly Bill 2719, which call for monitoring of ethnic, racial, and religious violence;

(7) to assist in securing continued funding for the Asian/Pacific Islander Task Force on High Blood Pressure Education and Control;

(8) to write a letter in support of maintaining Asian American Studies at UC Davis at its current level;

(9) to assist in ensuring that Assembly Bill 3778 (Chacon) is effective for all children needing bilingual education programs;

(10) to request congressional representatives to hear out HR 4909 (Roybal) as

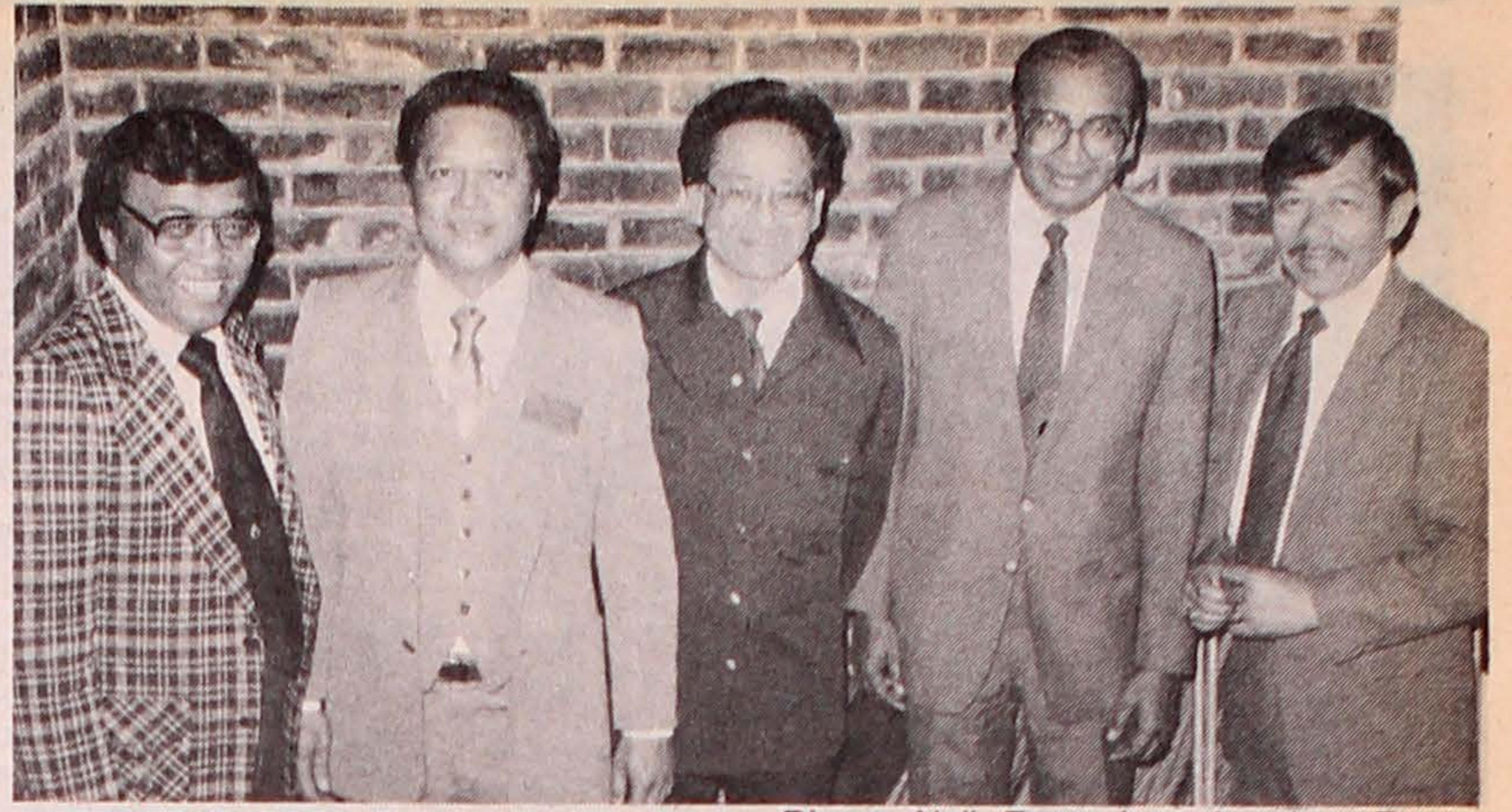
an alternative to the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill;

(11) to work with voter registration groups;

(12) to authorize Dr. Sudarshan Kapoor to conduct a survey of the approximately 500 organizations that endorse APAAC to determine what their interests and needs are;

(13) to work with other organizations toward securing redress for Japanese Americans and Aleuts.

For more information on APAAC's plans for 1984, contact Dr. Allan Seid in Northern California at (415) 327-1056, or Richard Katsuda in Southern California at (213) 680-3675.



**DISTRICT CHAIRS**—Presidents of the Asian Pacific American Advocates of California and their regions are (from left): Ray Aragon, San Diego; Noli Zosa, Los Angeles; Eugene Wong, Central Valley; Raj Desai, San Francisco; and Sidney Chew, Sacramento.

## Names of Buddhist war dead sought

SAN FRANCISCO—National headquarters of the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) has announced the initiation of an effort to secure Veterans Administration approval for the placement of floral remembrances on the graves of Buddhist soldiers interred in national cemeteries.

This past January, U.S. Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-

Hawaii) announced that he had secured permission from the Veterans Administration to allow floral arrangements on Buddhist gravesites at the Punchbowl National Cemetery in Hawaii during the Hanamatsuri and Obon memorial holidays.

Current policy prohibits floral arrangements at the gravesites except at interment or on the Christian holidays of Easter and Christmas.

In securing this exemption for the Punchbowl Cemetery, Matsunaga noted, "During World War II, those of the Buddhist faith were denied the services of Buddhist chaplains... It is surely fitting that relatives and friends be allowed twice a year to revisit and honor their loved ones according to the customs of the religion of their choice."

BCA has secured the consent of Matsunaga for his assistance in getting the same exemption for national cemeteries located on the mainland.

Families and friends who have loved ones interred in a national cemetery are urged to contact the BCA at 1710 Octavia St., San Francisco CA 94109.

## TV rights signed on 'Tokyo Rose' story

DALLAS, Texas — Rights to the life story of Iva Toguri, 67, who was convicted in 1948 to being "Tokyo Rose" and pardoned after serving a 6½-year prison term, went to Frederick Close, an Austin TV/radio producer.

Toguri, who had steadfastly refused to make deals with film studios who wanted to depict her notorious trial, lives a quiet life in Chicago. She agreed to the rights after her attorney, who sits on the Southwest center for Educational Television board, intervened.

Close, who has been cultivating ties with Toguri since 1979, has formed Texas National Productions, a firm under which the story of the Los Angeles-born wartime straggler will be told.

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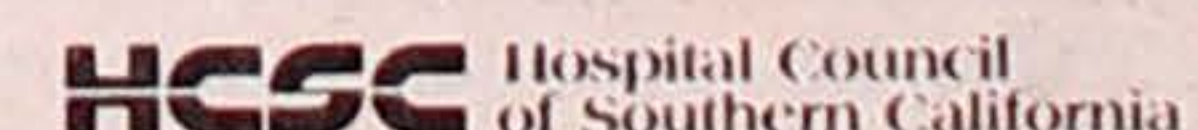
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**Traditional Japanese store-front signs on exhibit as works of art**

HONOLULU—Shop owners throughout the world have hung signs to advertise their wares since ancient Babylonian times. In Japan, ornate and artistic signs, called kanban, served to reach an illiterate public and to draw attention to shops. The signs became a skilled art form unto themselves, incorporating fine carpentry, woodcarving, calligraphy and painting.

An exhibit of more than 100 kanban from the 17th to the 20th centuries is held at the Honolulu Academy of Arts

through April 8, made possible from support received from Honolulu-based Duty-Free Shoppers, the Hawaiian Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and other foundations and firms. The display has already been seen in New York, Massachusetts and Mississippi.

With Hawaii's close ties to Japan, the kanban show is drawing crowds who can appreciate the cultural overtones to some of the signs, which feature folk legends, mythological figures and good luck symbols.

**Poston class of '44 to celebrate reunion**

LOS ANGELES—Nothing remains of the Poston intern-

**Buddhist Churches give to service groups**

SAN FRANCISCO—Buddhist Churches of America recently approved the following disbursements from its Thanksgiving Offering Fund:

\$4,000 to Little Tokyo Nikkei Escort/Interpreter Program; \$1,000 to Sonoma County Nikkei Senior Citizens Center; \$3,000 to Japanese American Service Committee of Chicago; \$500 to Bay Area Nikkei Senior Citizens Centers; \$1,000 to American Indian Center of Omaha, Neb.; \$1,000 to Tibetan Assistance Foundation of Nepal; \$1,000 to Maha Bodhi Asoka Mission of India; and \$1,000 to Nation Builders Assn. of Sri Lanka.

To date, over \$50,000 has been raised by the BCA social welfare committee for disbursement to various agencies and organizations throughout the world. Contributions may be sent directly to the BCA, 1710 Octavia St., San Francisco, CA 94109, throughout the year.

**Friends of cultural center library to hold bargain book fair**

LOS ANGELES—Friends of the Franklin D. Murphy Library at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center will sponsor a book fair on Sunday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the North Gallery of the facility at 244 S. San Pedro St.

The object of the Book Fair is to clean out books and magazines no longer needed at the library and to raise funds for newer volumes of reading material to supplement those now available, according to Kats Kunitzugu, pro tem library director.

"We are actively seeking donations of popular pocket books and magazines, particularly in the Japanese language, for the book fair," Kunitzugu stated. "Those who have more than two or three cartons of books to donate can call (213) 628-2725 for pick-up service. At the present time, we are planning to sell everything we collect for the book fair at \$1 or less. For book and magazine lovers, this should be a

wonderful opportunity to pick up bargains."

The Franklin D. Murphy Library was opened Nov. 22, 1982, and specializes in the following areas:

Japanese American history, literature and source materials, both in English and Japanese; reference books in Japanese; books about Japan, particularly in the English language, regarding Japanese history, literature, politics, the economy, the people, the land, the visual and performing arts, folklore—in short, what makes up the culture of Japan; current periodicals, including newspapers and magazines, in the Japanese language; and audio-visual material, such as video-cassettes, films, audio-cassettes and microfilms on Japan and Japanese Americans.

Use of the library is free and open to the public. Borrowing privileges are limited to library members, members of the JACCC and members of Pioneer Center. Library membership is currently \$5 per year.

The library is open every day except Monday. Hours are from 12 noon to 6 p.m. on weekdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

on Saturdays and 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

Major support for the library has been received from

the Ahmanson Foundation, the Japan Foundation and the Times Mirror Foundation.

**Sen. Dodd urges study of Nihongo**

WASHINGTON—Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.) submitted a resolution opposing President Reagan's plan to cut subsidies for foreign language education, Kyodo News reported Feb. 26.

Dodd said Americans should study the Japanese language more in order to outpace Japanese competition. He claimed Japanese success in expanding trade is

due to the Japanese business knowing English and being well versed in U.S. culture and consumer customs.

He also cited a 1979 survey indicating some 10,000 English-speaking Japanese doing business in the U.S. as compared with only 900 Americans in Japan—and most of them are not able to read or write Japanese.

**Japanese firms contribute to U/Hawaii**

HONOLULU — Five Kansai-area companies have donated \$21,000 to the Univ. of Hawaii for cultural studies. The third of five contributions is made in recognition of Toyoko Yamasaki's best-selling novel "Futatsu no Sokoku." She was a guest lecturer at the university's Manoa campus five

years ago. Donors include Sumitomo Metal Industries, Sumitomo Bank, Suntory, Kansai Electric Power, and Matsushita Electric Industrial. UH president Fujio Matsuda accepted the check. Funds will be used for a kabuki production in April.

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STANFORD, Ca.—“American Justice Denied,” a program honoring the Committee to Reverse the Japanese American Wartime Cases, will be held Saturday, April 14, 1:30-4:30 p.m., at Stanford Univ. Law School's Kresge Auditorium.

Dr. Peter Irons, lead counsel in the “coram nobis” cases of Gordon Hirabayashi, Fred Korematsu and Minoru Yasui, is featured speaker. Rep. Norman Mineta is master of ceremonies. Korematsu and Yasui will be special guests.

The program sponsors, the

Northern California Friends of the committee, are:

JACL—San Mateo, San Jose, Sequoia, West Valley, No. Calif.-W. Nevada-Pacific District Council; Nat'l Coalition for Redress/Reparations; Stanford Asian Law Students, Tri-City Assn., Nihonmachi Outreach Committee, Mid-Peninsula Gardeners Assn., Sturge Presbyterian Church of San Mateo, Asian Law Alliance, Asian Americans for Community Involvement, ASIAN Club of San Jose State University; and Nichi Bei Kyo Kai.

Tickets may be purchased in advance with a \$5 donation. For information, call Doug Ota (415) 556-5305, or Cathy Inamasu (992-8898).



**CRAFTSWORKERS** — Seniors who gave proceeds from artwork to the future S.F. cultural center are (from left) Florence Nagamoto, Miyo White, Yukino Tashiro, Edith Tanaka (JCCNC pres.), Fusako Kimura and Shiz Mihara (campaign co-chair).

### Community affairs

**BOSTON**—Asians for Justice meets every Monday evening at 6 p.m., at Chinatown People Progressive Assn., 27 Beach St. to work on community education about the stabbing death of Ahn Mai and the April 26 trial of Robert Glass, Jr. Those who wish to help do outreach, work on a press conference, or attend the trial should contact Asian American Resource Workshop, 426-5313.

**LOS ANGELES**—Asian/Pacific social workers of the Univ. of Southern California School of Social Work hold a dinner reunion Saturday, April 7, from 6:00 p.m. at Jumbo Seafood Restaurant in Alhambra. The dinner also kicks off an Asian/Pacific USC alumni association to render support to future Asian/Pacific social work students. For further information, contact Emily Yamanaka, 478-8241.

**CULVER CITY, Ca.**—The annual Spring Boutique Show, sponsored by the 25-member Washington Hospital volunteers, will be held Fri. and Sat., Apr. 13-14, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at 12101 Washington Blvd. Proceeds from the sale of crafts made by the handicapped and non-profit groups will go to exhibitors and the hospital. Interested persons may contact Mitsue Nishio at 390-1861.

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Dr. Raymond Collins, his daughter and her husband, representing the mayor of Bruyeres, France are special guests of the 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team for a welcome banquet, Sunday, April 15, from 7:30 p.m., at Yamato's, 717 California St. Bruyeres was liberated by the 100/442 soldiers in October 1944, and each year the townspeople hold a memorial ceremony to honor them. For banquet reservations, call Harry Nakabe, 526-1525.

**LOS ANGELES**—Belmont High School's “Buddaheads” and friends hold their first reunion Saturday, May 19, from 5 p.m. at General Lee's Man Jen Low in New Chinatown. Those who attended or were graduated from the school prior to 1941 and between 1946 and 1952 are especially encouraged to attend. For more information call (213) 822-6090 or write Belmont Reunion Committee, 16723 Brighton Ave., Gardena, CA 90247.

**LOS ANGELES**—Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California has diversified its services and now provides free, bilingual legal counseling for low-income families, and offers educational workshops on immigration, housing, Medi-cal and citizenship procedures. For further information, call or visit the center at 620 W. Olympic Blvd., (213) 746-6029.

**LOS ANGELES**—Asian Rehabilitation Services, Inc., announced Feb. 13 that it has received “the highest standard of performance” award from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. Said Mark M. Mayeda, ARS executive director: “CARF is a national organization which establishes and monitors workshop standards, and accreditation is required by the state Dept. of Rehabilitation as an assurance of professional excellence.” The latest recognition reaffirms ARS's previous three-year credential.

### Educational concerns

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The Daniel C. Ota Collection is now available for student and scholarly use in the Asian American Studies Dept. of San Francisco State Univ. The collection is a mixture of scholarly material and personal impressions of Ota, born in 1925 and raised in San Francisco. The primary focus of the material is on the WW2 incarceration of Japanese Americans.

**PULLMAN, Wash.**—Washington State University is seeking applications for chair of the Dept. of Comparative American Cultures, comprising Asian American, Black, Chicano and Native American studies. The application, three letters of recommendation, curriculum vitae and supporting materials should be sent to: Dept. Chair Search Committee, Comparative American Cultures, Washington State Univ. Pullman, WA 99164-4010. For information: John Pierce, chair, Dept. of Political Sciences, WSU, Pullman, WA 99164-4880; (509) 335-2544.

### Cultural events

**BERKELEY, Ca.**—Masayuki Koga, master of the shakuhachi (bamboo flute) performs on Saturday, April 7, 8 p.m., at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Tickets are available at Kinokuniya Bookstore in San Francisco's Japantown Center, or through the Japanese Music Institute of America, 681-4723.

**LOS ANGELES**—Wakita Japanese Music Ensemble performs classical and contemporary Japanese music on Wednesday, April 18, 8 p.m., at the Zenshujō Soto Temple, 123 Hewitt St. Call (818) 246-3663 or 782-6715 for reservations and information.

**LOS ANGELES** — Hanamatsuri (Buddha's birthday) is celebrated Sunday, April 8. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. with mimes, dancers and musicians at Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., followed by a parade through Little Tokyo at 11:30 a.m. For further information, call 620-8861.

**PORTLAND, Ore.**—Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center brings the San Francisco Taiko Dojo to Jefferson High School Auditorium, May 4-5, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at door. Students and seniors have a 50¢ discount. For reservations call 243-7930 or mail requests to IFCC, Bx 17569, Portland, OR 97217.

### Seniors help center

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California was this year's recipient of a \$500 donation from members of the Hamilton Senior Center art class. Receiving the gift on behalf of JCCNC were president Edith Tanaka and section co-chair Shiz Mihara, Vision '80s campaign.

The donation was raised through sale of hand-crafted note cards, silk-screened with the help of Japantown Art and Media workshop artists. Hamilton art class members included Florence Nagamoto, Miyo White, Harumi Shizuo and Sumiko Boughman. Issei contributing their works to the sale were Fusako Kimura, Yukino Tashiro and the late Kiku Tsuchiya.

Cards may be ordered through the JAM office, (415) 567-3851.

### Nutrition program to honor 12 Sansei

**LOS ANGELES**—“Remembering” is the theme of the 8th anniversary benefit dinner dance on Friday, April 20, when the Koreisha Chushoku Kai (Nutrition Program for the Elderly) sponsors the event at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant/Montebello Country Club from 6 p.m.

“This current fiscal year is one of great financial adversity, partially due to a change in the city's funding formula.

As the sole surviving Asian ethnic program, we are critically in need of support from the community,” said director Emi Yamaki.

During the program, 12 Sansei volunteers who were instrumental in creating the Oshokuji Kai, a once-a-month fore-runner to the present group, will be recognized. Further details may be obtained by calling the KCK office, 680-9173 or 680-9177.

### Prewar Fresnans planning reunion

**FRESNO, Ca.**—Committee personnel have been selected for various preliminary work in preparation for the Fresno pre-war reunion on Sept. 28-30. The new Holiday Inn in downtown Fresno will be the site of a gathering of some 400 Fresno Nihon-machi residents in the early forties.

According to registrar, Chisato Ohara, some 250 applications have already been received from throughout the country. Committee co-chair Morito Nakamoto has requested an early commitment by registrants so that adequate space will be guaranteed by the hotel.

Registration fee has been

set at \$30 per person, which includes a picnic and box lunch, banquet and entertainment, a 40-page brochure, and hospitality room refreshments.

On the committees are: Morito Nakamoto and Michio Toshiyuki, gen chair; Chisato Ohara, Chiyo Yamada and Etsu Katsura, regis; June Toshiyuki, Yo Nagahama, Kay Kamiyama and Margaret Ikeda, luncheon; Kazue Iwatsubo, Enid Saiki and Helen Hasegawa, hosp; Cherry Nishioka, Helen Ego and Sumi Yamasaki, Issei liaison; Harry Murashima and Minoru Tsudama, souv booklet; Nori Masuda, Ken Mayeda and Shig Inahara, program; Peggy Nakamoto and Helen Inahara, entertainment; Ray Kuwamoto, treas.



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MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi



## NHK's Receptiveness

San Francisco

Japan Air Lines was kind enough to include me on a list of invitees for a short jaunt to Japan in celebration of its 30 years of operation between Tokyo and San Francisco. The free trip was opportune in the context of the community controversy around the Toyoko Yamasaki book, *Futatsu no Sokoku*, and the NHK production based on that book, "Sanga Moyu."

I had a chance to meet with NHK, members of Japan Chapter JACL, the American Embassy, and the Japanese Foreign Ministry to discuss the subject.

As background, the *Asahi Shimbun*, on Christmas 1983, published an article which incorrectly characterized the JACL position as a campaign to stop the showing of "Sanga Moyu" in the United States. As a civil rights organization, however, JACL could not adopt a censorship position. It could and did, in direct communication with NHK, indicate concern about the series' potential for adversely affecting the perception of the Nikkei community in general, and the redress campaign in particular.

On NHK's side, I believe that good-faith efforts to modify aspects of the Yamasaki novel are apparent. The first 16 episodes, which are already in the can, are NHK products, having no direct relationship to the content of the book, except in the general time-setting and historical reference point. At the same time, I can't be convinced that they can capture Nikkei sensitivities, because, quite frankly, so much of it is outside the Japanese experience.

### Positive Aspects

Within the ranks of the Japan Chapter, there are members that point out a positive aspect to the NHK production. The prevailing conception of Japanese Americans by the Japanese is colored by the class background of the Issei immigrants and, to some extent, by the perception of some Nisei as black marketeers during preconceptions.

In my meeting with NHK personnel, they indicated that a postponement of any overseas showing until the series is completed in Japan was under consideration. They also indicated that they had constructed several other departures from the book in order to provide a balance presentation.

Without giving away the ending, which I don't know anyway, some of the changes include the development of the American Nisei-type (Isamu) in several episodes. Isamu is killed in action as part of the 442 RCT in the book. I further understand that Kenji, the principal character in the book, does not commit suicide at the end of the television series. How these kinds of changes are represented dramatically remains to be seen. . . .

## WOMEN'S CONCERNS:

### Trust Yourself

Ed. Note: The next several columns by members of the Women's Concerns committee will focus on their experiences in JACL. To encourage frankness, some of them—like the following—will be published pseudonymously.

By LINDA MAKINO

Los Angeles

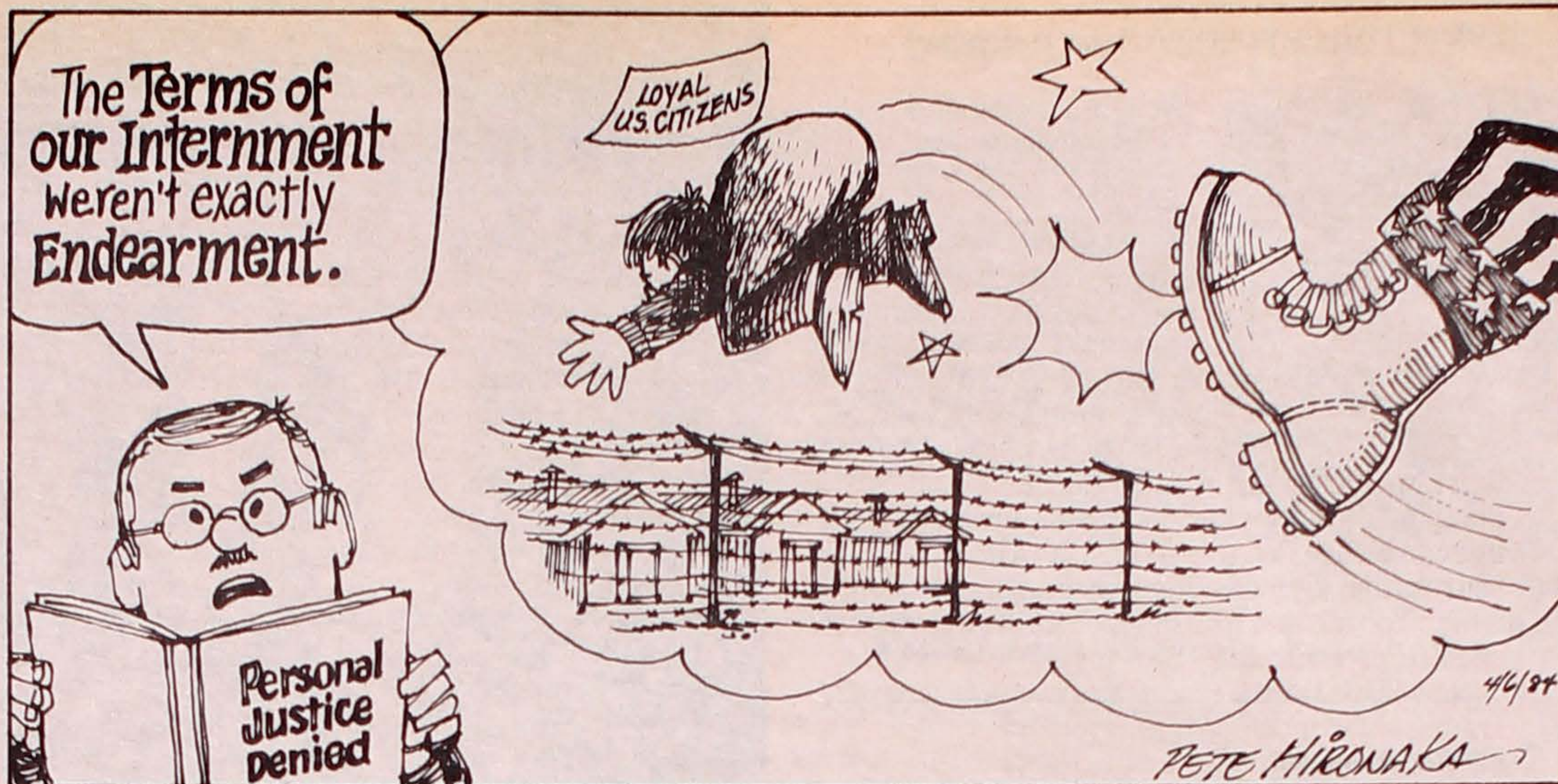
I joined JACL five years ago because I was at a point in my life where I felt a need for more personal involvement in the Japanese community. Also, I yearned for closer ties to other Japanese that I missed when I was growing up.

At my first chapter meeting, I saw a group of people who, I thought, didn't have a purpose. After the first ten minutes, I asked myself, "Why are these people here? Why am I here?" After some thought, I joined the chapter because the members were friendly and seemed genuinely interested in pursuing community activities. Over the years, the chapter developed a few programs; however, there is still a certain lethargy caused by members spreading themselves over too many community organizations, career time restrictions, and other demands. Because of this lethargy coupled with my eagerness to move the chapter into a more active role, I took on the responsibility of chairing a few major projects. These projects brought the chapter members closer together; we also learned about one another and that made the projects fun. I learned how easy it was to make a function a success—all it took was organization and most of all courage to volunteer.

The general apathy in my chapter, however, can be seen as a godsend for women who want to become leaders or just want a say in what the chapter does. It took me two years before I would oppose long-time JACLers because I was afraid to look foolish. I assumed that since they had been in the chapter a long time and knew the history of JACL, that I should bow to their wisdom. Reflecting back, I realize that I was wrong in my basic assumption, and that I was doing a disservice to myself and to the chapter by not questioning the reasons for the decisions made. I conclude that I have a right to know why things are done and a right to voice my opinions.

I believe that I am not unique, that many women share my

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REDRESS PHASE FIVE: Minoru Yasui

## ACLU of Colorado

During February, the Colorado branch of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) recognized the injustices of the expulsion of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast during World War II. This is in keeping with the present position of the national ACLU, which has now endorsed redress for Japanese American victims of arbitrary government actions.

Actually, it's 42 years late. When we needed ACLU support in 1942, as the U.S. government was forcibly moving us out of our homes, the national ACLU board kept silent, in mistaken, wartime patriotic support of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Only the Northern California ACLU stood steadfast by its principles and fought for the civil rights of AJAs.

The Carle E. Whitehead civil liberties award was presented in Denver in recognition of efforts to protect the civil rights of all people, even in times of war—and for the continuing efforts to rectify those terrible wrongs of 1942-1946, when more than 110,000 persons were incarcerated in desert camps in the United States solely on the basis of ancestry.

The ACLU of Colorado was not in existence during those years. There was a fighting attorney, Carle E. Whitehead of Denver—whom we were privileged to know in 1943 et seq.—who was active in efforts to protect American citizenship rights of Japanese Americans in Colorado. The Denver city council enacted ordinances restricting businesses owned by Japanese Americans to certain less desirable sections of town.

Personally, it is another fighting, controversial attorney that is best remembered: Samuel D. Menin, Esq., who took

the matter of my admission to the state bar to the Colorado Supreme Court, pro bono—and successfully. Menin and his partner, the late Sidney Jacobs, Esq., also defended the "no-no" boys out of the Heart Mountain WRA camp.

The years have changed public attitudes in Colorado, and in Denver, particularly. The old-timers, such as the highly principled late Gov. Ralph L. Carr, are gone—but we are indebted to them always for their courage in defending civil rights, even though it was not popular during wartime.

Today, Congresswoman Pat Schroeder comes by to extend her personal congratulations. Japanese Americans are visible at community affairs. We know that Dr. William Takahashi as president of the Mile-Hi JACL was present, as were Dr. and Mrs. Takashi Mayeda for the Mountain-Plains JACL district. Others were Dr. Ben Miyahara and Dr. Flo Miyahara, Kiyoto Futa, Haruko Ishihara and her mother. We had Asian American representation in the person of Dr. Rudy Lie, a former chairman of the Colorado Alliance of Pacific/Asian Americans.

Although all the battles for protection of civil rights will probably never be fully won—at least substantial progress is being made. ACLU of Colorado supports redress, and Japanese Americans locally are making their presence and concerns known. Hopefully, in all parts of the country similar expressions of support are being engendered by Japanese Americans.

Minoru Yasui received the 31st annual Carle E. Whitehead civil liberties award Feb. 11 in Denver.

BY THE BOARD: Mikki Himeno



## The Precious Right To Vote

Monterey Park, Calif.

In San Salvador the roads to polling places might be mined, gun-carrying guerilla soldiers harass voters, and though newly modernized the ballot-counting has been halted.

I have been carrying around with me voter registration forms but few are the takers, if any. Is it possible that everyone around me is registered or does not need to re-register to change an address or party affiliation? Is it apathy or is it cynicism in the American voting process?

There were times in the past when the right to vote was cherished and fought for—so precious that people would have died for it. Women and slaves did not qualify and those denied citizenship, like the Issei, certainly were not allowed to vote. What makes us, who are guaranteed the right, so reluctant?

One of the most common reasons heard among Japanese for not registering to vote was their dislike to having to serve on a jury. This is no longer a valid reason because driver registration lists are now used for jury duty. Could we not as Asians be contributing to fair decisions in the court system?

Perhaps some others feel, "What's the use; my vote isn't going to make a difference." True, there have been elections where "big money" seemingly won out, causing some to believe that election results can be bought. Unfortunately, too, in recent years the enthusiasm of the media in early election projections have had a negative effect on voter participation on the West Coast. And long ballots with confusing initiatives have been dampening.

But, many an election has been won or lost by a slim margin

of votes. We have seen Asian candidates lose because many thought it was a "sure thing" and didn't bother to register or to vote.

Things of value are seldom gained with ease. We must believe in the process, that our votes by sheer numbers will make the difference. There are too many who would wish to deny us that right. Let's register, and let's exercise that precious right to vote.

### Who Can Vote and How?

Under most circumstances, any citizen over 18 years of age may register to vote. If you have moved or wish to change your party affiliation, re-register so that the correct ballot may reach you where you newly reside.

Party affiliation is significant in primary elections, when a voter helps to select candidates for his or her party, and registration must be done no less than 30 days before. A "non-partisan" or "decline-to-state" voter in most states will not have an opportunity to vote on major-party candidates. Often members of a family will register different parties to have access to both major-party ballots.

California has "mail in" registration cards that can be picked up at city halls, post offices or some libraries and other places. There may be civic-minded volunteers like Mike Woo in front of a market or in a shopping center, who can assist. If such volunteers are registering voters for a specific party, one need not register for that party unless it is one's desire. Be sure to state preference. Every JACL regional office should be able to assist any person interested in taking advantage of this right to vote.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Washington, D.C. One of the more pleasurable parts of a quick trip to Washington was breakfast with Congressman Robert T. Matsui in the House dining room. Over sausage, one egg, coffee and toast, we had a candid and wide-ranging chat about politics, the presidential campaign, the agenda before Congress, the state of the Union, redress and various other matters, the details of which I do not feel free to report in the absence of specific groundrules.

Now in his third term as member of Congress from California's Third District, Matsui has earned a reputation as a hard-working, intelligent, progressive legislator. As a Democrat in a predominantly Democratic district encompassing most of Sacramento, he won by a slim margin in his first campaign in 1978, captured 71 percent of the votes in 1980, and 90 percent against token Libertarian opposition in 1982. On this particular morning Matsui was waiting to hear whether the Republicans would even bother to put up a candidate against him this fall.

Such solid support from his district is reassuring for Matsui, but it also can be said he has

## Matters before Matsui & Mineta

earned the confidence of voters back home. He has distinguished himself as a member of the key Ways and Means Committee, and the subcommittees on Social Security, Public Assistance and Unemployment Compensation, and the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.

The Almanac of American Politics says of Matsui: "Matsui is a loyal member of the Democratic Caucus with strong liberal records on most issues except foreign ones; like many Japanese American politicians, he is something of a hawk on military and national security matters."

It goes without saying that Nisei members of Congress like Matsui and his fellow Californian, Norman Y. Mineta, and Senators Dan Inouye and Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii, must concern themselves with the broad sweep of national issues.

A recent newsletter from Mineta's office underscores this point. Much of it is devoted to the search for peace with insights gained from his service on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Mineta goes on to say that improved prospects for peace can come only after we adjust some of our country's current foreign policies. Then he expresses some succinct thoughts about the problems in Lebanon, Nicaragua and El Salvador, arms control, the danger

inherent in faulty warnings about possible Soviet attack, the vastly enlarged defense budget, the MX missile.

His conclusion: "We must now change our approach and our actions. Otherwise, the day may arrive when citizens of the United States will suffer from our recent, reflexive uses of force and yearn for the days when our sturdy nation effectively engaged in diplomacy—and used force only as a last resort."

The newsletter also reports on matters of more direct concern to the voters—his bill to provide limited anti-trust immunity to companies wishing to conduct collective high-tech research, relief for senior citizens burdened with excessive federal penalties for late enrollment in Medicare, the Equal Rights Amendment, a bill to protect the California coastline from harmful offshore drilling, another bill to win wild and scenic status for the Tuolumne River and protect the San Jose Family Camp, a \$200 million federal appropriation for the Guadalupe Corridor light rail project.

There is no doubt that Matsui and Mineta hold Nikkei concerns high on their list of priorities. But the Nikkei themselves must not forget that these men were elected to represent the interests of all their constituents.

## Pre-Convention Timeline

### APRIL

**Nominations:** Nominations for six national offices open.

**Resolutions:** Resolution forms sent to chapters April 16.

**Amendments:** Information sent to chapters April 16.

**JA of the Biennium:** Deadline for nominations to committee chair, April 13.

**JACLer of the Biennium:** Deadline for nominations to committee chair, April 13.

**Inagaki Chapter Award:** Deadline for applications to committee chair, April 13.

### MAY

**Registration:** \$200 deposit due to Gelco Travel Services by May 15.

**Credentials:** Delegate and proxy forms distributed to chapters May 15.

**Nominations:** Deadline for nominations, May 15.

**Resolutions:** Chapters urged to send resolutions to national headquarters by May 1.

**JA of the Biennium:** Ratification of recipients by national board, May 25-27.

**JACLer of the Biennium:** Ratification of recipients by national board, May 25-27.

**Inagaki Chapter Award:** Ratification of recipients by national board, May 25-27.

### JUNE

**Registration:** Deadline for registration to Gelco, June 1.

**Resolutions:** Deadline for resolutions with fiscal impact to national headquarters, June 13.

### JULY

**Registration:** Deposits become non-refundable; reservations subject to availability and \$50 fee, July 1. Full pre-payment to Gelco due July 15.

**Credentials:** Deadline for delegate and proxy forms to national headquarters, July 31.

**Resolutions:** Deadline for resolutions with no fiscal impact to national headquarters, July 13. All submitted resolutions sent to chapters July 20.

**Amendments:** Deadline for amendments from chapters, July 1. Submitted amendments distributed to chapters July 12.

### AUGUST

**Registration:** Pre-convention tours, August 1-11.

## Make Travel Plans Early

SAN FRANCISCO—Deposits on convention registration, airfare, and a week's stay at Honolulu's Pacific Beach Hotel are due May 15, JACL headquarters confirms. Gelco, official convention travel agent, is handling all three AS A PACKAGE. With a few exceptions, portions of the package are unavailable for separate purchase.

Ron Wakabayashi, in a memo sent in late February to chapter presidents and the national board, stated that JACL members who wish to make other travel and lodging arrangements should send their convention registrations

directly to national headquarters by June 1.

Wakabayashi also noted the following features of the convention package:

—Hawaiian Adventures and Gelco have control of the majority of rooms at the Pacific Beach Hotel. The ability to acquire rooms at the convention site will be extremely limited. As a practical matter, JACL's arrangement is the major source of rooms at the hotel.

—Pre- and post-convention tours are explained in the convention brochures sent to all chapter presidents, district governors, and regional of-

fices. The convention rate at the hotel will be extended two weeks before and after the convention.

—The brochure contains examples of airfares. Gelco has agreed to purchase airfare at the lowest price available from each departure point.

The major concern about the Honolulu location for the national convention was cost, Wakabayashi noted. "At a peak travel period, at a hotel of the stature of the Pacific Beach, our prices are comparable to any available," he said.

"I called some of the agents

advertising in the local paper, who posted low travel rates to Hawaii," Wakabayashi continued. "In most cases, the advertised price was not available to me for several reasons. The dates and location in most cases were not available. They had, however, higher-priced packages to offer me. Another factor that showed up, was that I could not get any volume of packages, which we, of course, would need. Speaking to Larry Kumabe, president of the Honolulu chapter, he was extremely pleased at the price package that we were able to get."

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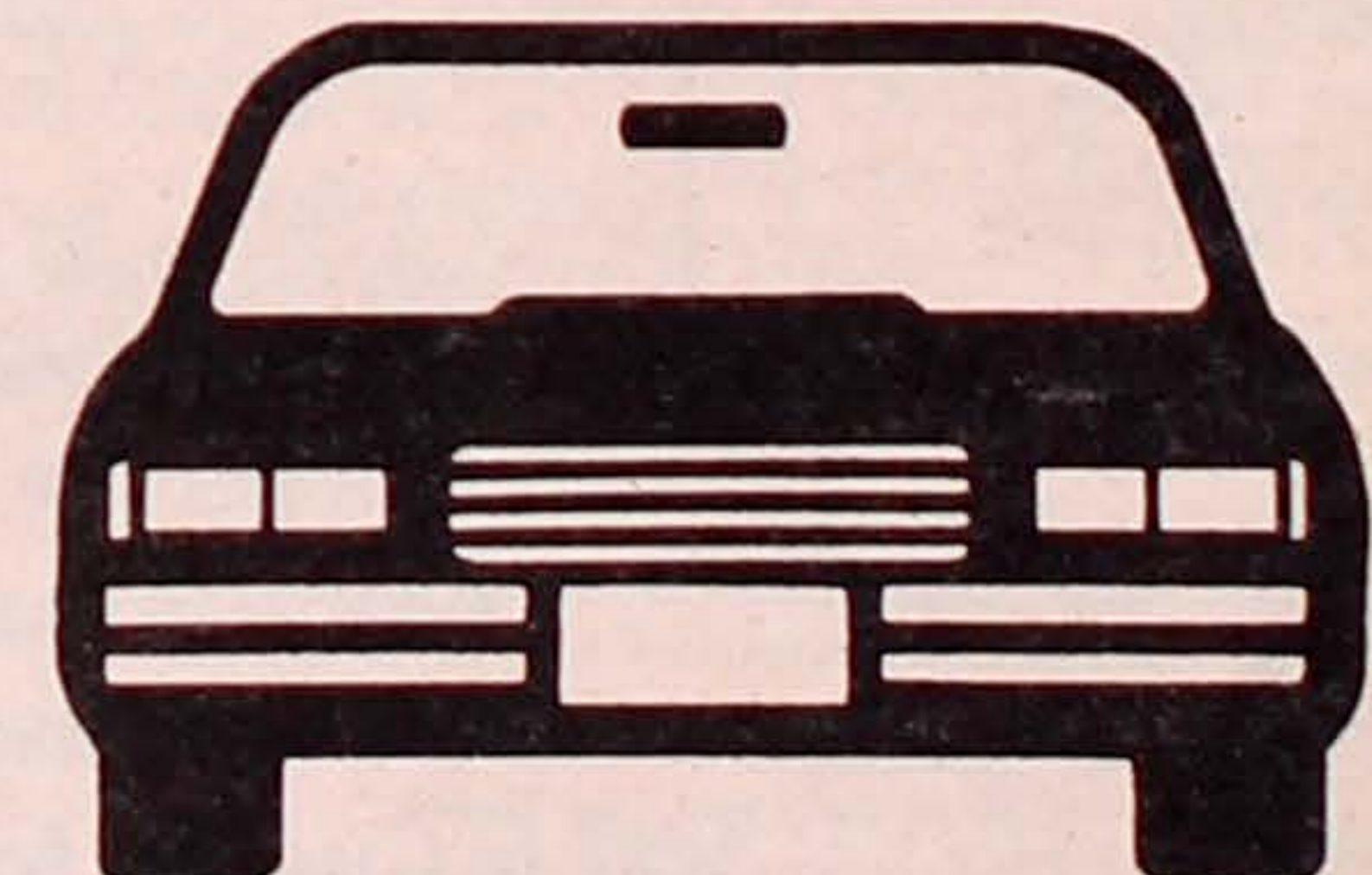
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# Gila River Reunion Fever

By FRANK F. SAKAMOTO

Chicago

Now that the word is out that there will be a Gila River Camp 2 Reunion this summer in Honolulu, we have received many inquiries from former residents of this camp who are interested in the whereabouts of their friends.

Aki Ohno, my West Los Angeles 1000 Club representative, was chief cook of the Gila River camouflage workers' kitchen and is very much interested in seeing those men he worked with. He expects to be at the reunion. Kiyoshi Sonoda, a prominent dentist, asked about Herbert Hata, Tom Uyeno, Joe Nakayama and wife Cherie, as well as Daisy Tokunaga and other nurses. He would also like very much to see Steere Noda.

Helen Kawagoe, city clerk at Carson, inquired about Toshi Kogura and wife Grace; Yoshio Miyaki, about Michi Nishimura Weglyn, author of *Years of Infamy*. This book, by the way, has been an excellent reference source for the redress campaign. Michi, who was Nisei of the Biennium in 1977-78, hopes to be at the reunion and will personally autograph her book. Those who do not have a copy—well, here's your chance to get one.

Other inquiries have come asking about Betty Shikata (a.k.a. Miiko Taka, who starred with Marlon Brando in *Sayonara*), Beverly Yoshimura, Yosh Nakamura, and John Fuyumi, a successful businessman in Puerto Rico. And from brothers Isamu and Mitsugu Minami of Guadalupe, Ca., (their father, who started H.Y. Minami Co., was known as the "Lettuce King") come questions about Chieko Arima, May Nakahira (sweetheart of the 442nd), Art Sasahara, Jim Araki (now teaching at Univ. of Hawaii), Ben Tamaki, Harry Masatani, brothers Nelson and Saburo Tanaka (who was the first to volunteer for the 100th Infantry from Gila River), their sister Sadami, Curly Kitahara, Ozark Kawamoto and "lady killer" Micky Kawakami.

On the distaff side, I would appreciate an up-date on the married names.

I hope everyone can make it to the reunion. It will be held in conjunction with the JAACL 1000 Club Whing-Ding on Sunday, Aug. 12, at the Pacific Beach Hotel in Waikiki. For those who would like further information and for those who can provide more news about former Camp 2 residents, please write or call me: Dr. Frank Sakamoto, 5423 N. Clark St., Chicago IL 60640, (312) 561-2221.

LET'S HAVE A GREAT REUNION! SEE YOU THERE!

# Calendar

- **To APR. 29**  
Denver—Exh of watercolors by Riya Nakazono, Ken Caryl Rnch House
- **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

## APA CAUCUS

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Democratic Party platform will be distributed at the Democratic national convention in July.

### Asian Pacific Delegates

Hsieh estimated that there may be as many as 80 Asian Pacific delegates at the convention. They would come primarily from California, 29; Hawaii, 20; Samoa, 8; Guam, 8; Texas, 5; Illinois, 5; and New York, 5.

The rapidly growing DNC Asian Pacific Caucus has approximately 200 members. "Our job," Hsieh explained, "is to promote state caucuses that will become part of that state's Democratic Party." Earlier this year, the California Democratic Party adopted the caucus's platform point by point.

Registered Democrats may join the DNC Asian Pacific Caucus by sending name and organizational affiliation, if any, to the Democratic National Committee, 1625 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, Attn. Barbara Hansberry; or to Thomas Hsieh, DNC-APC chair, 166 Grant Ave., San Francisco, CA 94108. #

## WOMEN

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fears of failure and hopes of fulfillment. I now know that confidence in myself is the first step towards success. If you have confidence, you can achieve anything. Confidence can be developed; I can tell you from my own experience that small successes can build more confidence which can lead to bigger successes.

Women have the right to be leaders, but if we don't take advantage of that right, we can't blame others for not giving us the opportunity. I am advocating only that if you have something to say, SAY IT. And if you want to see your chapter take on a new activity, SHARE IT WITH OTHER MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEER. For isn't it what JAACL is all about—volunteerism? The self-satisfaction you receive from all the hard work will only be exceeded in your greater esteem for yourself because of the personal development. #

- Concord—Jpn Ing sch rummage sale, JARC Center, 3165 Treat, 9am-1pm
- Berkeley—Masayuki Koga on shakuhachi, St John's Presby Ch, 2727 College Ave, 8pm
- **APR. 8 (Sunday)**  
Tacoma—Rev Sunya Pratt testimonial, Sherwood Inn
- New Mexico**—Reception for Miyamura family and others in JA Family Album Exh, Newman Cntr, 1815 Los Lomas Rd NE, U/NM campus
- Cincinnati**—Potluck dnr & health fair, Maple Ridge Lodge, Mt Airy Forest, 2pm
- San Francisco—Trad Jpn music, Christ Un Presby Ch, 1700 Sutter, 3pm, \$4
- Los Angeles—Book fair for JACCC library, 244 S San Pedro, 10am-4pm
- **APR. 9-12**  
New York—Yoshiko Chuma and Sch of Hard Knocks with Morita Dance Co, Japan House, 333 E 47, 8pm
- **APR. 9-13**  
Irvine—Asian Wk, Univ Cntr, 11am-1pm
- **APR. 9-29**  
Chicago—Go for Broke/MIS photo exhib, Daley Center Plaza
- **APR. 10-21**  
San Francisco—Ext by painter Kazuo Yamada, 50 Bannam bet Linden & Green, 12n to 6pm
- **APR 11 (Wednesday)**  
Hollywood—JAACL Nite at Dodger Stadium (jacket nite for kids under age 14), 666-0303 by Apr 5 for tickets
- Los Angeles—New Arts chmb orch, Kay Otani, cmd; JA Th, 244 S San Pedro, 8pm
- **APR. 13-14**  
Los Angeles—Spr Boutique, Washington Hosp, 12101 Washington Blvd, 10am-6pm
- **APR. 14 (Saturday)**  
West Valley—Bridge & Bowling Nite; JAACL clubhse & Saratoga Lanes, 6pm
- Riverside—Easter Egg hunt, Canyon Crest Park, 11am-1pm
- Boston—Sewing Women' doc film, As Am Res Wrkshp, 27 Beach St, 3:30pm
- **APR. 15 (Sunday)**  
San Francisco—Welcome bnqt for reps from Bruyeres by 442 RCT, Yamato's, 717 California St, 7:30pm; res 526-1525
- **APR. 17 (Tuesday)**  
Fort Collins—Tokyo Ballet Grp at Colo St Univ
- **APR. 18 (Wednesday)**  
Los Angeles—Wakita Music Ens, Zenshuji Soto Temple, 123 Hewitt, 8pm; info 818/246-3663
- **APR. 22 (Sunday)**  
Omaha—Easter egg hunt, Hanscom Park
- **APR. 27 (Friday)**  
San Francisco—Slide show/talk on Go For Broke/MIS exh, Tom Kawaguchi, Eric Saul, Chet Tanaka, spkrs, Cntr for JA Studies, 1759 Sutter
- **APR. 28 (Saturday)**  
Selanoco—Sprg mtg, Rio Hondo College, 6pm
- Los Angeles—Manzanar pilgrimage, info 662-5102, 825-1006
- Boston—"Fall of I-Hotel," doc film, As Am Res Wrkshp, 27 Beach St; 3:30pm
- **APR. 28-29**  
Los Angeles—"Nisei Soldier" bnqt screening for Visual Communications, 244 S San Pedro, 1:30 & 4:30pm, \$50/\$20; info 680-4462

## Letters

### ● Bendetson's friend

In Minoru Yasui's column of March 9, it is mentioned that members of JAACL plan to contact Rep. Thomas Kindness (R-Ohio). They should be aware that Mr. Kindness is a former colleague and friend of one-time Col. Karl R. Bendetson, whose advice Kindness is said to have sought when asked to join HR 4110 as a co-sponsor.

JOHN HERZIG  
Fall Church, VA

### ● 1000 Club

A question was brought to me whether the 1000 Club membership fee is deductible. The answer is yes it is!

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Additional information and applications may be obtained from Seiko Wakabayashi (address above), or from National JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115.

For the Record

The N. Calif./W. Nevada/Pacific district council will not meet April 8, as reported in the March 30 PC. The meeting is of the district's executive board only. A full council meeting is scheduled for May 6.

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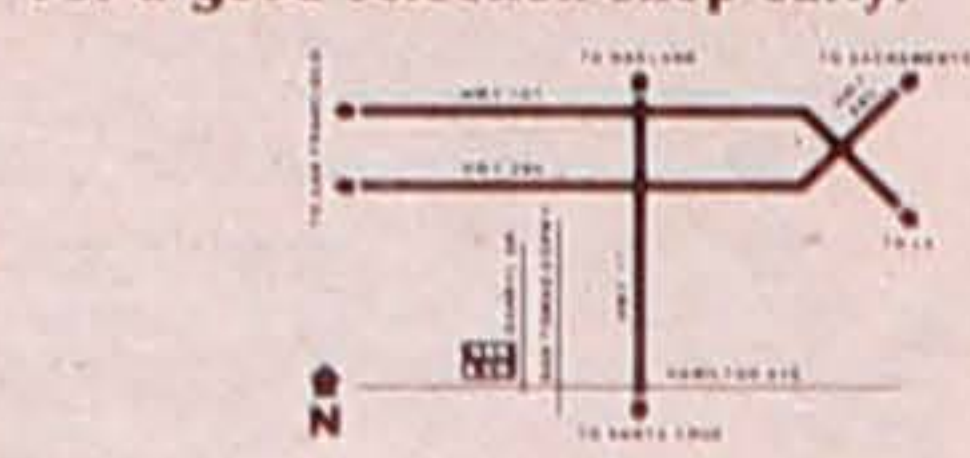
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## Irons addresses forum at Harvard University

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—Prof. Peter Irons, author of *Justice at War*, speaking before a gathering at Harvard University on March 22, criticized the East Coast press for ignoring the recent decision overturning the 1943 Korematsu case. Irons noted that Judge Marilyn Hall Patel's decision was front page news in major West Coast newspapers, but received virtually no coverage in such East Coast papers as the *New York Times*.

The forum, sponsored by the New England JACL and the Harvard University Asian American Student

Assn., was taped by The Cambridge Forum for later release to 135 educational radio stations throughout the country. The audience consisted of academicians from the Boston area, members of the local JACL, students, and Nikkei from various parts of New England.

Irons devoted the bulk of his talk to a review of the Korematsu, Yasui, and Hirabayashi cases. He described in detail the efforts of Japanese American attorneys in San Francisco, Portland, and Seattle, to use the writ of *error coram nobis* to reopen the cases, which upheld

the convictions of the three men for violating military exclusion orders during WW2.

Irons was introduced by the president of the New England chapter, Kei Kaneda, who quoted former Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes's statement that the Constitution was a scrap of paper and that constant efforts were necessary to protect America's constitutional guarantees.

While in Boston, Irons was interviewed by local television stations, and met with reporters from area newspapers.

## Singles convention to offer workshops, dinner/dance

LOS ANGELES—Details of the first national JACL singles convention were released this week by convention organizers. The schedule is as follows:

**Friday, May 25:** Golf tournament at 9:30 a.m., Alondra Municipal Golf Course, 16400 S. Prairie Ave., Lawndale, Calif. Registration and fee should be sent to Taii Kaili,

23214 Vanowen St., Canoga Park, CA 91307, by May 1. Registration for the convention and a mixer will be held 7-12 p.m., Nisei Veterans Hall, 1964 W. 162nd Street, Gardena. Registration is \$5, the mixer is \$10.

**Saturday, May 26:** Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1700 W. 162nd Street,

Gardena, followed by the opening session at 9:30 a.m. and a business session at 10 a.m. Lunch is served from 12 noon to 1 p.m. A fee of \$10 covers the business sessions and lunch.

The afternoon comprises workshops from 1:30 to 4:15 p.m. on JACL issues, the recently widowed, Sansei singles, serving the divorced, life-style options, and "getting to know you."

Attendees then gather at 6 p.m. for cocktails and dinner at Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation Blvd., Los Angeles. The dinner/dance cost \$27.50.

**Sunday, May 27:** A Sayonara brunch is served at Ken Nakaoka Community Center from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by a closing session. The cost is \$12.50.

A savings of \$5 on the convention package is available to those who register before April 25. Advance registration totals \$60, and checks can be mailed to Meriko Mori, 1927 Federal Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025. Registration forms have been mailed to all chapter presidents.

Hotel reservations, if needed, should be mailed to S. Kuriyama, 16138 S. Western Ave., Gardena, CA 90247. Headquarters hotel for the convention is the South Bay Hotel, 15000 Hawthorne, Lawndale.

## RIGHTS PANEL

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am confident that redress will receive a much fairer hearing at the commission's next meeting, after the commissioners are better informed."

### Congressional Reaction

On learning of the panel's decision to delay a vote on redress, Reps. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) and Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) wrote its staff director, Linda Chavez. Their March 30 letter read in part:

"By agreeing that an official apology is necessary, the commission has indeed acknowledged the terrible injustices that were perpetrated upon those Japanese Americans solely because of their ancestry. While formal recognition of the injustice is important, it is certainly insufficient, as the independent Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians concluded.

"Those who were interned and excluded suffered tremendous losses, both material and personal. To the disastrous loss of farms, businesses and homes must be added the disruption of many years and of careers and professional lives as well as the long-term loss of income, earnings and opportunities. While these damages can never be totally redressed, clearly more than a verbal acknowledgment is required."

The eight members of the civil rights panel are chair Clarence Pendleton Jr., vice chair Morris Abram, Esther Gonzales-Arroyo Buckley, John Bunzel, Robert Destro, Francis Guess, Blandina Cardenas Ramirez, and Mary Frances Berry.

## Chapter Pulse

### New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE—"Turning Leaves," an exhibit of Japanese American Families from Gallup, N.M., is shown in the East Gallery, Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, Univ. of New Mexico. A special reception with taiko performance for the Hershey Miyamura family and others honored in the exhibit will be held at the museum Sunday, April 8, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. A potluck dinner follows at 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Newman Center, 1815 Los Lomas Rd. NE, on the university campus.

### San Jose

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Eighteen tables of players enjoyed a lively and competitive evening of tournament bridge sponsored by San Jose JACL on March 18. Winners were:

Advance division, Sachi Miki and John McKay, 1st; Mineko Reiter and Carl Armstrong, 2d; Jim and Susie Otogiri, 3d. Intermediate—Bruce Fujikawa and Tom Marutani, 1st N/S; Steve and Sally Nakashima, 1st E/W; Ron Watanabe and Shig Masunaga, 3d N/S; Dean and Maureen Mikami, 3d E/W.

### New York

TENAFLY, N.J.—B.J. Watanabe, president of New York JACL, and Tom Kometani, chap-

ter redress chair, led five workshops on the internment and redress at Tenafly Middle School on March 14. The workshops were part of a day-long series designed to show pupils in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades what discrimination is like.

### Marin

MILL VALLEY, Calif.—Homemade Italian and Japanese food will be served at the Buddhist Temple of Marin, 390 Miller Ave. on Saturday, April 7, from 6 p.m. during Marin JACL's bingo nite.

Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Call Nell Noguchi, 479-4277, for details.

### Stockton

STOCKTON, Ca.—Mariko Terasaki Miller of Casper, Wyo., was the guest speaker at a chapter meeting Mar. 1. Her father was Hidenari Terasaki who served at the Japanese embassy in Washington at the time of Pearl Harbor attack. In Wyoming Miller has been active in the women's rights work and is vice chair of the state Democratic party organization.

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## LITTLE TOKYO LIFE (No. 12):

By Harry Honda



# An Issei-Era 'Hippie'

There are nine pieces which Bob Okazaki had written in 1956 for Larry Tajiri's column space in the Pacific Citizen dealing with the early days of the Japanese in Hollywood's film industry. The other day, Bob recalled the anecdotes were the result of his chit-chats in Nihongo with the Issei in the movie business. It was easier for them to tell the story of their pioneering efforts. But this feature on Sadakichi Hartmann (1867-1944) is a character whom Bob (and this young reporter in the late '30s) remembers from first-hand experience. It can be said here was an individual of Japanese ancestry who was not evacuated from the West Coast in 1942. Some have ascribed this turn of events to friends in the FBI and Hollywood ... The picture comes from the jacket of the Herder-Herder book, "Buddha, Confucius, Christ: Three Prophetic Plays," edited by Harry Lawton and George Knox, 1971.

By BOB OKAZAKI (June 15, 1956 PC)

My story concerns Sadakichi Hartmann's short but happy venture into the movies which wound up costing a famous actor-producer something like a quarter million dollars and caused something like consternation in Los Angeles's Little Tokyo.

Sadakichi always was good copy and Gene Fowler did a book on him, "Minutes of the Last Meeting" (1954). Fowler told how Sadakichi was born in Nagasaki in 1867 of a Japanese mother and a German father who was the scion of an aristocratic Hamburg family. Shortly after Sadakichi's birth, his mother died and his father, Otto von Hartmann, took him to Germany (where) he learned English and German from a private tutor and entered Kiel navy school at the age of 12. But the strict discipline and regimentation did not agree with the young genius. When Sadakichi was 14, his father put him on a trans-Atlantic boat and gave him a letter to relatives in Philadelphia. Sadakichi arrived in Hoboken, N.J., alone and with only two dollars in his pocket. He walked from Hoboken to the City of Brotherly Love, only to be received coldly by the Philadelphia Hartmanns. He went to night school, studied art, retouched negatives for a photographer, ran errands for a designer of tombstones, started writing and sought out Whittier, Emerson and other men of letters.

At the turn of the century he popped up in Boston and New York, wrote books, lectured, turned out poems and became internationally famous as an art critic. In between lectures, he danced on stage. In the early 1900s he was named "King of Bohemia" in Greenwich Village and he sallied forth from his throne on lecture tours across the country. On one of his visits to California, he joined Arnold Genthe, art collector and photographer, to found a group of artists in San Francisco. At another time he turned up in Hollywood where he cut a wide swath among the royalty of filmdom—for whom Sadakichi showed utter disdain.

Again in 1922, he appeared at Hollywood and Vine, stayed a couple of years, then vanished. He reappeared just before Pearl Harbor and swaggered along East First Street (Little Tokyo) like an animated mummy, "Behold! Here comes Sadakichi," the people would say. "Look you, there walks Sadakichi." And there, indeed, was Sadakichi, an Oriental Ichabod Crane. He walked stick in hand, John Barrymore's Homburg hat perched jauntily on his porcupine mop of bristling gray hair. A scraggly moustache twitched on a thin, leathery face. Sometimes, in answer to our respectful salutations, he would shout, "Harrow, and how is your pap-pah?" though he neither knew our antecedent nor cared who they were. We did remember this story about him which Fowler also recalls in his book.

Back in 1924, the late Douglas Fairbanks was preparing his production of "The Thief of Bagdad" and had decided Sadakichi should play the important role of the Court Magician. Sadakichi was insulted. He was a man of letters. His was the world of culture and fine

arts. And who was Fairbanks to ask him to wear the motley of the make-believe?

But Fairbanks persisted, insisted. He offered fame, a generous weekly salary, and a case of fine whiskey every Saturday night if Sadakichi would deign to lend his living mummy visage to the screen for two months. Fairbanks had many friends in the Japanese colony who, in his behalf, urged Sadakichi to become an actor. So Sadakichi yielded, snorting contemptuously. There were many of us



Sadakichi Hartmann (c. 1924)

who would have given a right arm to be an extra in this mammoth production, but we were neither exotic-looking nor interesting types.

Sadakichi appeared on the set, resplendent in a magnificent costume and wearing a 15-pound headdress of glittering metal and many-colored glass. In his youth, Sadakichi had been a judoist of no mean ability with a powerful frame, nearly 6 feet tall. But he was well along in years, afflicted with hernia, frail and troubled with ulcers. The bulky costume weighed heavily on him. The glistening jeweled headpiece tortured him. And as he stood around waiting for the proper lighting, the adjustment of the camera, rehearsing the timing, he fumed and called down the wrath of the gods on this invention for the entertainment of morons. He threatened to quit. Fairbanks grew panicky. If his Court Magician walked out now, all the scenes made thus far would have to be scrapped. The entire story would have to be rewritten, reshot. He raised Sadakichi's salary, begging him to continue. And every evening, Sadakichi's every word, his every act, his every motion was faithfully reported along East First Street in anxious whispers ... And then one day, Sadakichi disappeared. It cost Fairbanks \$250,000 to change the story, rebuild the sets, scrap old scenes, shoot new ones and underwrite the delay in production.

Many years later, long after Fairbanks had died, Sadakichi popped up in Little Tokyo, jauntily and debonair, but perplexed. The Germans were bombing London, the Nipponese were bombing Peking, and Germans and Japanese were being denounced as human monsters. This was no time for a German-Japanese to obtrude in polite society. He settled in an Indian reservation near Banning, Ca. for the duration. When the Japanese in California were being sent to the desert relocation camps, the FBI found Sadakichi sitting in front of his shack, "I am an Indian," he said and he proved it. Sadakichi died in 1944 in Florida.

Sadakichi, in his lifetime, had written hundreds of poems, articles for newspapers, monographs and papers (many of them are in the UC-Riverside Library). The widely read books in the libraries include his "History of American Art," "Japanese Art," "Shakespeare in Art," "Modern American Sculpture," and the "Whistler Book". #



### Sansei to conduct chamber orchestra

LOS ANGELES—Kay Otani, a Sansei, will conduct the New Arts Chamber Orchestra in a performance of baroque and rococo music at the Japan America Theatre in Little Tokyo on Thursday, April 12, 8 p.m. The program features the music of Telemann, Vivaldi, J.S. Bach, C. Ph. E. Bach and Mozart. The soloists are Greg Maldonado, Phil Johnson and Jolianne Einem on violins, Anthony Brazier on flute, and Wm. Neil Roberts on harpsichord.



Conductor Kay Otani

Otani is a young conductor from Utah who has resided in Los Angeles for the last five years. Having begun the study of conducting at the age of 14, he has held assistantships in Utah, including the assistantship of the University of Utah Orchestra. He founded the New Arts Chamber Orchestra in 1981. Aside from his musical achievements he is 6th in Shotokan Karate of America, Melrose Dojo.

Admission to the concert is \$6 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens. There is no reserved seating. Tickets are available from the Japan America Theatre box office, 680-3700, in person, by mail, or by phone. #

### Two Nikkei win in Colo. AP contest

DENVER — Two Colorado Nikkei won awards in the second annual Colorado Associated Press Editors and Reporters competition in February.

Duane Noriyuki of the Canon City Daily Record took third place in the feature story division with his story on the unknown man whose body lies in Pauper's Field in Canon City.

July Sotomura of the Boulder Daily Camera won

### 3 Gardena scouts awarded Eagle rank

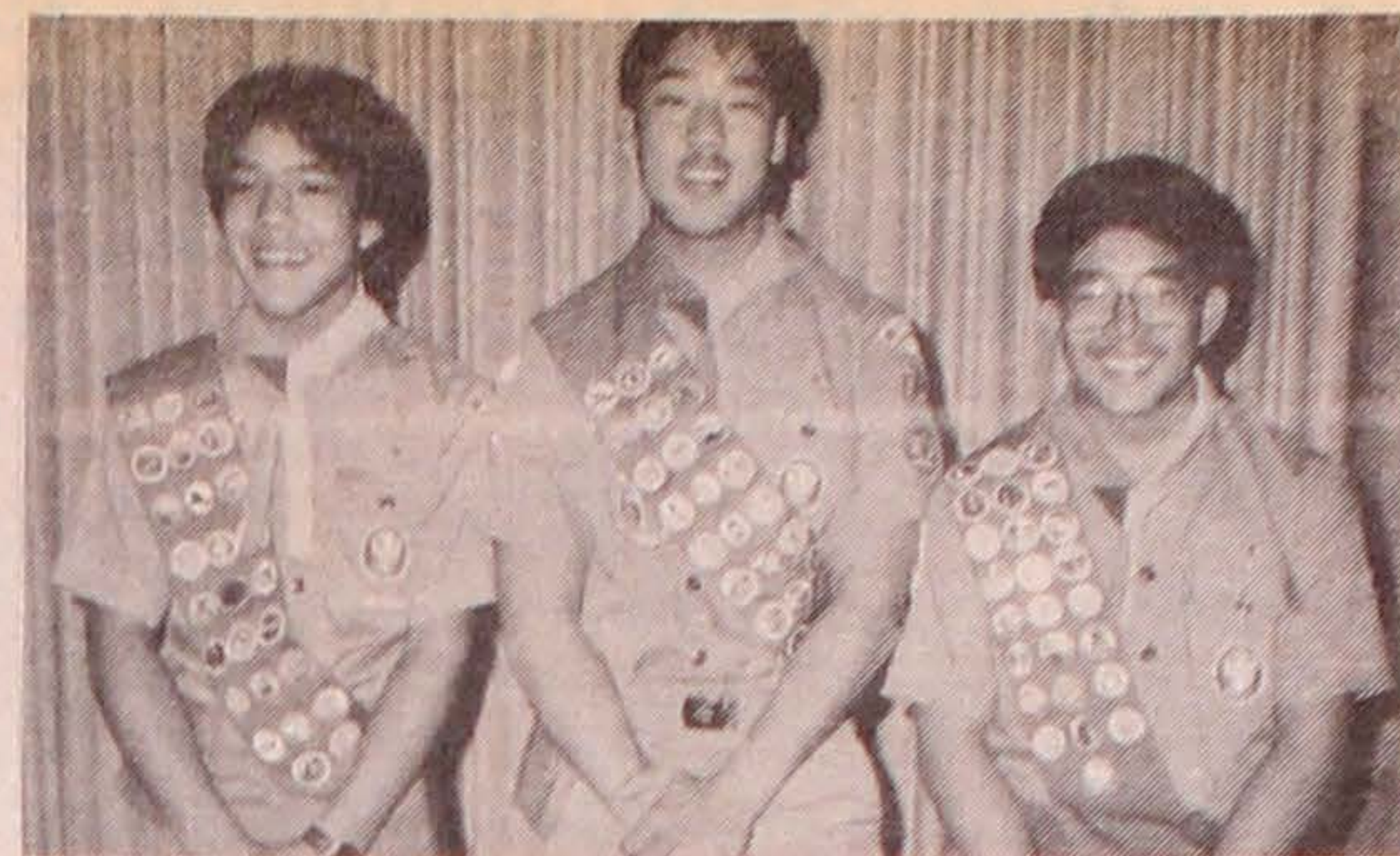
GARDENA, CA — Three members of Troop 719, Boy Scouts of America, were inducted on Mar. 10 as Eagle Scout in ceremonies held at the Ken Nakaoka Memorial Center.

The recipients of scouting's highest rank were Dean Akiyama, Dennis Takata and Robian Tango. Candidates must have 21 or more merit badges, must be high in character and scholastic achievement to qualify for

the award.

Fifteen-year-old Dean, the son of Preston and Masako Akiyama, is a sophomore at Gardena High School. He is one of the youngest to gain the Eagle ribbon/medal. His project involved weeding, cleaning and washing windows, doors and walls at North Gardena United Methodist Church with 28 volunteers, consuming 224 hours of work.

Dennis, whose parents are Sam and Yuki Takata, is a senior at Hawthorne High School. He and 38 volunteers put in 432 hours of yard cleanup at Hawthorne Youth Camp. The City Council decreed Mar. 11 as "Dennis Ta-



FLYING HIGH—New Eagle Scouts are (from left): Robian Tango, Dennis Takata, and Dean Akiyama.

kata Eagle Scout Day" as part of the recognitions program.

Robian, an El Camino College student, was in the conservation project at Henninger Flats in the Angeles National Forest planting pine tree seedlings. The son of

Tony and Irene Tango backpacked with 23 other scouts into the area and registered 276 hours in January 1983.

Troop 719 officers are Gene Komatsu, scoutmaster; Sam Akioka, James Yokota, asst. scoutmasters; and Sam Takata, committee chair. #

second place in the color photo division for her feature photo of a person walking up a stairway in the rain.

The contest included entries published between Nov. 1, 1982, and Oct. 31, 1983. Entries were judged by out-of-state journalists.

It was the second year for the Colorado AP contest, which is open to all Associated Press member newspapers in the state. #

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# Architect Komatsu recognized by colleagues

SAN FRANCISCO—S. Richard Komatsu has been advanced to the AIA College of Fellows, the American Institute of Architects announced Mar. 1.

Fellowship is an honor awarded to AIA members who have made significant

contributions to the advancement of the profession. Komatsu will be invested into the College of Fellows on Sunday, May 6, at the AIA national convention in Phoenix.

President of Hardison Komatsu Ivelich & Tucker, Komatsu has gained recognition

for his design accomplishments, service to the profession, and long record of public service to the community.

The Univ. of California Student Center, for which he was co-designer, received the governor's award for excellence. He was also designer of the Wastewater Management Facilities in Fairfield, receiving the honor award from the Consulting Engineers Assn. in California.

In the community, Komatsu has served the City of El Cerrito as a member and chair of both the planning commission and the design review board for over 16 years. He was a prime contributing author to the city's Concept Plan, Precise Plan, and design guidelines for its main avenue. He made a distinct contribution toward the

adoption of the Seismic Element by the cities of El Cerrito, Richmond and San Pablo. Beyond other city services, he served as officer and board member of many community organizations.

Komatsu also served the profession as board member and as chair of committees during the formative years of the East Bay Chapter of the AIA.

A native of San Francisco, he is a graduate of the Univ. of California. During WW2, he served with the Military Intelligence School at Fort Snelling. He is a past president of the Contra Costa Chapter JACL, and a recipient of the silver pin national achievement award. He resides with his family in El Cerrito, Calif.



**IN STATE CAPITOL**—California Secretary of State March Fong Eu welcomes Richard Nishite to her staff as an attorney in the elections and political reform division.



**FAREWELL**—Gordon Rubard (center), senior district executive of Boy Scouts of America, was recognized Feb. 13 for his contributions to Troop 26 of Berkeley, Calif., and the East Bay Japanese American community. Rubard has been reassigned to the San Francisco Bay Area council, which includes Japantown and Chinatown. Pictured with him are Jordon Hiratzka (left), unit committee chair, and James Higuchi, junior asst. scoutmaster.

## Takahashis endow new Stanford chair in Japanese studies; Aoki first holder

SAN FRANCISCO—Stanford Univ. trustees have established an endowed professorship in Japanese studies, the university's first in that field, with gifts by Henri H. and Tomoye Nozawa Takahashi. Its first holder is Prof. Masahiko Aoki of the Stanford Dept. of Economics.

The founders of Takahashi Retail Gifts and Takahashi Trading Co., also have offices in Toronto, Tokyo, and Nagoya.

Takahashi, a Pomona College alumnus, is collector of Japanese folk pottery. His wife, a UC Berkeley alumna, has a library of early Western writings on Japan.

In addition to the new endowed chair, their gifts to the university support visiting faculty appointments, research, student awards, and the local annual Takahashi lectures—all in the field of Japanese studies—through Stanford's Center for Research in International Studies.

Tokyo-born Aoki was educated at the Univ. of Tokyo (MA '64) and the Univ. of Minnesota (Ph.D. '67). He taught at Harvard and the Univ. of Kyoto, where he still holds an appointment. He joined the Stanford faculty this January.

Aoki is an economic theorist whose research interests and list of publications span economic planning, industrial organization, theory of distribution, welfare economics, comparative economic systems, and the behavior of Japanese firms in comparison with their American and European counterparts.

He has served on committees for Japanese governmental agencies, including the Economic Council, the Economic Planning Agency, and the Ministry of International Trade and Industry. He will play a major role in Stanford's East Asian Studies Program.

## People

### ● Business

Tomio Moriguchi, past national JACL treasurer, was elected a director of Seafirst Corp, the holding company that owns Seattle-First National Bank. He is president of Uwajimaya, an importer and distributor of Asian foods and merchandise; chair of the Chinatown-International District Preservation and Development Authority; and vice chair of Seattle Community College District board of trustees. He was charter president of Nikkei Concerns, which established the Seattle Keiro Nursing Home and is currently vice president in charge of its proposed 150-bed expansion.

Alden T. Kamikawa has been named vice president of operations with the Home Builders Institute. He was appointed at the 40th annual convention exposition of National Assn., of Home Builders in Houston, Tex. Home Builders Institute operates the education, training and job placement services of the Washington-based NAHB.

### ● Literature

Tama Tokuda of Seattle won the grand prize in a 1983 senior writing contest for her article entitled "Matsutake." The annual competition is sponsored by the Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens and the Pacific Northwest Writers Conference. As the grand prize winner, Tokuda receives a scholarship to the Writers Conference winter session.

### ● Education

Two Hawaii high school juniors, Mary Tarutani of Univeristy Laboratory School in Honolulu, and Walter P. Vierra of Lahaina-Luna High School in Lahaina, were awarded Japan-U.S. Senate Scholarships, Sen. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga announced.

The students were among 12 Hawaii semi-finalists who competed for the scholarship funded by the government of Japan and administered by Youth for Understanding, a non-profit international student exchange organization. The scholarship program allows each U.S. senator to name an outstanding high school junior to spend the summer in Japan as a part of a Japanese family.

### ● Organization

Patsy Mink, chair of the Honolulu City Council, has been named one of 23 directors of the new National Democratic Institute for International Affairs. The institute is to look for ways private organizations can foster the growth of democratic values such as human rights, according to an announcement from Mink's office.

### ● Education

George Tsutakawa, professor emeritus of art and one of the six educators at Univ. of Washington during the mid-1950s, was honored for teaching excellence as part of the 25th reunion of Class of 1958 on Oct. 14.

### ● Science

Kazumi Maki, professor of physics at the Univ. of Southern California, received a 1984 Creativity in Research and Scholarship Award from USC Associates, the university's premier support group, on Mar. 13. At the formal presentation of the \$5,000 award the Japan-born scientist was cited as "one of the leading theoretical physicists in the world."

### ● Whereabouts

Whereabouts of several Japanese Americans who graduated from Cleveland Heights High School in 1944 are being sought by Marge Lowenthal, 24070 Hermitage Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44122. The class is planning a reunion in June. Being sought are Eleanor Nakashima (Poston #3 High), Elma Sakakihara and Rosemary Iwami (Butte High, Rivers, Ariz.).

## Deaths

John K. Emmerson, 76, veteran U.S. diplomat and Japan expert, died Mar. 24 at Stanford University Hospital. He was political adviser to Gen. MacArthur after Japan's surrender in 1945 and later deputy chief of missions at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo during the 1960s. He retired in 1966, ending a 33-year State Dept. stint which included six prewar years (1935-41) in Japan. During WW2, he was the lone Japanese-speaking U.S. diplomat in all of Latin America and "played a pivotal role in the deportation of Peruvian Japanese" for 20 months in 1942-43 when stationed in Lima.

Cmdr Homer Shiro Nakayama, USN, 45, of Springfield, Va., a project and system head at the Navy's strategic systems project office, Bethesda, Md., died of cancer Feb. 11. A native of Oklahoma City who graduated from Univ. of Oklahoma in aeronautical space engineering, he enlisted in 1962 and served in Vietnam waters, then studied space physics in Monterey and was a naval research associate for three years

at Lawrence Livermore Radiation Laboratory in California before joining the SSPO office three years ago. He is survived by w Kyoko, s Brian, Eric, sis Florence Maruyama (La Junta), br Eugene (Houston), Oliver, Edward (both of Bartlesville, OK). His father farmed in Brighton, Colo., till 1934 when the family moved to Oklahoma.

Very Rev. Paul Roberts, 96, former dean of St. John's Episcopal Cathedral (1936-57), Denver, died Mar. 14 in Phoenix, Ariz. During WW2, the close seminary friend of Dr. John Yamazaki, elder at St. Mary's, Los Angeles, and civil rights leader had assisted in the resettlement of Japanese Americans into Denver.

George Yokoyama, 81, pioneer Nisei leader in the Sonoma County community, died Mar. 23 in Santa Rosa, Ca. Final rites were held at Enmanji Temple Mar. 27 for the Hawaiian-born JACLer (27 years in the 1000 Club). Surviving are w Shigeno, s Fred, Jim, d Ann Ohki, Mary Hamamoto, 10gc, 2ggc and br Henry (Sacramento).

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## Another Picture of Peasant Life Under the Tokugawas

Albany, Calif.

My recent article, "Nutrition and the Japanese Stature" has been nagging me for some time. While all the statements in it are true, and my phrase "the saddest chapter in the long history of oppression and exploitation" is no worse than an overstatement, I feel some modification of tone is needed. So, with your indulgence...

You may have received the impression that the peasants under the Tokugawa rule (1590-1867) were docile, spiritless serfs. It is true that they stood a great deal of harsh treatment with resignation and saintly fortitude, but it was up to a point. When pushed beyond that point, they did not take it lying down. There were over 2,500 peasant uprisings during the Tokugawa era. In many of them pitched battles were fought and their ragtag armies with no better weapons than bamboo spears and farm implements often put the sam'rais with their flashing swords to rout.

Recently I came upon a very interesting, and eye-opening book, *Kome to Nihonjin* (Rice and the Japanese) by Kiyoyuki Higuchi. The peasant life as depicted in this book is considerably different from the cheerless picture my article may have suggested. Herewith some significant facts.

During the 260 years of the Tokugawa rule, no less than 96 new strains of rice were created, not by government scientists but by the peasants themselves, entirely on their own initiative. Having somehow learned that rice was anemophilous,

they enclosed experimental plants and fanned their flowers to ensure pollination.

During this period numerous books on agriculture in general, and books devoted to specific crops, were published and widely circulated. At the same time a vigorous exchange of information and knowledge was taking place on a national scale. The Great Shrine of Ise played a big role in this exchange.

The Tokugawas were a very suspicious regime. It placed rigorous restrictions on travel, and enforced them at over fifty check stations throughout the country. For whatever reason, however, pilgrims were merely waved through without ado. So considerable travel was done on the pretext of making a pilgrimage not only to Ise, but to many other noted Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples.

So the peasants from all over the country congregated at the Ise shrine during the slack season. At the many inns and eating places around the shrine they swapped gossip, yarns, rumors, and agricultural information and most important, seeds. This was one way some exotic plants, such as cotton, spread over the whole country.

There was an old saying, "If you love your child, send him out on a travel." Travel in those days was arduous and often fraught with dangers and pitfalls. So it was regarded as educational and character-building. During the Tokugawa era, emphasis was on education.

Still hazards and dangers remained. To ensure safety the pilgrims traveled in groups.

**J. K.'s note:** No doubt you are wondering "Wasn't travel very expensive even in those days, considering they had to go everywhere on foot?" They financed their pilgrimage by organizing *ko's*. Called *Ise Ko* it is an adaptation of the *mu-jinko* which I think is the world's oldest mutual fund. A membership is organized. Each member puts a set sum into the common pool either daily or monthly. At the end of the preset period, usually a year, a drawing determines which members are to make the pilgrimage for that year. Others wait for their turns. The pooling is continued until all members have had their turns.

Print #1 in the *Tokaido Gojusan-sugi* (The 53 stages of the Tokai Highway) series by Hiroshige shows a crowd of men reading the public notice board at the foot of Nihonbashi, the starting point for all land measurements throughout the country. The people are all townsmen or farmers. Higuchi cites this picture to prove that the peasants were literate. Unless they were, they couldn't have functioned as farmers. Official notices had to be read to know what their lordships required of them. These notices were written in officialese with big words (as is the case with all officialese) and intricate cursive hands (which I, a fairly well educated man, cannot read). They had to be able to read and write business notes. And they had to read those agricultural manuals.

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## More Issei English recalled

BY LILY UMEDA  
Florin JAEL

Here are some words that came to mind after reading the list of Issei terms (Feb. 3 PC). Perhaps the PC may have some of these words, but here are some words spoken by Issei to little children.

atsu-atsu ..... hot  
ita-ita ..... hurt  
jaa-jaa ..... gushing sound  
kari-kari ..... crunchy  
ken-ken ..... thorny  
poton-poton ..... drip-drip  
ton-ton ..... pounding, knocking  
pin-pin ..... alive  
me-me ..... eye  
te-te ..... hand

### English Words, Issei-Style

akan ..... not good  
andamono ..... underwear  
baiburu ..... Bible  
baisukuuru ..... bicycle  
baketsu ..... bucket  
beddo ruumu ..... bed room  
bottoru ..... bottle  
bokusu ..... box  
booto ..... boat  
buraindo ..... blind (shade)  
doresu ..... dress  
furai pan ..... frying pan  
hariappu ..... hurry up  
heakutto ..... hair cut  
hatto ..... hat

hanma ..... hammer  
hereppu ..... help  
hooru ..... hall  
kappu ..... cup  
kamo ..... sucker (sl.)  
koochi ..... coffee  
kooto ..... coat  
kuriningu-ya ..... dry cleaners  
mishin ..... machine  
moota hausu ..... motor house  
nekutai ..... necktie  
oba shuu ..... overshoe  
posuto ..... post  
peepa ..... paper  
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puruningu ..... pruning  
piisu wooku ..... piece work  
pantusu ..... pants  
raitto ..... light  
retasu ..... lettuce  
shuusuu ..... shoe  
sueta ..... sweater  
surippa ..... slipper  
sutakkin ..... stocking  
sande sukuuru ..... Sunday school  
sukuuru boi ..... school boy  
sutoobu ..... stove  
taoru ..... towel  
teeburu ..... table  
terehon ..... telephone  
teketsu ..... tickets

### Japanese Expression

yoka ..... good  
(Thank you for sending in these 59 words.—PC)

## Canadian Nikkei's portrait will appear on Japanese currency

VANCOUVER, B.C.—There are moves in the western Canada and the United States to reevaluate Inazo Nitobe who died in Victoria in 1933, now that his portrait will be appearing on the new ¥5,000 note to be issued this fall.

A research symposium will be held by Japanese American and Canadian scholars here in May. Nitobe's dreams of a "bridge over the Pacific" are being realized 50 years after his death.

Nitobe passed away on his way back from the Banff (Alberta) international conferences of the Pacific Problems Research Institute. He was an assistant secretary-general of the League of Nations during the anti-Japanese international environment of the Manchurian incident and Japan's secession from the League.

Norman MacKenzie, 89, former Univ. of British Columbia president, was instrumental in constructing the Nitobe Memorial Park "As a close friend, I am very happy that Nitobe's portrait will appear on the Japanese currency."

In 1926, MacKenzie was a legal adviser to the International Labor Organization (ILO) in Geneva where he met Nitobe. "There were criticisms that he supported Japanese militarism, but I consider that he tried to protect pacifism."

When MacKenzie became the charter head of the Univ. of British Columbia after World War II, he "returned" the Nitobe Stone Lantern to the campus. It had been neglected.

As a result, concerned Canadians of Japanese ancestry built a full-scale garden. An Asian Research Center was added on campus after the Sanyo Pavilion at the Japanese Exposition was moved to the university. The late Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira gave \$500,000 to the ARC because of Nitobe's association.

More than 100 Japanology scholars are due at the Nitobe-Ohira conference, themed "Modern Japanese History—Inazo Nitobe the Man and His Ideas." One Sansei (American), 38-year-old George Oshiro, an ARC graduate, will be among those who will read papers at the symposium.

## MOSHI-MOSHI

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educated, most literate, and curious farmers of the world at this time. Their zeal for crop improvement was primarily motivated by the necessity to keep a jump or two ahead of starvation and tax officials, but they no doubt enjoyed experimenting with crops.

To satisfy the insatiable need of the governments for more rice, which was their revenue, new lands had to be brought under cultivation. These lands had remained untouched, primarily for lack of water. It was the peasants more often than the administrators who conceived, planned, and engineered irrigation systems. A notable example was the Hakone Yōsui. Begun in 1660 and completed in 1667, it brings water from Lake Ashi by a 4200 foot tunnel to what had been an arid tract on the south slope of Mt. Fuji. The tunnel was bored from both ends, the diggers meeting in the middle.

From early on the city of Edo had an excellent water system. The biggest of the aqueducts, the 48 kilometer long Tamagawa Jōsui, was conceived by the government, but the men who engineered the whole project were two Tamagawa brothers. They were peasants. The present day water system still uses parts of old system.

Below, a summation by yours truly.

These were the people who were chiefly responsible for maintaining Japan's economy for centuries with their industry, wisdom, enterprise, fortitude, patience, and deep love of land, while carrying on their backs the crushing deadweight of the utterly useless, parasitic sam'rai class and the imperial court in Kyoto. (1 out of 16 of Japan's population belonged to the sam'rai class.) And these were the people who, in spite of the harsh conditions under which they had to live, had the spirit and joy of life to create the old folkway of Japan, for instance the countless *matsuri*—festivals—for all and any occasions, with their gay, merry folk songs and folk dances. They knew how to have fun. They were proud of being *hyakusho*, farmers. The obverse side of the dark picture I may have presented was bright and cheerful, like the prints of Hiroshige.

[The author spells samurai as widely pronounced: "sam'rai."—PC]

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## Poor health of native Hawaiians blamed on collective despair

HONOLULU—Among all the ethnic groups in the U.S., Hawaiians are considered most highly susceptible to cancer, heart disease and diabetes, according to Dr. Richard Kekuni Blaisdell.

"Changes brought about in Hawaiian lifestyle and environment with the discovery and exploitation of the Islands by Europeans may be responsible," he said.

"The Univ. of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture has analyzed the old Hawaiian diet, "and it turns out to be far superior to ours, with only one exception—a prodigious consumption of 'pa'a kai' [salt]."

Blaisdell said the common people's diet in old Hawaii consisted primarily of taro, sweet potato, yam, banana, breadfruit, mountain apples (ohi'a a'i), fish and other seafood including shellfish and limu, an occasional fowl, and coconut.

"One of the leading causes of ill health today is stress. The old Hawaiians, on the other hand, were completely in harmony with nature. They considered themselves integral to it. Health to them was a proper balance of harmony with nature.

"Modern Hawaiians are unhealthy. We have failed to adapt to culture shock, and have never really successfully coped with cultural conflict and collective despair," he said.

## Japanese lawyers not sure Americans should be allowed to practice in Japan

TOKYO—The Japan Federation of Bar Assns. has run into difficulties in coordinating members' views on the U.S. demand that American attorneys be allowed to practice in this country.

Under Japanese law, foreign lawyers are not allowed to open offices and to practice law. On the other hand, the U.S. government is urging the Japanese to allow them, declaring the "problem has become part of the trade friction issue."

In November, the JFBA and American Bar Assn. representatives met to discuss the situation, but without results. Under the Japanese judicial system, the government guarantees bar groups strong autonomy.

Thus, the government plans to study specific measures after the JFBA works out its problems. Those in favor of permitting foreign lawyers to practice offered these arguments:

—Japan should open law practice market because its

service is liberalized in major international cities like New York, London and Paris.

—With economic internationalization, not only firms with investments abroad but those operating only in this country are calling for the admission to practice of foreign attorneys.

Those who objected said: —Practices vary greatly from country to country, including systems of licensing lawyers, or their areas of services. Social roles differ greatly.

—The change will have a great impact on the Japanese lawyers' system; and

—Since foreign lawyers are allowed to acquire a license in Japan, it is not necessary to allow attorneys without a Japanese permit to practice in the country.

It is not certain whether the present federation leadership will be able to work out a basic stance before its term expires in March.

## Matsunaga labeled 'globally responsible'

WASHINGTON—Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) was scored by *New Options*, a Washington, D.C., opinion publication, as one of only four "decentralist, ecological, fiscally sound, and globally responsible" United States senators.

The other three were Sen. Gary Hart (D-Colo.), Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.), and Claiborne Pell (D-RI). All 535 members of Congress were scored, and the four senators were among 18 members with high scores for sponsorship of 19 bills and resolutions last year in line with the publication's "emerging post-liberal/post-conservative consensus."

On the *New Options* scorecard, three members of the House scored 76 points (out of a possible 100) and another 13 people in Congress, including the four senators, scored over 67 points. The three House members were Rep. Ronald V. Dellums (D-Calif.), Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio), and Mel Levine (D-Calif.).

The scoring criteria, based on bills and resolutions introduced, covered subjects ranging from "real security"

to "future focus" and included such topics—identified with the Hawaii lawmaker—as "space cooperation," "peace academy" and "renewable energy."

The publication is published by *New Options*, Inc. of Washington, D.C., whose advisors include humanist psychologist Carl Rogers, futurist John Naisbitt, economist Robert Theobald and journalist James Fallows. The scoring was announced late last month.

## Ceremony held for statehood stamp

HONOLULU — Postmaster Michio Harada presided over the 9 a.m. ceremony on Mar. 12 that commemorated the issuance of Hawaii's 25th anniversary postage stamp. Also in attendance were Gov. George Ariyoshi, Mayor Eileen Anderson, and Herb Kane, designer of the 20-cent stamp.

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