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Personification of JACL

HITO OKADA: 1907-1984

Father of the JACL 1000 Club, wartime National JACL treasurer (1938-46), and national JACL president (1946-50) Hito Okada passed away April 5 at a Salt Lake City nursing home. A Masonic funeral was conducted last Monday noon. (Obituary on page 11.)

Senate hearing on redress bill set

WASHINGTON—Ron Ikejiri, JACL Washington Representative, reported on April 6 that hearings on S 2116 and HR 4110 have been scheduled by House and Senate subcommittees.

Ikejiri, who has been working with the staffs of both subcommittees to whom the bills have been referred, said the Senate subcommittee hearing has been confirmed for June 1. It will be held at the Veterans Administration in West Los Angeles from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

The hearing will be conducted by the Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Civil Service, Post Office, and General Services, chaired by Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska). It is expected that Stevens will chair the hearing.

Mark Barnes, chief counsel to Stevens, informed the Washington JACL office that a hearing will be held in Anchorage, Alaska, in May on the Aleut portion of S 2116.

It was also reported that a House hearing on HR 4110 is being contemplated in Washington for the third week in June. HR 4110 has been referred to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Law, chaired by Rep. Sam B. Hall (D-Texas).

Although a House subcommittee hearing appeared to be somewhat remote over the past month because of scheduling problems, the last week of March a "markup" session on regulatory reform legislation was cancelled, opening the subcommittee calendar.

Significant Step

"I'm pleased to report the confirmation of a hearing date on S 2116 and a possible date on HR 4110," Ikejiri reported to John Tateishi, National JACL redress director, "because hearings on both bills are important in keeping the issue moving forward.... The fact that hearings are even being held on the redress bills, with less than 50 legislative days remaining in the 98th Congress, is a strong indicator that both chairmen feel that the gravity of the wrong-doing to those affected by the bill demands a full and complete review by the Congress."

Ikejiri reminded Tateishi that "legislators

pass bills, not organizations," and that the JACL owes "warm words of appreciation" to Sens. Spark Matsunaga, Daniel Inouye and Stevens, as well as to Reps. James Wright, Norman Mineta, Robert Matsui, Mike Lowry and all the other supporters of redress legislation in the Senate and House for their efforts in advancing the issue.

Tateishi agreed that the hearings are significant and said that, "In anticipation of the hearings, the JACL has been preparing testimony on the merits of the redress bills."

Reaction from Sponsors

"The announcement that the House will soon call hearings on HR 4110 is a major step in our continuing effort to obtain redress," said Matsui (D-Calif.), who, along with Reps. Lowry (D-Wash.) and Mineta (D-Calif.) had requested the hearings in a March 16 letter to subcommittee chair Hall.

Matsui anticipates "an educational breakthrough" from the hearings. "The key to this nation's accepting redress rests on a greater understanding of what happened," he said, "and for that reason I am encouraged by this new development."

Mineta said he was "truly thrilled," by the prospect of hearings. "Every step forward for redress legislation is a victory of civil liberties and a vindication of our cause," he said. "Scheduling these hearings constitutes one large step in the long and difficult process of passing redress legislation and reflects the attention and support of people throughout our nation. These hearings should add to the positive momentum provided by the 98 members of the House of Representatives who are now sponsoring our legislation."

"Our bill, HR 4110, deserves these hearings and I am optimistic," he concluded.

Both S 2116 and HR 4110 incorporate the recommendations of the Commission on War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians. Their major provision concerning Japanese Americans is the payment of \$20,000 to each individual who resided in a prohibited military zone as of Dec. 7, 1941, or who was confined during World War II by order of the U.S. government.



TOURING—Tokyo Ballet Group performs in Los Angeles and San Francisco (story on page 3).

Asian American Democrats: getting involved in political process means clear goals, hard work

By KAREN SERIGUCHI

LOS ANGELES—High state officials gave lessons last Saturday to approximately 160 Asian Pacific Democrats in how to get political power, how to use it, and how to keep it.

Among the speakers at the biennial convention of the California Democratic Party's Asian Pacific Caucus were Rep. Norman Mineta, Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy, state assembly speaker Willie Brown Jr., state senate president pro tem David Roberti, secretary of state March Fong Eu, state attorney general John Van de Kamp, state senator Art Torres, L.A. county supervisor Kenneth Hahn and assemblywoman Gwen Moore (49th dist.). The event was held at Amfac Hotel.

A number of themes echoed throughout the day. The call was loudest for the defeat of President Reagan, the butt of jokes and caustic remarks from speaker after speaker. On other issues, participants were told were that Asians must conduct intensive voter registration drives, work with other minority groups, make clear demands to elected officials, and perhaps most importantly, hold those officials accountable.

Roberti predicted that California will see few affirmative action appointments, because "the base of support on which [the governor] has relied is so chock full of racists."

It was Brown who told the gathering the kinds of retaliatory measures minority leaders could expect from established power-holders. Brown, who has appointed a number of minorities and women in the assembly to committee chairs, cited Proposition 24 as the

most blatant attack on his leadership. That initiative, Brown said, would allow a handful of Republicans to stop any legislative action, large or small, from passage.

"We must field more candidates, everywhere we can," Brown said. "And we should concentrate on Asians."

In his keynote address, Mineta discussed two specific pieces of legislation of concern to Asian Americans: immigration reform and redress for Japanese and Aleut Americans interned during WW2. As a result of coalition-building, every Black member of Congress is co-sponsoring the redress bill, he noted.

Mineta stressed that Asians must work as well on broad issues. "We must be concerned with truly national and international issues if we are to be a force in national politics," he concluded.

Stands of Presidential Candidates

A main event of the conference was a forum in which representatives of Gary Hart, Walter Mondale, and Jesse Jackson gave their positions on Asian Pacific issues.

Representing Jackson were Bill Chong, national campaign vice chair for Asian Americans, and Mike Murase, California coordinator. Mineta and Fred Fujioka of Asians for Mondale represented Mondale. Hart's positions were delivered by John Emerson, California coordinator, and Debbie Shon of Asians for Hart.

Few differences emerged on such issues as immigration, redress, federal assistance for minority-owned businesses, and weakening

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NURTURING FUTURE LEADERS—Present at state ceremony were (from left): Eleanor Chow, pres., Montebello Sch. Dist.; Jack Hamahashi, principal, Malcolm X Intermediate, Berkeley; Dr. Elena Wong, Ofc. of External Affairs; Christine Owyang, Allendale Elementary, Oakland; Dr. Aurora C. Barrozo, Compensatory Education Ofc.; Dr. Ron Dangaran, Fresno elementary schools; Dr. William C. Chun-Hoon, principal, Castelar Elementary, Los Angeles; Willard Yamaguchi, Montebello Sch. Dist.; Nancy Ichinaga, principal, Bennett Elementary, Inglewood.

Calif. honors leaders in compensatory education

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Bill Honig honored 24 principals of compensatory-education schools Feb. 29.

The honored schools, which comprised 21 elementary, one junior high, and two senior high schools, met three levels of screening criteria: (1) performance

above expectation on standardized skills tests; (2) evidence of strong leadership by the principal, an emphasis on academics, instructional effectiveness, a school and classroom environment that facilitated learning, continuous monitoring, parent and community support, and auxiliary staff support; and (3) compliance with regulations, commitment to the project, and confirmation of audits by the state department of education.

"These schools have proved that schools can make a difference, that there is no ceiling to achievement, and that the factors that make for quality education are largely within the control of school people," said Honig.

State and federal compensatory-education funds are awarded to schools on the basis of socio-economic factors. Compensatory-education services are intended to supplement the regular education programs for educationally disadvantaged students, that is, those whose achievement is below expectations.

'No fingerprinting,' say nearly 2 million

TOKYO—About 1.8 million signatures were collected on a recent petition seeking an end to fingerprinting of foreign citizens, reports Agence France Presse.

One thousand representatives of Korean organizations met with leaders of Japan's political parties late last month to hand them protest petitions, declaring that fingerprinting requirement under Japan's alien registration law is in violation of human rights.

The meeting was organized by the Korean Residents in Japan, a Tokyo-based pro-South Korea Assn., and attended by the ruling Liberal-Democratic Party, the Democratic Socialist Party and other political groups.

The Justice Ministry said that foreign nationals were charged with refusing to have their fingerprints put on their registration cards. There are about 675,000 Koreans living in Japan.

Matsunaga urges education programs for Native Islanders

WASHINGTON — Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) urged members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources to adopt recommendations contained in the year-old Native Hawaiian Educational Assessment Project report. Matsunaga said the re-

port clearly documents that Native Hawaiians, who rank at the bottom of most measures of educational achievement, have unique needs as a consequence of their culture. He also compared their situation to that of Native American Indians and said that, "There is a clear federal responsibility for Native Hawaiians [who were] profoundly affected by the arrival in this country of the Western European."

Aid to Marcos protested

SAN FRANCISCO—Seventy persons picketed the Japanese consulate on March 16 in protest of Japan's plans to continue its aid to the Philippines, the *Hokubei Mainichi* reported.

Japan plans to loan the country 55 billion yen (about \$242 million), despite current investigations into the conflicting accounts of the assassination of opposition leader Benigno Aquino last August.

The *Mainichi* quoted a member of the Coalition Against the Marcos Dictatorship as saying that "Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone's administration is not preoccupied with the Filipino people's desire for genuine democracy. To bail out Marcos is to save the life of his dictatorship and prolong one-man rule."

Sens. hold 2 delegate votes

HONOLULU—Hawaii Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga will represent two constituencies when they attend the Democratic national convention in San Francisco. They were picked as part of the U.S. senate "delegation," and both are already part of the 27-member Hawaii delegation. Inouye is supporting Walter Mondale while Matsunaga is uncommitted.

Hawaii's Democratic national committee-woman Momi Minn Lee said their appointment won't effectively change the state's representation.

The U.S. House earlier selected 164 representatives to attend as unpledged delegates.

Immigration to hit House floor

WASHINGTON — After Rules Committee hearings, the controversial Simpson-Mazzoli bill is expected to go to the full House of Representatives by early May. Speaker Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill Jr. told reporters that he will not allow opponents to block the bill's passage with amendments. Another bill, supported by members of the House Hispanic Caucus, will be considered, however.

The Simpson-Mazzoli bill would penalize employers who hire undocumented immigrants. All U.S. residents would have identification cards showing their citizenship or valid resident's permits. Opponents of the bill fear that employers would discriminate further against "foreign-looking" job applicants.

U.W. to combine studies

SEATTLE—Univ. of Washington president William Gerberding announced on March 5 a plan to consolidate three ethnic studies programs into a single department. Under the plan, Afro-American, Asian American, and Chicano Studies will merge into a Dept. of American Ethnic Studies. U.W. students have responded to the proposal with sit-ins and rallies. Minority students fear that each program will have to fight the others for scarce resources and will lose its individual focus.

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Seattle Ordinance 111571, making reparation to individuals of Japanese ancestry who were dismissed, laid-off, terminated, rejected or forced to resign from City employment during the period of January 1, 1942 to December 31, 1947, was signed by Mayor Charles Royer on March 6, 1984. Copies of the Ordinance are available from the City Clerk's office. Information regarding provisions of the Ordinance and guidelines for receiving reparation are available from the Seattle Department of Human Resources, (206) 625-5462.

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● **Community affairs**

SEATTLE—The Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs will have three Commissioner vacancies as of June 30, 1984. Interested persons should submit a letter of interest, two letters of recommendation from the community and a resume indicating experience in the Asian Pacific American community. The letters should be addressed to the Governor's office, but should be turned into the Commission office at 671 S. Jackson St. Suite 206, Seattle, WA 98104. For more information, call 464-5820.

LOS ANGELES—For Fair Housing Month, the Fair Housing Congress of S. California is presenting a bike-a-thon, open houses, lectures, and an attorney/realtor seminar. For more information, or to file a complaint regarding discrimination in housing, dial (213) H-O-U-S-E-I-N-G.

LOS ANGELES—Visual Communications conducts a two-part photography workshop for beginners, April 14 and 28, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, led by Alan Kondo and Kaz Takeuchi. Fee is \$20. Participants should bring cameras to the workshop, held at the JACCC center, 244 S. San Pedro, 2nd fl. For information, call 680-4462.

LOS ANGELES—Bryce Yokomizo, director of Asian Pacific Community Relations speaks on Medicare, Medical and SSI benefits for stroke victims at a Nikkei Stroke Program workshop, Sunday, April 15, 1-3 p.m., Little Tokyo Service Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 410. For more information, call Shigenobu Kabashima, 680-3729.

ARLETA, Ca.—Nikkei Village Inc. Senior Citizens Housing of San Fernando Valley, sponsored by the SFV Japanese American Community Center, is seeking a resident manager, it was announced by John Nishizaki, JACC chair. Inquiries are being handled by Glen Dalhmer (818) 896-9675. The project is situated adjacent to the SFV JACC at 12953 Branford St. near the junction of the Hollywood and Golden State freeways. Out-of-town inquiries about residency are also encouraged.

BERKELEY, Ca.—George Yoshida leads a discussion on "The Nisei Faces Retirement," at Nikkei Drop-In Center, Saturday, April 14 from 10 a.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, corner of Hearts St. and Martin Luther King Way. The meeting opens with tai chi chih exercises.

ANAHEIM, Ca.—A number of Nikkei participated as presenters at the 30th annual Western Gerontological Society meeting at the Marriott Hotel here. They included Louise Kamikawa, Satsuki Tomine, Susan Tomita, Betty Kozasa, Keith Shirakawa and Alan Kumamoto.

● **Cultural events**

CLAYTON, Mo.—"Japanese/American Influences," a show of sculpture by Kristine Yuki Aono, is on display through May 11, at Artists on the Corner, 802 DeMun. For information, call (314) 721-1695.

CUPERTINO, Ca.—The first annual Cherry Blossom Festival of Cupertino will be held Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Oaks Shopping Center, opposite DeAnza College on Stevens Creek Blvd. San Francisco Taiko Dojo performs twice. Other entertainment and exhibits include samisen, Japanese dance, banjo, martial arts, ikebana, calligraphy, bonsai, embroidery and pottery.

BERKELEY, Ca.—"Honey Bucket: The Viet Nam Generation Speaks..." by Mel Escueta, is presented at U.S. Berkeley's Dwinelle Hall, Rm. 155, April 15, 2 p.m. It moves to the YMCA, 220 Golden Gate Ave. in San Francisco for performances at 8 p.m. on April 21 and 2 p.m. on April 22 and 29. Tickets range up to \$6, varying with location. The play focuses on the struggles of a Pilipino Vietnam veteran to come to grips with his combat experiences.

SAN FRANCISCO—Asian American Theater Company presents Ernest Abuba's "An American Story," through May 6 at the Julian Theater, 953 DeHaro St. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday, with matinees April 15 and 29. Abuba's work looks at the lives of eight persons in a waterfront bar. For tickets, call 433-7853.

SAN FRANCISCO—"Nisei Soldier," a documentary about the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, will be screened at Western Addition public library branch, Geary Blvd. and Scott St., Saturday, April 21, at 4 p.m.

● **Educational concerns**

LOS ANGELES—Asian American Studies Center at UCLA announces a job opening for assistant coordinator of its reading room/library. The assistant helps in cataloging, acquisitions, circulation control and statistical recording. Individuals with a demonstrated knowledge of Asian American studies research and literature are encouraged to apply. High school graduation and two years of library or related experience are required, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Good clerical and interpersonal skills are also required. Resume and cover letter should be sent to Marjorie Lee, Chair, Reading Room Hiring Committee, UCLA Asian American Studies Center, 3232 Campbell Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90024, by April 23.

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Entertainers to perform at fund-raiser for redress coalition

LOS ANGELES—"Target: Washington" is the theme of a fund-raiser being held for the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCR) at Little Tokyo Towers, 455 E. 3rd St. on Saturday, April 21 from 7 to 10 p.m.

The program is so named because NCR is campaigning for congressional action on four redress bills that have been introduced to the House and Senate. Each bill calls for some form of monetary compensation for Japanese Americans and Alaskan Aleuts who were uprooted from their homes and incarcerated by the U.S. government during WW2.

The program features singer-songwriter Nobuko Miyamoto, artist-in-residence at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center and director of performing arts group Great Leap. She has appeared in various productions, includ-

ing the "Sansei Donburi" variety show and her own production, "The Best of Both Worlds," which were seen last year at the Japan America Theater.

Also providing entertainment will be Cold Tofu, a improvisational comedy group, with members Marilyn Tokuda, Jerry Tondo, Nelson Mashita, Denice Kumagai, and Irma Escamilla.

Refreshments will be provided. NCR members at the event will provide an update on the current legislative situation. The redress bills are still in committee, and public hearings will be held by a Senate or House subcommittee.

NCR plans to be represented at these hearings, whether they are held locally or in Washington, D.C. Community organizations and individuals are expected to testify.

Admission is \$6. Students and Issei will be given a \$1

discount. For further information, please call Jim at

498-5637 (days) or David at 266-1007 (evenings).

Sasakawa donating UCLA \$1 million

LOS ANGELES—Philanthropist Ryoichi Sasakawa, 84, chairman of the Japan Shipbuilding Promotion Assn., will be here April 16 to present UCLA \$1 million to promote its program of Japan studies, it was announced by the University Council on International and Comparative Studies.

Prof. Hans Baerwald, who had asked him for the gift two years ago, said the money will also enable UCLA to be-

come the first U.S. university promoting research projects with Japan in physical and natural science.

Sasakawa is remembered for his \$5 million to finance an engineering study for the proposed L.A.-San Diego

"bullet train," \$48 million to establish the U.S.-Japan Foundation; and \$500,000 to the local Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.

Jackson supporters to gather April 14

LOS ANGELES—Asian Pacific Americans for Jesse Jackson (APAJJ) holds its first major fund-raiser at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., on Saturday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m.

APAJJ, which was formed earlier this year, is a coalition of local Asian Americans whose main activities are voter registration drives, educational programs, and direct participation in the Democratic primaries and the national convention. 17 APAJJ members will be on

the June 5 California Democratic primary ballot as delegates for Jackson.

Entertainment for the event is provided by the husband-and-wife team of Dom Magwili and Saachiko, who perform songs and skits about the Asian/Pacific American experience.

General admission is \$7.50. Students and seniors pay \$5. All donations are tax deductible. For further information, call Evelyn Yoshimura, co-chair of APAJJ, at 680-3729 (days).

Tokyo Ballet Group to celebrate 25th anniversary with United States tour

BERKELEY, Ca.—Tokyo Ballet Group appears at Zellerbach Auditorium on the U.C. Berkeley campus, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 24-25, at 8 p.m. each evening.

On April 24, the group performs "Haku," "Eclipse" and "Jeanne d'Arc," featuring Yuriko Kimura. The program on April 25 includes "Okinawa," "Zen," "Bukyo-ku" and "Motomezuka."

The group gives a free lecture-demonstration on April 25, 2 p.m., in the auditorium.

Guest artist Yuriko Kimura is principal dancer of the Martha Graham Dance Company.

In its first American tour, the Tokyo Ballet Group celebrates its 25th anniversary season. It has won numerous awards for its fusions of Japanese traditional dance with Western ballet.

Tickets are on sale at BASS ticket centers and can be charged by telephone, (415) 893-2277 or (408) 998-2277. For more information, call (415) 642-7511.

L.A. Performance

A benefit performance by the troupe will be held Wednesday, May 9, at Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St. Proceeds will fund future theater programs.

A champagne party to toast the first anniversary of the theater precedes the performance from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the north gallery of the adjacent Japanese American Cultural and Community Center. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m.

Tickets for the gala benefit are \$50 per person, which includes the reception. For information and tickets, call 680-3700.

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More than a Committee

The action by the national board to approve an operational structure for the coordination of the redress campaign mandates that John Tateishi, as the national redress director, assume responsibility for the daily functioning of the program.

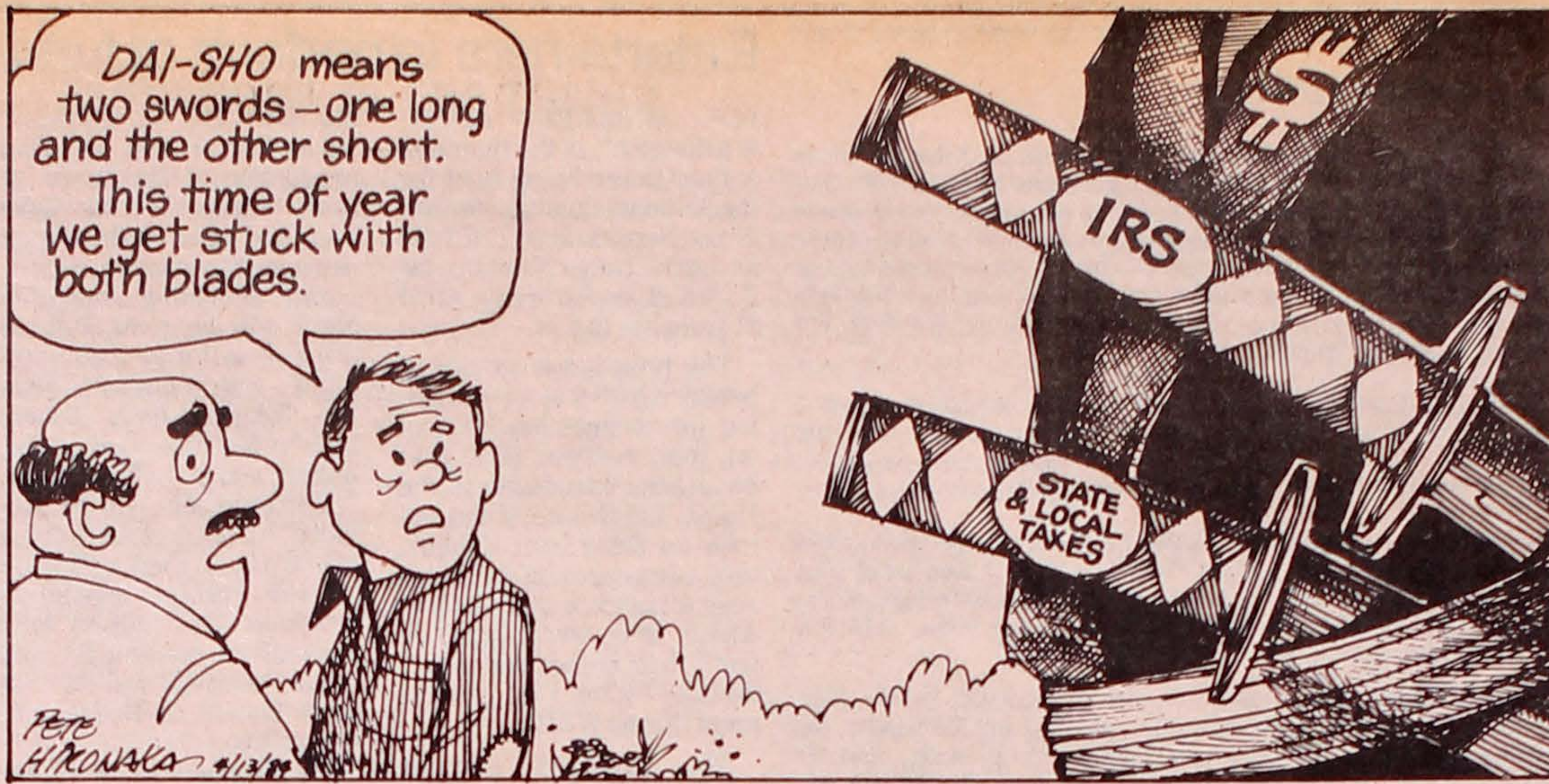
In effect, the national board assumes direct policy responsibility over the redress program, as the primary organizational focus of the JACL. Rather than a committee operation, the redress program is a campaign and was structured accordingly. The venerable Minoru Yasui is essentially the chair of a campaign to which this organization is directed.

The operational structure was designed to provide coverage on each member of Congress. The system of having chapter assignments, area coordinators and regional coordinators attempted to reconcile the distribution of JACL chapters with various political jurisdictions. Admittedly, we have gaps in the structure because of the nature of the population distribution of Japanese Americans in the United States.

The tasks that need to be accomplished through this structure will include congressional contact and correspondence. They will include efforts to garner local support from civic, ethnic, religious and other special interest organizations. They will require efforts to obtain the formal support of local governmental units and political and community leaders.

On another level, special focus on national entities, paralleling the work at local levels, will have to be engaged. Key members of the Congress, who by their office, influence, committee assignment and other such factors are significant to our efforts, will have a special focus. Similarly, efforts to have the political party structures embrace a supportive position on redress must be generated.

The unstated part of the plan is personal to each of us. Each person carries a unique constellation of relationships with others in his or her environment. There are people within this environment that can be influenced and recruited. There is also the need for each of us to become involved in the political process, to develop relationships and seize opportunities. Rather than wait for occasions to arise, we ought to be mindful that an election year presents the kind of situation in which we may most likely be able to create relationships by our participation in and contribution to the political process.



WOMEN'S CONCERNS:

Behind Every Successful JACL Leader . . .

By MIKI HIMENO

JACL is often referred to as a male-dominated organization because men are presumed to be the ones who care about such "heady" issues as civil rights, redress, ethnic concerns, employment and wage discrimination. The reality is that behind every successful male JACL leader have been scores of women, doggedly performing those tasks that have given endurance to the chapter activities over and beyond tea and cookies.

Take for example the East Los Angeles chapter. President Doug Masuda has often said that, "It's the Ms.'s in the chapter who have made it the success that it is."

There's Mable Yoshizaki who probably knows more details of the many chapter functions than its presidents. Unobtrusively she assigns jobs to see that all posts are covered for the various chapter activities, and she has stood behind presidents and officers as their executive assistant. Mable is an

exception among women in that she is not only a fantastic cook but she has herself served as ELA's president four times!

Michi Obi is another valuable asset in that she has managed the large membership portfolio for, as she says, "too long." She has seen the philosophy of membership change from subsidizing the fee in depressed ELA to adding redress donation to membership dues. She keeps insurance subscribers current of their memberships and sells neckties and the redress program as well.

And there's Mattie Furuta who's been a member since 1958, organizing dances, selecting dance bands, selling tickets, as endurable as her husband, Sam, who was named "Mr. ELA JACL." She's done all the jobs like membership and youth work right alongside Sam from the early days of its inception.

There are other Ms.'s and others who are not Ms., but it takes all of us, not just leaders, to make JACL run.

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- Communicates regularly with those Federal agencies/departments which administer programs impacting or having significance to the JACL and the Japanese American community.
- Keeps the National Director apprised of activity with the Congress and Federal Government which has bearing on the objectives of the JACL.
- Aids the National Director in carrying out the programs of the JACL.
- Prepares proposals, explores funding sources and secures funding for JACL programs.
- Develops a work plan for the Washington Office, which shall be reviewed and approved annually by the National Director.
- Writes reports on current legislation and activities in the Federal government affecting the JACL for the Pacific Citizen.
- Provides technical assistance to the Eastern District Council.
- Manages the daily office administration of the JACL Washington, D.C. Office.
- Works with other staff members on specific assignment by the National Director.
- Provides other duties as required by the National Director or his/her designated representative.

Qualifications

- Graduation from an accredited college or university with a degree in law is preferred.
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- Must possess knowledge of Japanese American history, community and characteristics, and possess an appreciation of minority ethnic contribution and circumstance in the United States.
- Must demonstrate knowledge of the political process and how it relates to minority group people specifically and society as a whole.
- Must be able to write in clear, precise language; analyze legislation; speak before public groups.
- Should be acquainted with international relations as it applies to U.S. Foreign Policy especially to Japan and the Far East.
- Ability to understand the Japanese language is desirable but not required.
- Familiarity with the various aspects of the wartime internment of Japanese Americans is essential.

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- The ability to work with a diverse population of backgrounds, interests, and personalities is essential.
- The ability to work extended hours and weekends is a requirement of the position.
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Special Requirements

- Active membership in the JACL. Valid Motor Vehicle Operator's license. Willingness to register as a lobbyist for the JACL.

Application Process

- Current vita should be sent to National Director, JACL Nat'l HQ, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115, (415) 921-JACL; Posting closes: May 9, 1984; Salary: \$22K, Up to Negotiable.

Japanese at the Door!

By EDWIN O. KENNEDY

Madison, Wis.

"There are a lot of Japanese at the door!" Our church secretary rushed into my study, breathless and agitated, to sound the alarm. As a Mid-westerner far from the battlefield, she had enjoyed the comfortable feeling of isolation and relative security. But now, at her very doorstep, was "The Enemy"!

The "lot of Japanese" was the Nomura family. They were the first arrivals in Madison, Wisconsin, from the so-called relocation centers in which thousands of people of Japanese descent, many of them United States citizens, had been imprisoned for months, surrounded by barbed wire and armed guards. After many months of extreme hardship, arrangements were made for some of them to be relocated.

Through sponsorship by a committee of concerned citizens, led by the head of the local American Legion Post, the Nomuras were released and welcomed to Madison and given an opportunity to start life anew 2,000 miles from the homes where they had lived most of their lives. Harry Nomura had been the proprietor of two large and prosperous superstores in Los Angeles. He was accompanied by his wife and five children. Forced to dispose of his stores on very short notice, he

had sold them at distress prices, but managed to salvage enough to enable him to buy a home in a middle-class neighborhood.

Although the Committee on Relocation had carried on an extensive publicity campaign to inform the citizens of the resettlement program, people, especially in the Midwest, where Japanese were not common, were generally not prepared to welcome and accept the Nomuras. As a member of the Relocation Committee I heard the phone ring. A woman's voice, in wild and angry protest, exclaimed: "My husband gets up at 4 o'clock in the morning to work in the munitions plant to make arms to blow the Japanese off the earth, and a family has moved in right next door to us!"

Fortunately there were no acts of violence. Quietly the Nomuras settled into their home and garden. They had brought with them a few cans of crabmeat, then a luxury, and distributed them to their neighbor along with some flowers and vegetables from their garden. Gradually the initial hostility subsided to acceptance.

Helen and Her Brothers

Eventually over a hundred Japanese Americans were resettled in Madison. Slowly and unobtrusively they wove themselves into the fabric of the community. Among them were

three orphans: a teen-age girl and two younger brothers who arrived through sponsorship by our family. I met Helen at the train, expecting to see a beaten-down refugee. Instead there alighted a trim, attractive and fully poised young woman, wearing a fur coat and orchid. (We learned later that they were shared with her by friends who wanted to build up her morale for her venture.) She spoke to me in flawless English. Later she confided that she was always startled to look in the mirror and see Japanese features, so fully had she become identified with the West.

Helen lived with us and became a much-loved member of our family and a delightful companion for our two small daughters. With very little help from others, she put herself and her two brothers through the University of Wisconsin and ultimately filled a highly responsible position at a leading fashion store in Chicago. She married another Nisei. After years of frustration due to race prejudice, they were able to buy a home in a nearby city. She is now a foremost teacher in a top-rank school and her husband, formerly the director of a social settlement, is now a school official. They have three children, including two boys who are highly trained and well-placed in their respective professions, and a daughter who was recently married to a theological student. Helen's two brothers both have graduate degrees and hold important positions.

Last October we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. Relatives and friends gathered at the home of a daughter in Boston. Among them was Helen, who came a thousand miles to help us to celebrate as a beloved member of our family for over 40 years.

* * *

Eventually the Nomuras returned to California after the death of their daughter, Violet, whose passing was almost certainly hastened by the privations of the concentration camp. Their first letter told of their wistfulness at leaving Wisconsin and in language that reflected their long and agonized efforts to master English, but in clear and vivid words that even professional writers might envy:

"We presume that everyone in your family is enjoying with New Jersey fall season. We remember and reminded Madison of fall season which surrounded with beautiful nature in rich colors that we ever enjoyed. Here in California we have no such delightness at all."

Their joy at being "home" was overshadowed by the discovery that race prejudice persisted and the children suffered from it in school. Gradually, however, it began to dissipate and they were able to establish a home and business and he could write:

"The public sentiment has been changed into comfortable and satisfactory. I am rather surprised comparing with two years ago, when I called here on account of my property and business affairs. I am glad to see this, and we all contented with such favorable condition as existing."

Other letters arrived from time to time. I searched them in vain to find any trace of bitterness at the cruel injustice which had been imposed on them. They spoke only of their deep thankfulness at having been made welcome by the people who had violated their rights and subjected them to long months of heartbreak and hardship:

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Japanese gloves better than players

St. Petersburg, Fla.

A sports section piece by Dave Scheiber in a recent issue of the *St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times* is substantially more than a Grapefruit League baseball story. It says something about business enterprise, and why the Japanese are taking over the baseball equipment industry even though they can't play the game as well as Americans and Latins.

Scheiber went down to a local baseball stadium where Big League teams play spring training games and found that four craftsmen from Japan's Mizuno company and their American leader had set up shop at 8 a.m. outside their Winnebago. The craftsmen had a big sewing machine and leather and other stuff and they were ready and able to stitch, repair and assemble custom-designed baseball gloves for the Big Leaguers right there in the ball park. That's business enterprise.

The Mizuno people also had some of their innovative merchandise on display, too. Among them was an electronic gadget that emits warning beeps when a player chasing a long fly nears the fence on the run. There was also an electronic helmet that enables baserunners and batters to hear signals transmitted by the third base coach.

They were demonstrating a "Black Magic" glove made of bullet-proof nylon already used by some major leaguers. Its advantage is that it weighs only half as much as a leather one. Another glove had a tinted plastic shade built into the webbing to be used as a sun shield in catching tall flies. Some of these ideas were developed after

talking to the ballplayers and learning about the shortcomings of present equipment.

Mizuno's American promotion manager, Jim Darby, told the reporter: "There are many fine manufacturers in sporting goods, so the only way to survive is to be different, to keep improving. I realize that some of the new ideas may never go. But it makes people think." The Mizuno team puts 80,000 miles a year on the Winnebago as the men go around in search of new ideas and introducing their merchandise and services.

Meanwhile, Cappy Harada, president of Professional Sports Licensing Inc., has written to update information which appeared in the Jan. 27 Frying Pan column. In it, we quoted Takeso Shimoda, commissioner of Japanese baseball, as saying the quality of their players has improved so much that American Big League cast-offs are no longer worth the ample salaries they command.

Harada writes: Commissioner Shimoda had to apologize to the owners for his statement. The Japanese owners feel that baseball in Japan still needs help and I agree with them 100 percent.

"I have had the privilege of watching the progress of professional baseball in both the U.S. and Japan ever since the end of World War II, and can state that Japanese baseball still has a long way to go to battle our Major Leagues in a World Series. A true World Series between the United States and Japan will probably never come in our time."

I don't know anyone who understands more about U.S. and Japanese professional baseball than Cappy Harada, so you can bank on his judgment. But when it comes to business, the Japanese don't have to take a back seat to their American competitors.

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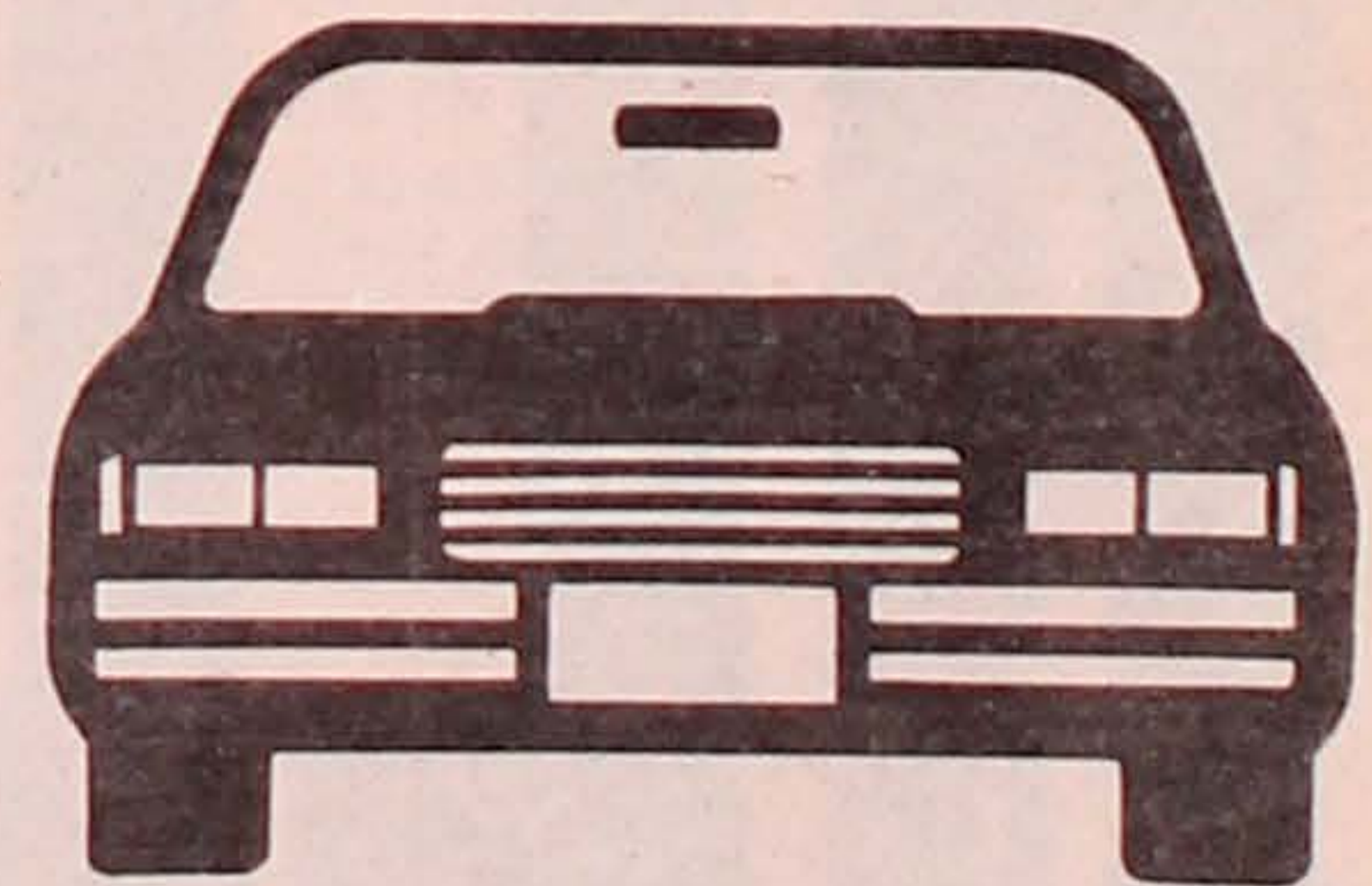
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- Golf tournament registration and entry fee should be mailed to Taii Kaili, 23214 Vanowen, Canoga Park, CA 91307 by May 1.
- Hotel reservation form should be mailed to S. Kuriyama, 16138 S. Western Ave., Gardena, CA 90247.
- For more information about the first JACL Singles Convention, see the March 30 and April 6 issues of the Pacific Citizen.

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“ I remember pacing back and forth, thinking of all the marvelous and eloquent things I would say in court, which I never got a chance to utter. After the judge pronounced sentence, and after I knew that I'd be confined for a long time, I sat down on the edge of my bunk to take stock. I wanted my attorneys to apply for an appeal bond. I then thought of serving sentence at a federal work camp, but decided that serving sentence would be an admission of guilt. So I decided to sit out the appeal, still stubbornly insisting that I was right. ”

Minoru Yasui, Multnomah County Jail

“ When we got to Topaz and saw the MP guards and the whole bit, we thought we were at the end of the world, a complete sense of loss. My stomach really just sank, and I thought, oh my God, I gotta get out of this place. I was going to try and get out one way or another. ”

Tom Kawaguchi, Topaz

“ We had our Fourth of July program. We decided to recite the Gettysburg Address as a verse choir. We had an artist draw a big picture of Abraham Lincoln with an American flag behind him. Some people had tears in their eyes, some people shook their heads and said it was ridiculous to have that kind of thing recited in camp. It didn't make sense, but it was our heart's cry. We wanted to believe that this was a government by the people and that there was freedom and justice. ”

Mary Tsukamoto, Jerome

“ Deep down inside, the way I feel is that I was an American citizen; they had no right to do it. I feel betrayed. . . That's why I feel that we can't let it happen to somebody else again, the same thing. I wouldn't want it to happen, not to anyone. ”

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Letters

● EDC status clarified

The March 30 letter from Kei Kaneda, New England chapter president, states Min Yasui's article of March 2 misrepresents the chapter's efforts in the redress campaign. Some clarification is in order from the EDC redress coordinator.

In Boston they ask, "What does he know?" In New York, "How much does he make?" In Philadelphia, "Who are his parents?" Nearly a century has passed since Mark Twain made that observation. The recently revived New England chapter has raised the Bostonian question.

Honest Misunderstanding

A little background should help clear the honest misunderstanding. The New England Chapter after many years of dormancy was revived through the interest of Toby Kimura, then a Harvard student, who wrote to me in January 1979, asking for help in starting a JACL chapter in Boston. Information on the requirements for starting a chapter, some history of the Boston Chapter and an admonition that a chapter made up of students would not survive were given. EDC allotted seed money to the students to restart the chapter.

Between July and December 1981 the Commission on Wartime Relocation and In-

ternment of Civilians held twenty days of hearings with Boston as the final location. It seems the New England Chapter again became inactive since they were not represented at the 1982 national convention and no contact was made with EDC. Then headquarters was contacted before the August 1983 EDC/MDC biennial convention for the list of people in the New England area who had paid dues to JACL. Six names were received.

The issue of New England coverage on redress was discussed with Ron Ikejiri, Washington representative, who assured me he would be responsible for Massachusetts through his contact with Gary Glenn. Neither EDC nor national redress staff and Yasui was aware that the New England Chapter existed. Min's series on redress was written in December and January.

Min Yasui's second "error" resulted from lack of information on the existence of the New England Chapter. In mid-January when I asked Glenn to become part of the EDC redress team I told him we could use his political expertise. He had served on Sen. Tsongas's staff and had experience and knowledge which we lacked. We also accept the fact the New England Chapter can get support in Massachusetts.

REDRESS PHASE FIVE: Minoru Yasui

"...And Justice For All"

John Tateishi, national JACL director for redress, has melded together a deeply moving, 288-page compilation of 40-year-old personal reminiscences of 25 "evacuees" who underwent forcible removal from their homes by the U.S. government and eventual incarceration in desolate, desert camps during World War II. The title of the book is *And Justice For All*, published by Random House of New York.

The title is particularly apropos. Some of us still remember vividly, out in the bleak deserts of Minidoka, Idaho, amongst the barren lava out-croppings, seeing and hearing 12-year-old American boys, with Japanese faces, assembled before the American flag, repeating the pledge of allegiance, and ending with the words "...with liberty and justice for all"—all the while facing an armed sentry's watchtower with a machine gun at ready and surrounded by barbed wire fences. The ironic nuances of that situation lives with us yet.

"Evacuation," "relocation," "military necessity," and even "redress" are rather abstract terms, hiding much behind legal obfuscation. But, the bitterness and frustrations, the shining bright moments and the funny things that happened in "camp," the actual suffering and the numbing pain of losses, and the star-spangled patriotism of Nisei men who went off to war from behind those barbed wire fences, are real-life memories of those ordinary people who endured this wrenchingly traumatic experience.

John Tateishi is an intense individual, with a sensitivity honed by his previous career as a professor of literature. He has performed a great service—not only in preserving evocative emotions of 40 years ago, but in presenting a personalized record that should touch the conscience of America—so that it will never happen again—to any group of people.

We know, too, that Grant Ujifusa, a senior editor at the Random House, was the initiator of the concept which led to this book. Although he claims to be a hard-boiled Manhattanite, he is a Sansei refugee from a Wyoming ranch, which his Issei grandfather started after the turn of the century by chasing a bunch of cattle out amongst the sagebrush for pasture. Although he and his family were not directly affected by evacuation, he is still outraged that such a thing could have happened to people who happen to look like him.

The proceeds of *And Justice For All* will be devoted exclusively for redress. Donations of \$25 or more can be made to the National JACL, and a complimentary copy will be sent, or JACL chapters can be contacted for actual sales of the book. Watch for announcement of release of *And Justice For All*. You will want a copy for your posterity.

Except for Silvio Conti in western Massachusetts, the rest of the members of Congress are liberal Democrats in the true sense. Conti is not too far behind with his voting record. The same voting record would hold for a majority of members from Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. There are Democrats and Republicans to the right and to the left. The Democrats from these four states are called the Eastern liberals. To challenge the New England Chapter, we asked them to cover New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and Rhode Island since the numbers from these states are so small.

The New York Chapter covers three states, 53 representatives and 6 senators, two senators from New Jersey shared with the Seabrook and Philadelphia chapters. Philadelphia Chapter has 26 representatives and 6 senators for Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey. Washington, D.C. has 18 representatives and 4 senators. Seabrook has one representative and 2 senators but is also working on Delaware.

In EDC we prefer not making comparisons. We agreed chapters would cover areas closer to them. The fact is each state is different and recognition is for total redress effort in writing letters, speaking before groups, getting resolutions passed by support organizations and raising money for the redress program.

Both Pennsylvania and Virginia are the biggest challenges in eastern U.S. Both Fred Boucher (D-Va.) and George Gekas (R-Penn.) are freshman representatives on the House Judiciary Committee. Geka's area starts from Three Mile Island nuclear plant, north to the one-time anthracite mining area where unemployment runs over 30%. State-by-state comparisons should be based on current information of the area.

Communication Vital

Kaneda's third point — the analysis of the political situation in New England — was due to Yasui's having written his article before Sen. Tsongas had announced his resignation. Subsequently, I sent the news clipping to Yasui and John Tateishi. I discussed with Tateishi the need to stay on top of candidates for the 1984 election. We know Reps. Shannon and Markey have resigned to run for Tsongas's seat, which could mean an eventual loss of three sponsors from Massachusetts.

● For the Record

Shotokan Karate enthusiasts at Melrose Dojo know it, but PC readers should be informed that Kay Otani, the Sansei conductor of the New Arts Chamber Orchestra (April 6 PC), is a 6th "kyu"—which was inadvertently omitted.

In the Pacific Citizen news account of the national board action of Feb. 25, Bill Yoshino, Midwest regional director, was said to direct the newly established clearinghouse for information to be relayed between chapters and national coordinators. Yoshino will gather information, analyze it and request appropriate action from national, regional and community coordinators. On March 1, the EDC and MDC regional coordinators met with Tateishi, Yasui and Yoshino to discuss strategy for the two districts.

Clearly, dissemination of information and timely communication are critical at this time. Heretofore, very little was budgeted to support the chapters' educational program with members of Congress and the communities. The national board has approved \$22,425 for the program, an increase of \$15,075, and \$6,000 in district support for EDC and MDC. The two districts need the program materials and funding for the over-and-above redress activities. EDC does not have a district office and all the work is done by volunteers.

The national redress program certainly needs many more workers to get the two bills passed by Congress. JACL needs all the help it can get. There are no boundaries or limits on this nationwide issue. At no point do we wish to denigrate the effort of any chapter. We appreciate the fact that the New England Chapter is back on board. Welcome!

GRAYCE K. UYEHARA
EDC Redress Chairperson

Calendar

● To APR. 13

Irvine—Asian Wk, Univ Cntr, 11am-1pm

● To APR. 21

San Francisco—Exh by painter Kazuo Yamada, 50 Bannam bet Union & Green, 12n to 6pm

● To APR. 29

Denver—Exh of watercolors by Riya Nakazono, Ken Caryl Rnch House

● To APR. 29

Chicago—Go for Broke/MIS photo exhib, Daley Center Plaza

● To MAY 6

San Francisco—An American Story, by Ernest Abuba, pres by Asian Am Theater Co, 953 DeHaro, 7pm Sun, 8pm Th-Sat; info 433-7853

● To MAY 11

Clayton (Mo.)—Japanese/American Influences sculpture exh by Kristine Aono, 802 DeMun; info 721-1695

● APR. 13-14

Los Angeles—Spr Boutique, Washington Hosp, 12101 Washington Blvd, 10am-6pm

● APR. 14 (Saturday)

West Valley—Bridge & Bowling Nite; JACL clubhse & Saratoga Lanes, 6pm

● APR. 14 (Saturday)

Riverside—Easter Egg hunt, Canyon Crest Park, 11am-1pm

● APR. 14 (Saturday)

Boston—Sewing Women' doc film, As Am Res Wrkshp, 27 Beach St, 3:30pm

● APR. 14 (Saturday)

West Valley—Ann'l bowling/bridge nite, clubhse, 1545 Teresita Dr, 6pm; \$3 dinner (\$1.50 chldrn); bring table service

● APR. 14 (Saturday)

Los Angeles—Asian Americans for Jesse Jackson fnd-rsr, 244 S San Pedro, 7:30pm; \$7.50, info Evelyn Yoshimura, 680-3729

● APR. 14 (Saturday)

Stanford—Prg to honor coram nobis team, with Peter Irons, Stanford Univ Law Sch, Kresge Aud, 1:30-4:30pm; info Doug Ota, 566-5305

● APR. 14 (Saturday)

Cupertino—Cherry Blossom Fest, Oaks Shopping Cntr, Stevens Creek Blvd, 10am-5pm

● 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. 20-22

San Francisco—Cherry Blossom Fest, Nihonmachi

● APR. 20 (Friday)

Los Angeles—8th annv benefit dnr, Koreisha Chushoku Kai nutrition prg, Quiet Cannon Res't; info 680-9173/9177

● APR. 21 (Saturday)

Orange Cnty—Easter egg hunt, Garden Grove Comm Cntr, Stanford Ave east of Euclid, 10am-2:30pm (hunt at 12 n)

Los Angeles—NCRH fnd-rsr, Little Tokyo Twrs, 455 E 3rd, 7-10pm, with Nobuko Miyamoto, Cold Tofu; \$6; info Jim, 498-5637

San Francisco—Nisei Soldier, doc film on 442d RCT, W Add'n lib, Geary & Scott, 4pm

● APR. 22 (Sunday)

Omaha—Easter egg hunt, Hanscom Park

● APR. 25-28

Wasatch Front North—Bsktball tourney, Nat'l Guard Armory, Layton, Utah; info 544-3669

● APR. 27-29

San Francisco—Cherry Blossom Fest, Nihonmachi

● 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

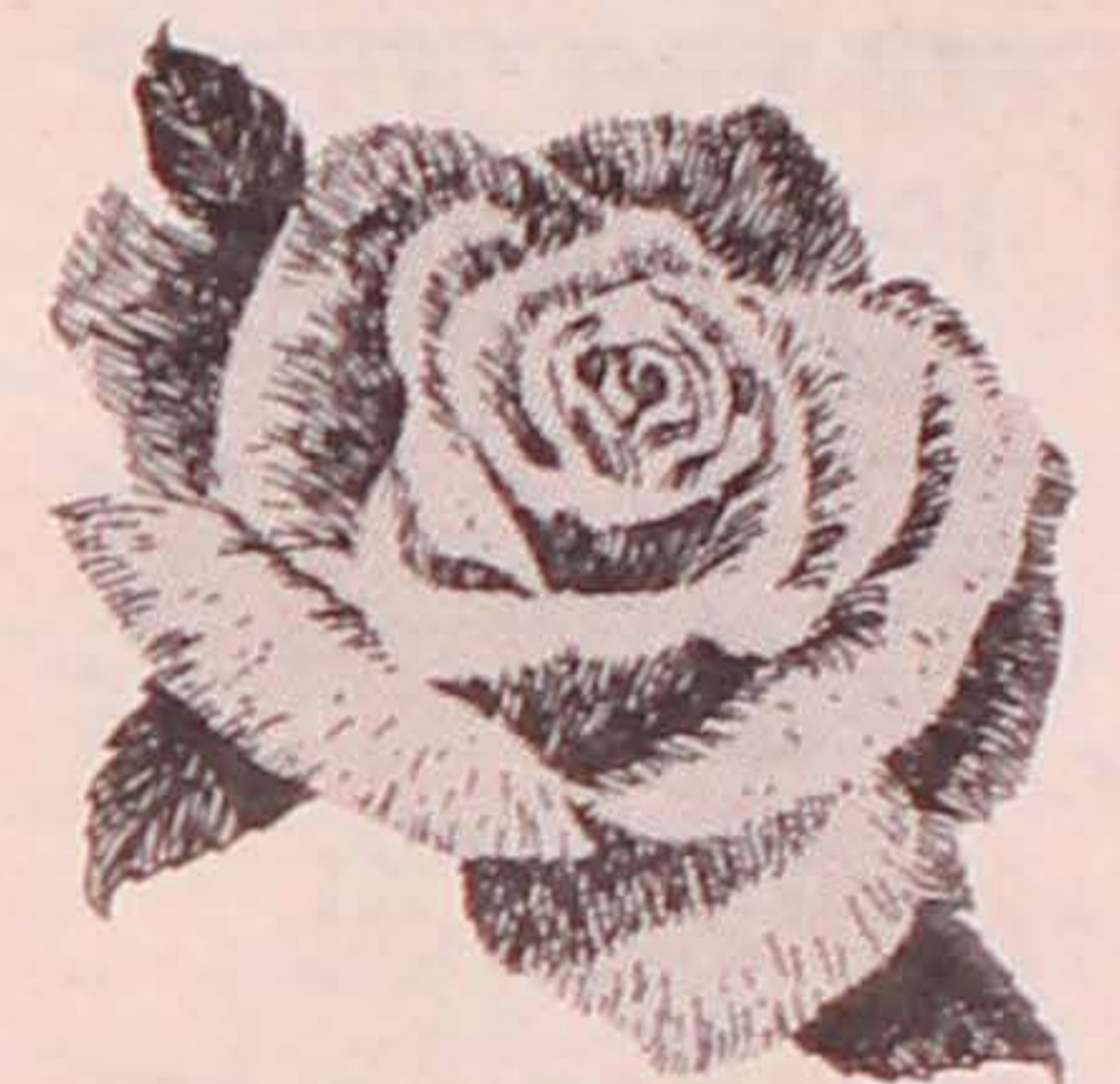
● APR. 28 (Saturday)

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

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Hito Okada Was JAACL Personified

By HARRY HONDA

When the call came Friday morning, saying Aiko Okada from Salt Lake City was on the line, an anticipatory feeling of grief surfaced within as it could be about Hito Okada, whom JAACLers have long known to be afflicted (since 1970) of the dreaded Parkinson's disease. Her voice was bright, but not the news: "Hito passed away last night (April 5). He had been in a nursing home this past half year since I had been ill also ... He died peacefully. He wanted a Masonic funeral and it will be held here (Salt Lake City) on Monday noon." After the brief conversation and assuring her we would tell his friends on the West Coast, the sense of loss struck! Another living tie with JAACL's struggles and achievements had joined the other feisty personalities whom we had the privilege of knowing and working with—Dr. Thomas Yatabe, Jimmie Sakamoto, Walter Tsukamoto, Saburo Kido, Randy Sakada, George Inagaki—all national JAACL presidents.

In 1974 at Portland (where he worked prewar with a logging exporting firm), National JAACL had honored Hito at its convention testimonial luncheon. As was pointed out that time, he didn't get around as much as some of the other national presidents and not as well known, perhaps, but his record on behalf of Japanese Americans remains effective: he founded

National JAACL's credit union in 1943, serving as its mainstay treasurer-manager for over three decades. At the time of his retirement in 1976, the PC editorial noted: "No other JAACLer has matched his years in point of continuous service in the organization—33 years." As JAACL national treasurer (1938-46), he was an indefatigable fund-raiser as well as a positive genius in watching how National was spending it. As Mike Masaoka observed in '74, "The magnitude of Hito's accomplishments can be measured against the funds now available to JAACL today as against what little was available then."

It was an Intermountain District meeting in Idaho Falls in 1947 that Hito and George Inagaki launched the 1000 Club—convincing 1,000 JAACLers to contribute \$25 a year (over and above their regular dues) to support Headquarters operations. It took almost a decade to enroll 1,000 members in the club but by that time, the \$25 contribution included national dues—and today, the 1000 Club "dues" keep changing upward just to maintain the gap above regular dues.

During the four years Hito was national president (1946-50), JAACL embarked on its legislative campaign for evacuation claims and Issei naturalization by opening its Washington Office. Groundwork for lifting the Japanese exclusion law, pushing for Hawaiian statehood, repealing alien land laws and enacting other remedial legislation ensued. Happy Valley

columnist Sachi Seko was to recall in 1978, "The postwar years of 1946-56 compose a unique section of JAACL history ... Like Kido, Okada, Sakada and Inagaki set the tempo for volunteers. They never lost their grassroots feel."

A graduate of Tacoma's Stadium High, Hito graduated from Univ. of Washington in 1929 with a B.A. in economics. He worked for an investment firm across the street from the Japanese American Courier and heard from Sakamoto and George Ishihara about ideals of JAACL. He was Portland JAACL's charter president in '34, and four years later elected national treasurer at the L.A. convention. In '42, he offered to assist JAACL move to Salt Lake City to set up Headquarters doing that "without pay". The line about decisions being made in "smoke-filled" rooms was true when Hito lit his ever-present pipe. A sportsman throughout his life—bowler, fisherman and hunter—he once told Ken Uchida of Ogden how proud he was of the 1952 second-place tournament in a city-wide bowling tournament: the first year the ABC admitted non-whites in league play.

Hito Okada—a personification of JAACL at its best—lived by his mother's philosophy: "To serve your fellow man is the biggest and most honorable thing anyone can do in a lifetime." This concept has been stated in diverse ways—but as Hito put it, it is easy to remember and needs to be repeated continually.

Tokunaga appointed FBI section chief

WASHINGTON—Don S. Tokunaga, a 15-year veteran of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has been appointed section chief of the special projects section, laboratory division, in FBI headquarters.

Tokunaga began his career as a special agent in San Antonio, Texas, and gained further experience in Los Angeles. He later assumed duties as an instructor in the training division; inspection duties in the planning and inspection division, and administrative duties in the FBI's equal employment opportunity office. His most recent assignment was in Albuquerque, N.M.



Don S. Tokunaga

He is a 1960 graduate of Colorado State Univ., and in 1973 he received his master's

in public administration from Univ. of Southern California.

People

● Religion

The Rev. Mineo Katagiri will resign at the end of the year as head of the Northern California Conference of the United Church of Christ, effective upon his retirement. Katagiri has led the regional church organization for nine years. The Northern California Church conference ranges from Tulare to Eureka to Reno, Nev., with 26,500 members in 117 congregations. Katagiri, who received his divinity degree in 1944 from Union Theological Seminary in New York City, is credited with "an infusion of new energy" into the ethnic churches, which now number 20% of the conference.

● Government

Dennis Tsujimoto has been named chief of the examination division for the Internal Revenue Service in Laguna Niguel, Calif. He is responsible for all examinations of individuals, corporations, and partnerships in Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties plus the South Bay area of Los Angeles County.

Deaths

Hisao L. Masuyama, 61, of Gardena, died April 3. An MIS/Korean War and career Army officer, he was the first California Nisei to be elected VFW Department commander, the top statewide post. After serving in the military for 21 years, he became a school teacher and active in community and veteran affairs. Surviving are w Elsie, s Daryl, Paul, d Nikko, br Eizo and sis Masae Shigemura.

Thomas G. Tayama, 73, of Los Angeles, died April 2. Active in the restaurant trade with his late brothers Fred and Harry before the war, he was sports consultant and interpreter for Fuji-TV and Nippon TV in recent years. A Placer County Nisei, he is survived by w Yoshiko, d Dorothy Taguchi, Helen Sansui, 4 gc, br Jimmy, sis Sen Iseki (Parlier), May Kashiwada, Bessie Yamanaka and Margaret Otsuji.

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Canadian commission recommends monetary redress

OTTAWA, Ontario—After a year's study, the House of Commons Commission on Visible Minorities presented its report to the Canadian parliamentary body on March 28. Among the report's 80 recommendations was one that proposed monetary redress for Canadians of Japanese ancestry who were expelled from their West Coast homes and interned during WW2.

The commission also called for a public acknowledgment of the government's wrongdoing and an amendment to the War Measures Act, which gave the government its power to carry out the rights abuse.

When an opposition member asked Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau to comment on that recommendation, Trudeau replied he was "not inclined to envisage questions of compensation about acts which have maybe discolored

our history in the past if other means of redress are possible.

"I'm not quite sure where we would stop in compensating. I know we'd have to go back a great length of time in our history and look at all the injustices, perhaps beginning with the deportation of the Acadians [who were expelled in the 18th century for failing to swear allegiance to the king of England] and going on to the treatment of Chinese Canadians in the late 19th century.

"I don't see much to gain by trying to apologize for the acts of our great-grandfathers and their great-grandfathers," he stated.

Trudeau said he would prefer to give jobs to needy people now than to people whose ancestors had been deprived.

As Trudeau has announced his plans to step down as prime minister, however, he may have little effect on the

redress issue in Canada. At its convention in June, the ruling Liberal Party will choose a new leader, who will

head the country as prime minister for 2 to 8 months. A general election is required by March 1985.

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U.S. support for dictatorships in the Philippines and S. Korea.

In a straw poll conducted later, 40% of the 80 voting participants favored Mondale, 36% backed Jesse Jackson, 20% voted for Hart, and 4% marked "other." Results are non-binding.

An informal exit poll of 25 voters revealed that Jackson supporters voted for him because, as one said, "he had the most comprehensive and most progressive stand on the issues, and he will shake up the old-boy network in the Democratic Party."

Hart's backers thought he was the only candidate of the three who could beat Ronald Reagan in November, and Mondale's cited his experience.

Also featured at the convention were three workshops, held simultaneously, on coalition-building with Blacks and Hispanics, voter registration, and political influence through campaign contributions.

The close of the day saw a tribute to Asian Pacific "pioneers," six individuals who have given distinguished service to the party. Honored were Paula Higashi, Mary Miyashita, Kazuo Umemoto, Harold Yee, Thomas Hsieh, and Yori Wada.

Community rallies around Laotian — brother killed in attack

ST. LOUIS—Japanese Americans here have begun a community drive to raise funds for Sinhxay Praphavanh, 18, whose older brother died March 7, nine days after he was beaten unconscious with a baseball bat.

According to a March 13 report by Bill Smith of the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, Khamseng Praphavanh, 24, his brother and several Laotian friends were trying to push his snowed-in car along a street when a pick-up truck, apparently unable to maneuver around the car, stopped. One of the two men who confronted the group struck a Laotian man in the face. When Praphavanh tried to help his friend, he was struck several times in the head with a baseball bat.

Johnnie Troupe, 25, has been arrested and charged with second-degree murder.

Surviving Brother Needs Help

The two Praphavanh brothers fled Laos in 1981, swam across the Mekong River and stayed in a Thai refugee camp until their resettlement in the U.S.

Anna Peterson, executive director of the International Institute, sponsoring agency of the brothers' stay in this country

says that the younger brother now needs help. A high school junior, Sinhxay Praphavanh may need to quit school to support himself. Peterson wrote in the *St. Louis JACL* newsletter that, "Although he shares an apartment with two other Lao young men, his share of the rent and utilities must be met, and he must eat in order to survive.

"Sinhxay needs his high school diploma. Otherwise, he'll always be limited in job opportunities," Peterson continued. "His brother, Khamseng, had been concerned about Sinhxay's opportunities and had supported both of them. He never missed a rent payment although he held mainly temporary jobs where the lay-off risks were great."

Donations to help Sinhxay meet living expenses until high school graduation can be sent to Anna Peterson, International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis, 3800 Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110. Checks should be made payable to the International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis, with a note that the donation is for Sinhxay Praphavanh.

George Sakaguchi, JACL Midwest district governor, is monitoring the court proceedings against Troupe.

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