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Members of Congress testify for redress

By J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—Two congressmen and a senator, all California Democrats who support redress, reiterated their reasons for favoring payments to Nikkei interned during WW2 at an Aug. 16 Senate hearing.

Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) of the Governmental Affairs Committee is a co-sponsor of S 2116, a bill that would provide redress for both Nikkei and Alaskan Aleuts removed from their homes during the war, but he opened the hearing by stating that "our subcommittee has not reached a conclusion as to whether the reparations recommendation [of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians] is appropriate." Accordingly, he listened to testimony from both sides of the issue with little comment.

Rep. Mervyn Dymally, who introduced redress bills in 1982 and is a co-sponsor of House redress bill HR 4110, said the CWRIC's recommendations "are wholly appropriate and acceptable to most reasonable people."

In response to anti-redress arguments "issued by fiscal conservatives in Congress who say that this bill will cost too much," Dymally said, "I have great difficulty, as do the people of the 31st congressional district and especially the Japanese American community, to put a limited price tag on a congressional apology on one hand, and then to vote millions of dollars to foreign governments waging campaigns in the name of saving democracy abroad.

"We must simply say that justice must occur in the U.S. and that we in America have the will and the capacity to pay the price."

Calling the two bills "the most crucial civil rights legislation since the passage of the momentous Civil Rights Act of 1964," Dymally compared the decade-old redress effort to the 16-year campaign to have Congress pass the Martin Luther King holiday bill. "It will take political courage and persuasion to bring these bills out of committee and onto the floor for debate and passage," he said.

Personally Affected

Rep. Norman Mineta of San Jose, in an emotional testimony like that which he gave before a House subcommittee in June (see June 29 PC), recounted the impact of the internment on members of his family, including his father-in-law Saijiro Hinoki, who was separated from his family for two months after being arrested by the FBI and "died a few years after leaving camp, a broken man."

He tearfully read from a letter written by his Issei father to friends in San Jose in 1942. As the elder Mineta sat on a train bound for camp, he thought "this might be the last look at my beloved home city."

"I realize that some who were involved in the original decision to intern us are still defending their actions," Mineta said as he addressed anti-redress arguments. "I suppose if I had made as big a mistake as they did, I would also be reluctant to admit it."

He mentioned that Elliot Roosevelt, son of the late president who signed Executive Order 9066, called the internment "the biggest mistake of his entire career as president" in a televised interview (see July 6 PC) and that President Gerald Ford said that "not only was that evacuation wrong, but Japanese Americans were and are loyal Americans" when he rescinded E.O. 9066 in 1976.

As for the Magic cables, which are said to prove that Nikkei were spies, Mineta, who was ten years old at the time, expressed doubt that they "had anything to say about me or my Cub Scout troop." He also pointed out that nearly 25,000 internees were 14 or younger.

"The time has come," he said, for redress. "I ask on behalf of the 60,000 internees who have died with their honor clouded. I ask on

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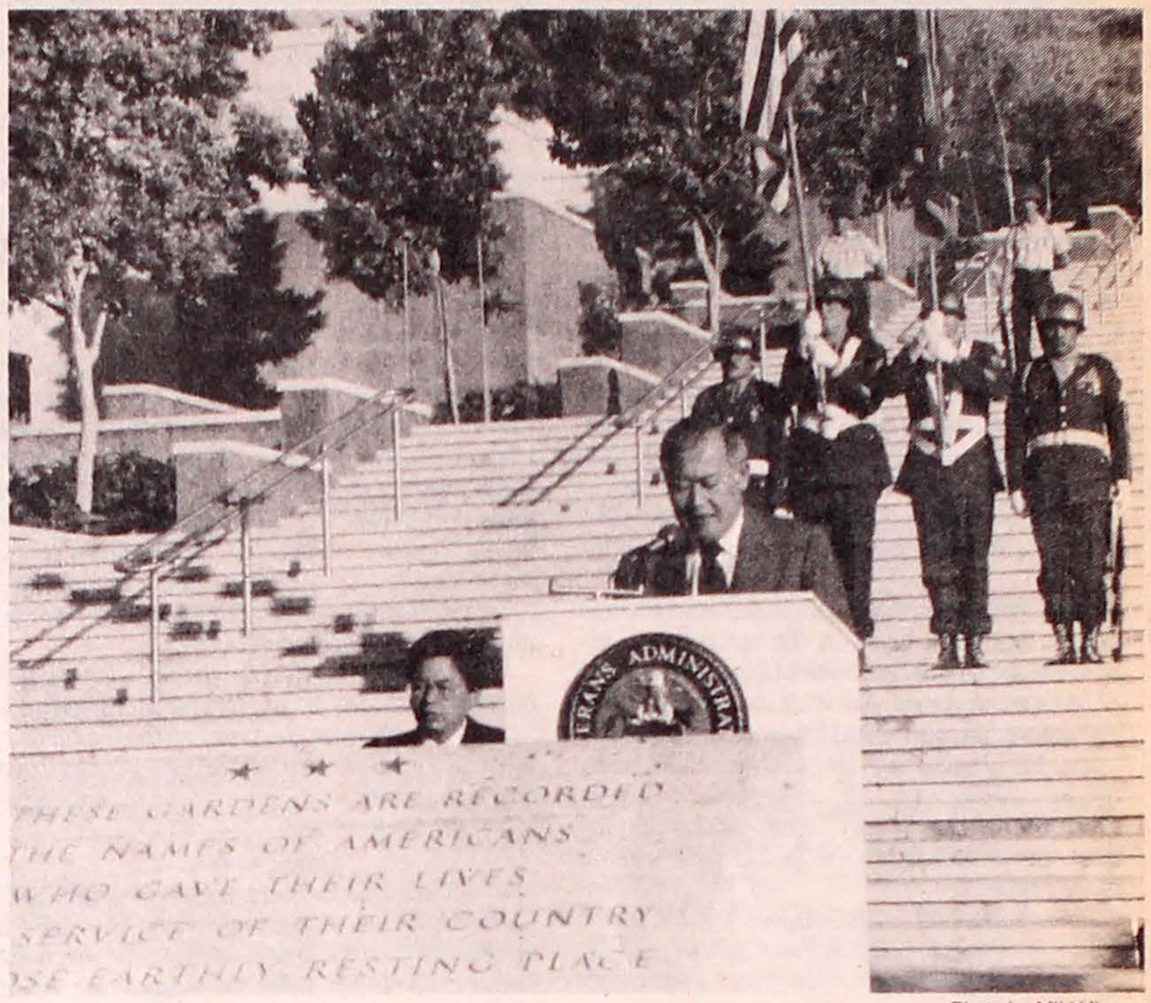
Photo by Jon Takasugi

Rep. Norman Mineta talks with Sen. Ted Stevens during Aug. 16 Senate hearing in L.A.



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Remembering the fallen—Frank Sato, Inspector General of the VA and newly elected JACL president, spoke during Aug. 16 sunrise memorial services held at Honolulu's National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in honor of Nikkei soldiers killed in action in WW2 and Korean and Vietnam wars. Outgoing JACL president Floyd Shimomura is seated at left.

Cables prove Nisei disloyal, insists ex-officer

LOS ANGELES—The Magic cables, which allegedly implicate Issei and Nisei as spies, were the focus of testimony both for and against redress at a one-day Senate hearing on redress Aug. 16.

David Lowman, a former intelligence officer with the National Security Agency who spoke before a House subcommittee in June (see July 13 PC), again criticized the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians for concluding that the WW2 incarceration of Nikkei had no military justification. He said the decoded cables, sent between Tokyo and Japanese consulates in the U.S. and Latin America in 1940-41, contain plans to use "our resident nationals" and "our second generations" to gather intelligence information.

JACL's Rebuttal

JACL redress director John Tateishi stated that Magic "does not in any way substantiate any claims against Japanese Americans nor justifies the government's actions against us during WW2." He raised a number of points to invalidate Lowman's arguments:

—The cables instructed consular offices to contact not only Nikkei but also "labor union members, Communists, Blacks, and aliens of extraction other than Japanese." If the cables were such damning evidence against Nikkei, Tateishi argued, then the other groups mentioned should also have been interned en masse.

—One cable indicated an intent to use Nisei working at defense plants and serving in the Army for espionage. "It is a matter of record," Tateishi said, "that any Japanese American in occupations even remotely related to defense work was removed from his job as hostilities increased between the U.S. and Japan, and those in the U.S. Army were discharged or placed in menial jobs." Even if the Magic information had been valid, he continued, the small number of Nikkei in such positons could easily have been placed under surveillance.

—Although the Magic information was obtained prior to Pearl Harbor, there was a three-month gap between the Japanese attack and the mass exclusion of Japanese Americans. During that interval, Tateishi said, there were no acts of disloyalty by any Nikkei in the U.S. "Surely, if we were such a dreaded threat to the security of this country, the government would have found ample justification to impose immediate restrictions against us. The fact is, it didn't."

—Tateishi quoted from a Jan. 1942 Office of Naval Intelligence report that concluded the "Japanese problem" was "no more serious than the problems of the German, Italian and communistic portions of the U.S. population" and recommended handling the situation "on the basis of the individual, regardless of citizenship, and not on racial basis." Tateishi said that ONI "did not advise...that a full-scale evacuation was either necessary or preferable" and "had established such close scrutiny of the West Coast Japanese population that their intelligence could have determined who...might have been a security threat to the U.S."

—While acknowledging the Japanese government's desire to use Nikkei as spies, Tateishi maintained that "there is no documented

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News in Brief

GOP platform acknowledges injustice of WW2 internment

DALLAS—The Republican party's platform contains a plank which reads: "More than 40 years ago, a grave injustice was done to many Americans of Japanese ancestry. Uprooted from their homes in a time of crisis, loyal citizens and residents were treated in a way which contravened the fundamental principles of our people. We join them and their descendants in declaring that the deprivation of rights they suffered shall never again be permitted in this land of liberty."

The plank was included through the efforts of Stephen Nakashima, a California delegate to the GOP convention and a member of the Republican platform committee. Nakashima also objected to the fact that the original platform contained less than four lines about minorities and submitted a six-paragraph statement which was subsequently adopted.

NBC regrets usage of 'JAP'

SEATTLE—NBC SportsWorld's producer Terry Ewert apologized to the Seattle Chapter JACL for using the designation "JAP" to indicate the nationality of a female Japanese diver in the invitational diving championships telecast in July. Roger Shimizu, chair of the chapter's anti-discrimination committee, wrote NBC to express dismay at the term's use and suggested a change to the abbreviation "JPN."

In reply, producer Ewert said: "Please accept my sincerest apologies about the unfortunate use of the abbreviation JAP.... It, in no way, was meant as a racial slur or to be offensive.... I can only say it was our mistake and it will never happen again, as long as I'm producing SportsWorld."

Diet members visit U.S.

SALINAS, Calif.—Eight members of the Diet (Japanese parliament) toured the agricultural heartland of Salinas Valley Aug. 16, the first stop of a ten-day trip through the U.S. Japan has recently agreed to ease its import limitations on U.S. beef and citrus products.

Guests of Rep. Leon Panetta (D-Calif.), the group also paused for a moment of silence at the Salinas Rodeo Grounds memorial that commemorates the WW2 internment of area Nikkei.

Publishers pull objectionable material from state schoolbooks

LOS ANGELES—To help combat misconceptions about Nikkei and other minorities, June Kizu of United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) thinks that school textbooks should be reviewed to prevent negative or inaccurate ideas from being planted in young minds.

In recent years, textbooks have begun to include material on Asian Americans and other minority groups. While she sees this as a positive trend, Kizu has found that objectionable material sometimes slips through.

A fourth-grade text entitled "California History: The Study of Our State," for example, contained a passage on Japanese Americans that read, "Other Californians discriminated against the Japanese because of their customs and appearance. They called the Japanese 'Japs' and said things like, 'Japs must go.' "

"We feel there is no educational value to reteaching racial slurs to nine-year-old children," wrote Kizu and fellow teacher Lillian Utsumi in a letter to the Curriculum Development of Supplemental Materials commission at Scott, Foresman, and Co., publishers of the text.

Kizu and Utsumi went on to say that the text should not have been on the state list of approved social studies books because the 'Jap' reference violated Educational Code 60044, part of which states that "descriptions, depictions, labels or rejoinders which tend to demean, stereotype, or patronize minority groups must not occur." They asked that the book be pulled from the list until revisions were made.

In a separate letter signed by Kizu and UTLA president Judy Solkovits, the publisher's social studies dept. was told, "Publishers and their textbooks often give young students impressions of situations that substitute for first-hand experiences. This is a unique responsibility that must be positively and sensitively exercised.... The words 'Japs' and 'Japs must go' must not be printed. They would only teach such words and slogans to a new generation of children."

An 'Alien' People

There were other aspects of the chapter on Nikkei that the teachers took exception to. "The text also implies that Japanese people came as aliens and remained aliens because of their customs and appearances and had no basic human and citizenship rights until they were 'accepted.' "

Kizu felt that the section on Issei emphasized the unfamiliar by devoting two of four paragraphs to the picture bride system She was also unsatisfied with the text's explanations for anti-Japanese sentiment: "Californians...feared that the Japanese would take their jobs... They also thought that the Japanese American would help the enemy army when it came." Although the internment was described as a "mistake" later in the same chapter, she did not think the problem of racism was adequately dealt with.

"We respectfully request that...there be a positive portrayal of the contributions of [Japanese American] peoples to this country with a more accurate account of historical discrimination and its causes," concluded Kizu and Solkovits.

Quick Action

In addition to the letters, phone calls were made to board of education commissions in Sacramento and Los Angeles. Robert Ritzheimer, a field sales manager for Scott-Foresman, discussed the matter with Kizu and Utsumi by telephone. On Jan. 13—ten days after the initial letter was written—Kizu learned that Scott-Foresman was holding up the printing of 45,000 copies of the text so that the offending phrase could be eliminated.

In a letter to Kizu, Ritzheimer maintained that the text had "met all its legal obligations so far as being reviewed, approved, and adopted by the state Board of Education," but that he understood her concerns. "This sentence was written as an example of a type of discrimination referred to in the paragraph and is historically accurate. I understand, however, that the statement from your point of view deals with appropriateness to the nine-year-old children, rather than to historical accuracy.

"This sentence...is being taken out from the next printing of this textbook which is due very shortly. We have been able to obtain permission from the California Dept. of Education in order to make this change and are proceeding with it immediately....I believe you will agree with me that it's nothing short of miraculous that the changes in the textbook at the national level could be accomplished in so few days!"

Kizu agreed. "They responded so quickly—I was so surprised," she recalled.

Hayakawa Chosen

Another textbook case took longer to deal with, however. In November 1983 Kizu and Solkovits wrote to Silver Burdett Co., publishers of an elementary social studies series called "The World and Its People." One of the books in that series, "California Yesterday and Today," had a section on Japanese Americans that used former senator S.I. Hayakawa (R-Calif.) as an example of a successful Nikkei: "Some [Japanese Americans] have risen to high positions. One such Japanese American is S.I. Hayakawa. He studied hard and became a college professor. Then he became president of San Francisco State College. In 1976 the people of California voted him into the U.S. Senate. He retired in 1983." A photograph of Hayakawa accompanied the text.

While the UTLA members did not dispute the facts presented, they objected to the selection of Hayakawa as a representative of the community. "He has been a constant source of anger and embarrassment, often displaying insensitivity to the people of various backgrounds and using media to publicize personal viewpoints that offend not only Asian Americans, but a wide segment of the population," they wrote.

"We applaud your efforts to include Asian Americans...but must urge you to be more responsible in your choice," Kizu and Salkovits continued. Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) and Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) were suggested as alternatives.

Unless Hayakawa was removed, the letter warned, "we cannot endorse your series, and will actively urge boycott of your series in schools and districts wherever possible."

The letter led to a phone call from the New Jersey-based publisher, followed by a meeting between Kizu, Kim Kunitake, a local reader for Silver-Burdett, and Stan Christodlous, editor for Silver-Burdett's social studies dept.

Christodlous was reluctant to make the requested change, saying that to do so would be tantamount to censorship. He added that similar complaints had been received about

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Last week's total: $5,301.70 (298)

This week's total: $1,432 (39)

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Pacific Citizen's Typesetter Fund

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The computer age has been in-house helping us set type for the paper since 1976. It was our way to reduce production costs. Rather than paying $1,500 a month in typesetting charges, it was decided to purchase a phototypesetter. Three years later, the equipment (Merganthaler's Linocomp 2) was enhanced with an editing terminal and computer.

We have been fortunate over the years to have been fairly trouble-free in meeting our weekly deadlines and saving cost at the same time. But over the 4th of July holidays, the typesetter wouldn't function. Upon inquiring on the company hotline, the service engineer (who admitted that he wasn't really familiar with this machine) speculated the power supply needed to be replaced. Four days had passed before the replacement part came from upstate New York and it took another four before an engineer appeared from Phoenix to install it—only he made one more check and found a bad fuse in the power supply—a fuse we could have replaced had we been alerted.

That was the eye-opener! The number of experts familiar with what we have is dwindling. Unfortunately, fast-moving obsolesence is a sign of the computer age. Hence, our decision to look for the next affordable generation of typesetters—in this case, a digitized phototypesetter with improved production capacity and flexibility. We have invested some $30,000 from advertising revenue for the equipment currently in operation. It would be that much for the new equipment plus another $10,000 for peripherals that could well earn its keep by greater economies in operation.

We didn't want to sound too technical in expressing our needs, but putting out a paper on time each week requires reliable equipment and adequate support. Hence, the appeal initiated by PC Board chair Henry Sakai and the added emphasis this week from the PC production staff for your tax-deductible contributions to the JACL-Pacific Citizen Fund.

—HARRY HONDA, GM/Op

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Margaret and Sen. Daniel Inouye at Sayonara Banquet.

U.S. will balk at giving apology to WW2 internees, Inouye says

HONOLULU—Compensation for U.S. internees of WW2 will be more easily obtained than an apology from their government, Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) said at the JACL convention Sayonara Banquet Aug. 17.

"I feel Congress is prepared to appropriate" some compensation in individual payments, scholarship funds, and other types of disbursements, Inouye said. But the government may refuse to apologize.

"I learned many years ago that the men and women who serve . . .are extremely proud Americans," Inouye explained. "At this stage their pride may not permit them to apologize" even if the record shows a wrong was done. The U.S. has never apologized for atrocities committed against the Indians and Blacks at home, or the Vietnamese in Vietnam, he noted. "Somehow we have been able to justify these actions."

Inouye speculated that if the redress bill is separated into distinct parts, "it will be difficult . . .to convince my colleagues that this [apology] is necessary."

Need to Fight Racism

Turning his attention to issues other than redress, Inouye said that he believed the Asian presence in the United States is, to some persons, extremely threatening. Increasing numbers of immigrants from Asia and their high achievement in schools and the professions may arouse "fear, envy, suspicion and anger."

"Racism has a tenacious hold on our society," the congressman said. But, he continued, Asians are not its only victims. "Racial discrimination is like a virus. No one is immune." Blacks and Hispanics are as easily attacked as Asian Americans. Thus, he declared, "We are obligated to protect not only ourselves, but others."

"To be a good citizen requires more than passive observance of laws," he concluded. "For the sake of America, let us be actively concerned for the plight of others."

Awards Presented

In ceremonies conducted during the banquet, Ambassador Yoshio Okawara of Japan received the Mike M. Masaoka Distinguished Public Service Award, presented by William Clark, deputy chief of missions, U.S. Embassy in Japan, and accepted by Michihiko Kunihiro, minister of economic affairs, Japanese Embassy in Washington, D.C.

The award is the highest honor the JACL confers on a non-Japanese American. Okawara was honored for his leadership in promoting understanding between the U.S. and Japan and especially for establishing meaningful dialogue with Japanese Americans.

Born in Gunma, Japan, the retiring ambassador entered diplomatic service after being graduated from the faculty of law at Tokyo Univ. in 1942. Prior to his assignment in the U.S., he served in the United Kingdom, Philippines, Australia, Nauru and Fiji.

Japanese American of the Biennium Awards were presented by awards committee chair Lily Okura to Hawaii Gov. George Ariyoshi (public service category), sculptor Isamu Noguchi (arts), and Univ. of California board of regents chair Yoritada Wada (education). (See July 27 PC for details of their accomplishments.)

Sworn into office by Gov. Ariyoshi were the new officers and members of the JACL National Board:

Frank Sato, president; Yosh Nakashima, v.p./general operations; Kaz Mayeda, v.p./public affairs; Miki Himeno, v.p./planning & development; Rose Ochi, v.p./membership; Gene Takamine, secretary/treasurer; Frank Iwama, legal counsel; Mika Hiramatsu, youth council chair; Mei Pramenko, youth representative; governors Mike Suzuki, George Sakaguchi, Hid Hasegawa, Denny Yasuhara, Mollie Fujioka, Maude Ishida, Harry Kajihara, Ron Shibata (in absentia).

Pilgrimage to segregation center set

SAN FRANCISCO — Four community groups, organizing the fifth Tule Lake pilgrimage from the Bay Area, have scheduled the event for Sept. 21-13.

Buses leave for Tule Lake on Friday evening, Sept. 21, from various locations throughout the Bay Area. On Saturday there will be tours of the campsite along with workshops and discussions. The evening features a cultural program. A memorial service will be held Sunday morning.

Registration is $40. For students the fee is $30; seniors on fixed incomes, $25; children under 5 years are free. The fee includes transportation, four meals and lodging at the Tule Lake Fairgrounds. Motel rooms are free to seniors on fixed incomes.

Deadline is Sept. 7 or until the maximum of 350 persons is reached.

Sponsoring groups are Japanese Community Progressive Alliance of San Francisco, Nihonmachi Outreach Committee of San Jose, Bay Area Regional of National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, and Northern Calif. Regional of Asian Pacific Student Union.

Further information may be obtained by calling Kathy, (415) 922-8898/387-5276 (eve); or Tom (408) 275-8797 (eve).

● Cultural events

LOS ANGELES—**Friends of Little Tokyo Public Library** are collecting books for their second annual book fair, Sept. 15-16 at Japanese Village Plaza.

LOS ANGELES—Reservations are being accepted for the **Manzanar All Camp Reunion,** Saturday, Sept. 1, at Westin Bonaventure Hotel. Contacts: Marcie, 624-7456; Toy Ioki Sato, 530-3558. On Sunday, Sept. 2, Manzanar films are shown at Little Tokyo Towers noon to 4:30 p.m.

LOS ANGELES—**Asian Pacific Legal Defense and Education Fund** holds a fund-raising luau Saturday, Sept. 8, at Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Contacts: 391-7281 or 626-4471.

GARDEN GROVE, Calif.—**Wintersburg Presbyterian Church** holds its 28th annual food festival Saturday, Sept. 8, 13711 Fairview Ave. between Trask and Westminster Ave., 3-9 p.m. The festival features crafts, games, entertainment and cultural exhibits.

SAN JOSE, Calif.—**Wesley United Methodist Church** invites the public to its annual Aki Matsuri Bazaar, Saturday, Sept. 8, 566 N. Fifth St., 3-7:30 p.m. Food, crafts, plants, entertainment, and games highlight the day.

SAN FRANCISCO—**Nisei Widowed Group** meets Sunday, Sept. 9, at the home of Teru Horikoshi, 2-4 p.m. Coping, stress, and loneliness will be discussed. Contacts: Elsie Chung, (415) 221-0268; Kaz Takahashi, (415) 864-6511; Dorothy Hirose, (408) 258-8177.

Restoration of camp memorial to begin

SALINAS, Calif.—A metal fence will encircle the "Japanese Garden of Memories" at Sherwood Park to protect the historic site from further vandalism, announced city manager William Carlson.

The garden was constructed by the Salinas Valley Chapter JACL with the cooperation of four neighboring JACL chapters and the City of Salinas to commemorate the WW2 internment of more than 3,600 Japanese Americans in the Salinas Rodeo Grounds.

The garden and a state plaque were dedicated on Feb. 19, the anniversary of Executive Order 9066, but suffered numerous acts of vandalism in the following weeks.

Violet de Cristoforo, monument project coordinator, says that the JACL would like to help the city defray expenses for the iron fence, replacing the stone lantern, and restoration work.

The committee is appealing to the community for tax deductible donations. Checks should be made payable to the Salinas JACL Kinenhi Restoration Project and mailed to Harry Sakasegawa, project treasurer, 812 Bautista Dr., Salinas, CA 93901. Inquiries can be made by calling (408) 455-2213.

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Chapters which have assisted us in the past soliciting greetings for the Holiday Issue are reminded that the Advertising Kits are being mailed out the week after Labor Day.

The kits are in two parts containing: 1—Insertion orders and latest rate card via 1st Class; 2—Various printed forms, sample issue, etc., via 3rd Class or UPS.

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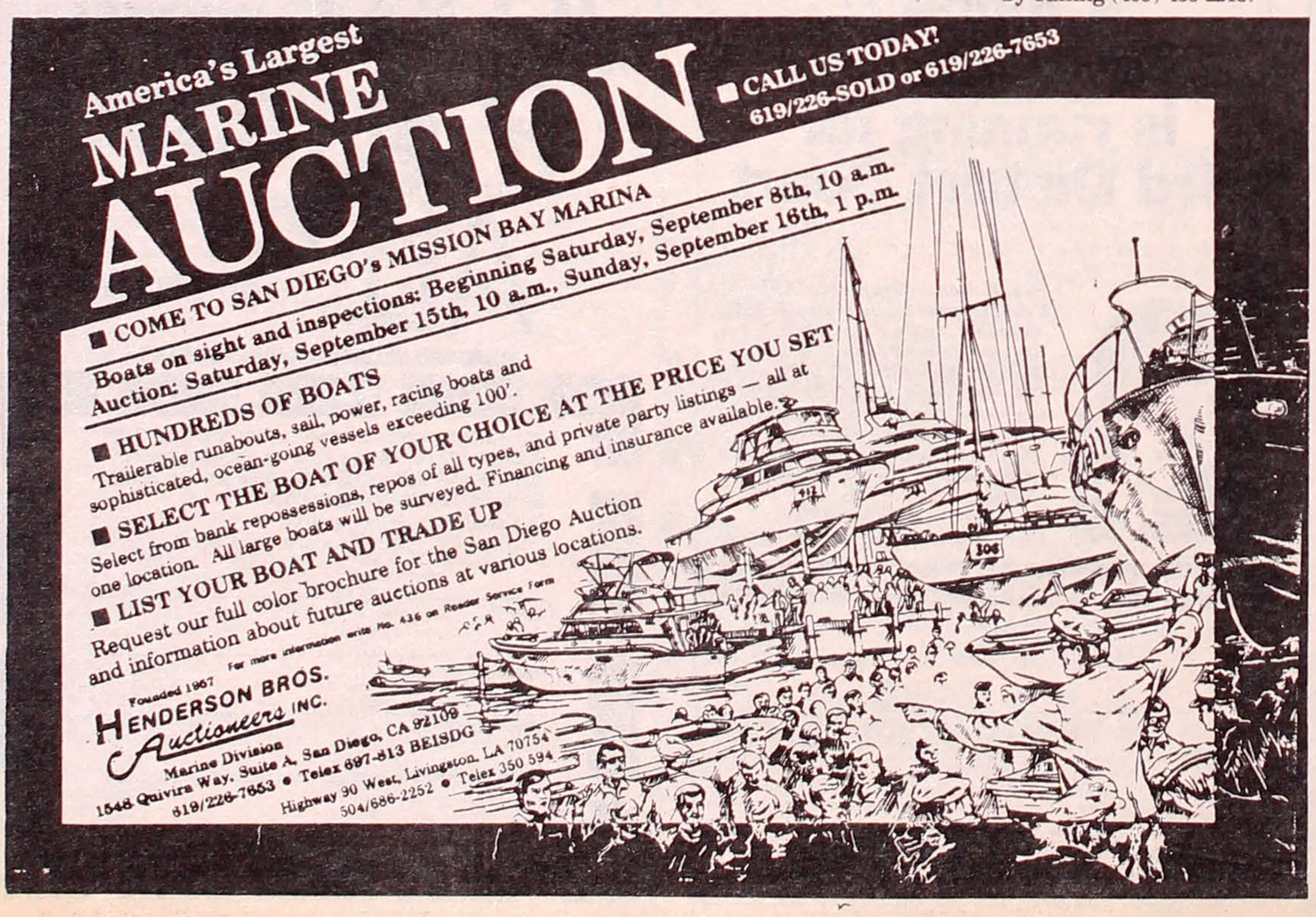

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EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

Bakappei

IT'S FUNNY how one hears words as a child and as the years go by simply assumes that the words are *hyojun-go* (standard words or language). It wasn't until I was in my college years that I discovered, much to my dismayed surprise, that there were no such words as *etto* ("much" in Hiroshima-ben), *chibitto* ("tiny" or "very little") or the phrase *ha-ga hashiru* (toothache) or *hara-ga nigaru* (stomach ache) would be understood only by another Hiroshima-ken-jin. There were a few phrases that I heard as a child that I knew were Hiroshima-ben, such as *ko-gyan suke*. To this day, though, I'm not sure just what that means. I have only a vague sense of its meaning.

All of which brings us to another word: *bakappei*.

BEFORE STARTING THIS week's column, we pulled out our old Kenkyusha Japanese-English Dictionary to look up that word. Much to our chagrin, it was not there. Yet, as a child, we recall hearing some of the Issei use the term—usually when they thought we weren't listening. (But, of course, those antennas were up and picking everything up. It was true then as it is for children today.) No one ever explained the word to us, but putting two and two together, we knew what it was about: playing numbers, or more accurately, playing *kanji* characters. By the Issei.

FROM WHAT WE observed and can now recall, the player would receive a sheet of paper with many *kanji* characters in neat blocks. The player would circle the lucky characters with a *fude* or any black marker. Then in a week or so, (s)he'd learn the results: the paper would come back with holes neatly punched in it—the holes usually missing the blocks that had been circled by the player the week before. We guessed then, and we stick by that guess to this date, that the more *kanji* characters that the player circled, and hit, the more *okane* (s)he received.

THERE WERE OTHER forms of games-of-chance that undoubtedly drew some Issei, but we only heard about them: we never did see one. Usually, it was supposed to be in the city (Seattle) at some secret club, and those antenna would hear words such as *oyaji* and *kinpachi*. In our farming community, we were not aware of any specific Issei who was squandering his (limited, very limited usually) resources in the gambling dens. Presumably there were some, but community taboo and our own isolation and youth did not expose us to such information. We were taught, however, that *bakuchi* was an activity to be avoided.

BUT TRY AVOIDING *bakuchi*—in the form of poker or the roll of dice—if you're in the army. In our innocence, we received our first baptism of fire (translated: "getting burned") down in the rec room of the barracks where a hot dice game was going on the pool table. The dice were clicking in eager hands, the paper money was literally flying about, some of it being clutched in large wads in someone's hand. Heady stuff for an *inaka* boy. We had just completed basic infantry training and had risen to the grand rank of private first-class with a commensurate leap in the monthly stipend—was it a "fin" a month? Well, to make a sad story short, the rest of that month we had to borrow for essentials such as toothpaste. Once was more than enough.

BUT WE STILL don't know the etymology of *bakappei*. Undoubtedly there are a number of sophisticated, city-slicker types out there who have the answer.

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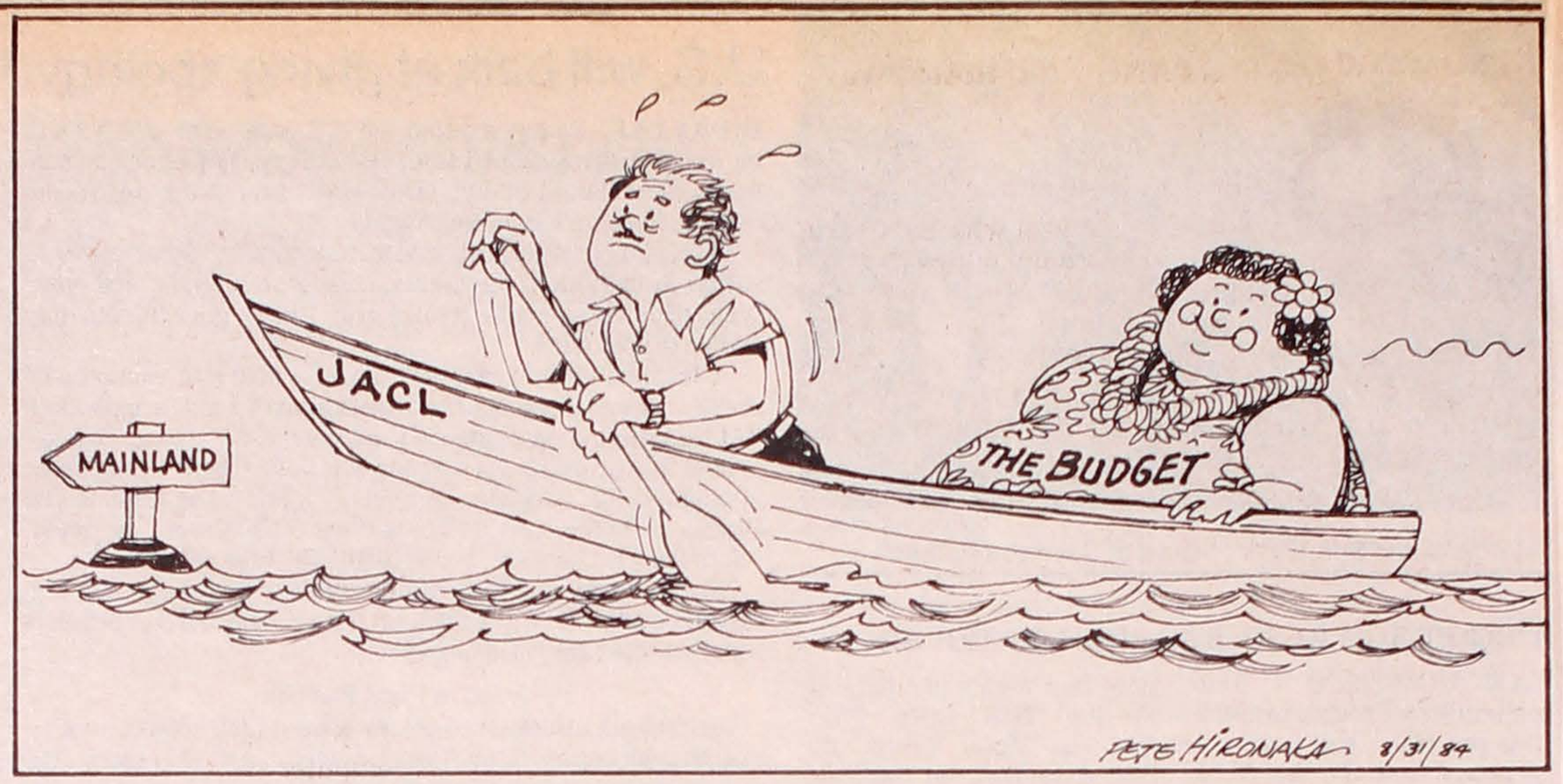

Keeping Track

In response to the Placer County board of supervisors' redress endorsement, (see page 9) the Roseville, Calif. **Press-Tribune** ran the following editorial July 5:

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The words of Placer County's JACL president said it best: The WW2 internment "gives a hollow meaning to the words, 'All men are created equal.' "

The county supervisors took a step this week toward restoring full voice to the phrase as they urged Congress to redress the legitimate grievances of 60,000 living Japanese Americans, including 500 in Placer County.

The spring and summer of 1942 were dark days for all Americans, days when the Axis powers seemed invincible in Europe and the Pacific. . . .

It was a time of sacrifice and of coming to grips with one's mortality, as D-Day survivors recalled last month on the bloodied Normandy beaches. And those losses, which hit nearly every American's family or friends, have made some people hard-hearted when it comes to the injustices done to Japanese Americans.

Any lingering doubts about the wisdom of the relocation, in which 120,000 Japanese Americans were thrown out of their homes and into concentration camps solely because of their race, should have been dispelled by a report last year by the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

The commission, after interviewing numerous ex-U.S. officials involved in the decision-making as well as internees and others, concluded that the relocation was not only militarily unnecessary but based at least in part on long-simmering racism on the West Coast.

The reason for the hatred? Beyond the strict color and culture clash between whites and Japanese immigrants, there was jealousy over the productivity that newcomers had demonstrated in the half-century between the opening of immigration and the outbreak of WW2.

That economic industriousness that some whites found so threatening showed itself in Placer County's foothills, where fruit farming thrived. As county Supervisor Bob Mahan said Tuesday, "the fruit industry has never been able to recover from the Japanese farmers being removed."

Placer County was, therefore, a particularly important place to seek support for redressing the relocation, which caused great economic hardship for those who had to quickly sell off their belongings to move into the camps. The supervisors deserve credit for passing a resolution seeking an apology from Congress to Japanese Americans as well as a $20,000 compensation to each of its surviving victims.

The $20,000 figure is often the sticking point among public officials, but actually the government would be getting off easy. If an individual American had been forced to leave his home, sell his worldly possessions and spend three years in prison for absolutely no reason, he or she could easily find a court that would order much more than that sum as compensation.

Some who are sympathetic to the Japanese Americans nonetheless oppose a cash settlement because, they say, money can't make up for the injustice. While that's true, of course, it isn't the principle we use in considering other violations of civil rights. . . .

There are many injustices done in the world about which we can do nothing. They are either committed by private individuals or occur in foreign lands. And many of the victims—such as American slaves, for example—aren't around any longer to be compensated. But a large number of Japanese American camp survivors are alive and living among us. They deserve a tangible apology.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

Translation by Computer

Nisei and Sansei who have struggled with the complexities of the Japanese language, as compared to the illogic of English, can sympathize with thousands of Japanese working as translators. Their work is indispensible in the burgeoning trans-Pacific transfer of goods, ideas, knowledge and literature.

One Tokyo public relations firm, Bravice International, is said to employ 200 translators. Publishers hire teams of translators, usually teachers of English but sometimes graduate students, to translate American books into Japanese. Since three or more translators may divide the workload of a single volume, the finished product may read oddly in places.

Thus it is understandable that there is a race under way to harness the power of computers to solve the intricacies of translation. The results so far are promising but mixed.

The Asia Foundation's Translation Service Center has provided an article from the Nikkei Sangyo Shimbun which gives us insights into the translation machine problem. The article reports that translations produced by one computer received a grade of only 60 percent. That is, only 60 percent was passable English, 20 percent was borderline, and 20 percent was hopeless.

The Bravice people, mentioned above, have a machine which turned out the masterpiece that follows:

"Although it was assumed that the development of a system which a computer translates automatically the language which differ grammar and etymology was very difficult, a translation system from Japanese to English realized and it was disclosed on 17th. An automatic translation era of anticipation for the language-deafness comes."

Presumably the computer was trying to tell us: "Although development of a computer system for translating Japanese into English was assumed to be very difficult because of differences in grammar and etymology, a workable program is now available, it was announced on the 17th."

Further refined, a press release might read: "Translation of Japanese into English by computer is now practical with its newly developed program, Bravice International announced today . . ."

Obviously, automatic, accurate, idiomatic translation by computer is far in the future. Until that time comes there will be a need for human translators working laboriously with pencil, eraser and dictionary.

As an example of the problems that need solving, the article cites the phrase, "a fat baby doctor." The computer must determine whether this means a fat pediatrician, a doctor who specializes in fat babies, or a fat baby who happens to be a doctor.

Additionally, the computer needs to determine the nature of the doctor—physician, scholar or what. This is work that a computer can do, but it requires an enormous amount of stored information on which to base its judgment.

For a while longer, mankind is safe from takeover by robots and computers, at least in the field of translation. But there's another problem: Few of us know enough about languages other than our own to meet the need.

GUEST'S CORNER: Chuck Kubokawa

Mission from São Paulo

SAN FRANCISCO—Twenty representatives from the São Paulo Nikkei youth baseball team, headed by Dr. Kunio Kuwahara and Senor Valter Koga, arrived in San Francisco on July 11, one day earlier than originally scheduled. They were met at the airport by members of the Sequoia Chapter and proceeded to the Palo Alto Buddhist gym, where they were housed for the duration of their Northern California stay.

Chapter president Albert Nakai and Dr. Harry Hatasaka (who arranged for the Northern Cal baseball games) led a force of volunteers that helped to ensure a full six days of activities. Sue and William Sasagawa and Harry and Sadako Hatasaka hosted a barbecue and swim party for the youths on two separate days.

The Brazilian youths played two games in Northern California. An article in the local Peninsula newspaper helped to bring out people from the community, including a couple of Brazilians who joined us for the activities after the game. The game played in Palo Alto was won by the Brazilian Team 11 to 1. The game in Lodi was won by Lodi, 16 to 1, because the Lodi team had some players who were a few years older than the 14-16 years of age agreed upon. Who won did not really matter because the activities broadened our youth's perception of other Nikkei throughout the world. The Brazilians have the same ethnic features, speak Portuguese and have different customs but enjoy the same sport of baseball. Though there were language barriers among the youths, postgame activities—such as attending the Obon Festivals in San Jose and Lodi, a youth dance party, touring San Francisco and Nichi Bei Times (hosted by Lily and Yas Abiko), and going to the Oakland A's game and Marriott's Great America Park presented no problems. The Brazilian youths got along fine and enjoyed themselves totally. The one thing they enjoyed more than anything else was playing the coin-operated video games.

Thanks go to all the members of the Mt. View Tri-City group, Sequoia and the Lodi JACL Chapters, the Palo Alto Buddhist Church, and the Lodi Buddhist Church for hosting the youths at their Obon Festival the day of the Lodi game. A special thanks is extended to all those people who pitched in, taking days off from work to assure that our visitors enjoyed themselves.

The Palo Alto game was also honored to have Mr. "Iron" Matsubara (scout from the L.A. Dodgers organization) watching the game. He stated that the Dodgers are looking for Nikkei baseball players, and was kind enough to give the players some hints on how they could improve their game. The Brazilian team departed for the second leg of their trip to Los Angeles on July 17.

Under the leadership of Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, Luis Yamakawa, and the Latin American JACL Chapter I am sure they were treated cordially in Southern California.

There has been talk already of having a PANA championship playoff game in Brazil next year. Two or three Nikkei teams will be invited from the U.S. It's only talk now but one never knows what will happen in the next few months. The game may be in conjunction with the PANA conference being planned for next year. Thanks to the initiation of this first international baseball game by Dr. Harry Hatasaka, Dr. Kunio Kuwahara (Brazil) and Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, a new avenue of activities has been opened for our youth internationally. The PANA experience is indeed providing another positive activity and perspective for all of us involved in JACL.

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other public figures used in textbooks and that any choice was bound to offend someone. As a compromise, he considered placing Mineta's photo alongside Hayakawa's.

There the matter stood until Jan. 19—coincidentally, just six days after the "Jap" problem with the other publisher had been resolved—when Christodlous wrote to Kizu to tell her that Hayakawa's photo would be replaced by Mineta's. The caption would read:

"As a child, Norman Mineta was one of 112,000 Japanese Americans who were placed in camps during WW2. In 1971, he was elected mayor of San Jose. Today he is a member of the U.S. Congress."

These experiences have taught Kizu to keep an eye out for such problems. "We can't assume that people that are supposed to be screening materials for racist, sexist, or political biases are necessarily able to," she says. "Everyone must be sensitive to such portrayals and try to change them."

She has also learned that "you *can* do something" about such problems. The text from which the word "Jap" was removed is already in print. The text from which Hayakawa was removed will be out in September, just in time for the new school year.

—By J.K. Yamamoto

Calendar

●**SEPT 1 (Saturday)**
Los Angeles—Manzanar reunion dinner, Bonaventure Hotel, 6pm; info Bruce Kaji, (213) 624-7458
San Diego—Internat'l Peace Garden clean up, 8am; lunch provided

●**SEPT 2 (Sunday)**
Sacramento—Vacaville reunion, Plaza Holiday Inn, 5pm

●**SEPT 8 (Saturday)**
Los Angeles—Volunteer Information Day, 9:30am-12n; 244 S San Pedro; info 680-3729
Gilroy—Comm'ty potluck and memb drive, Community Hall

●**SEPT 9 (Sunday)**
San Diego—Japan Day at Balboa Park, presented by House of Japan, House of Pac Relations, 2-4pm

●**SEPT 10 (Monday)**
Los Angeles—Am Assn of Ret Persons mtg, 244 S San Pedro, Rm 410, 1:30pm; for those 50 and over. Info 293-3165, 263-8469

●**SEPT 15 (Saturday)**
Washington—Arigato picnic at Lake Accotink, 11am-4pm; lunch at 12n; info Kris Ikejiri, 447-4155
Salt Lake—Issei luncheon, Buddhist Church, 211 W 100th South, 12n

●**SEPT 16 (Sunday)**
Contra Costa—Barbeque at El Cerrito Comm Cntr, 4-9pm; prgm featuring schol winners 6:30-8pm

●**SEPT 21 (Friday)**
San Francisco—Kimochi golf tournament, Peacock Gap Golf & Country Club; tee-off 12n; register 931-2294

●**SEPT 22 (Saturday)**
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Resolutions Considered by National Council

HONOLULU—Following is a summary of resolutions passed by the JACL National Council Aug. 17. (The full text of selected resolutions will be carried in future issues.)

The National Council resolved:

—To express concern about the plight of the Korean residents in Japan to the U.S. State Dept.

—To encourage the formation of political action committees, independent of the JACL, to promote the interests of the Japanese American community on the national, district, and local levels.

—To establish a national committee for singles concerns.

—To deplore the appointment of persons to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights who disagree with the purposes for which the commission was formed.

—To re-dedicate itself to the pursuit of obtaining medical assistance for the hibakusha (A-bomb survivors) living in the U.S.

—To support all efforts to reduce worldwide tension and calls for arms control and nuclear disarmament.

—To pay convention expenses for the JACLer of the Biennium parallel to procedures for the Japanese Americans of the Biennium.

—To ban smoking from conference and workshop rooms at national conventions.

—To provide in-kind services on a one-to-three matching basis for a National Institute of Mental Health project targeting the Nisei.

—To establish a select committee called "The Recruitment and Leadership Development Committee" for younger JACLers.

—To assign the Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship Trust Foundation to the National 1000 Club for the planning of a living memorial to Masaoka.

—To urge all JACL members to communicate with their congresspersons to defeat the Simpson-Mazzoli bill.

—To oppose California state proposition 39, which would establish a commission to draw new legislative districts for the 1986 general election, including the districts of Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui.

—To oppose the proclamation of a "Year of the Bible" or any national commemorative year recognizing the impedimenta of any specific religion.

—To monitor anti-Asian incidents and to undertake a program of education in regard to the cause and effect of violence against Asian Americans.

—To reduce the life membership fee for the 1000 Club to $500 and to build a trust fund of no less than $1 million.

—To instruct the national committee for redress to issue periodic reports concerning the status and nature of each redress endorsement to chapter redress chairs and to the Pacific Citizen; and to instruct the committee to submit to the Pacific Citizen the congressional status of redress bills, including lists of the most recent sponsors.

—To support the re-introduction of the Equal Rights Amendment.

—To express appreciation to Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga and to Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui for their efforts in seeking redress.

—To urge the Congress to acknowledge the illegal and immoral actions of the United States in the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1893 and to grant restitution for the losses and damages suffered by Native Hawaiians as a result of those actions.

—To express thanks to the Honolulu Chapter for the running of an enjoyable and productive convention and to reconvene in Chicago on July 21–25, 1986.

The National Council REJECTED resolutions:

—To reaffirm JACL's concerns, articulated by its leaders in Japan, about the NHK series "Sanga Moyu."

—To reduce membership fees for new senior citizens 65 years or older by 50% of the regular fee, excluding Pacific Citizen subscription.

Aging & Retirement:

Masuda survey ready for release

Ten years have passed since National JACL placed aging and retirement (A/R) on its convention agenda. In the interim, a national A/R committee has produced a video cassette, "A Tale of Nisei Retirement," shown as an opener at the A/R workshop Wednesday during convention week at Pacific Beach Hotel; took notice that the median age of Nisei, based upon the 1980 census, is 64 and that needs of the aging Nikkei population increase annually; and has called for JACL to furnish in-kind matching services for a grant to use the findings of the late Dr. Minoru Masuda's survey of the elderly Nisei in Seattle.

K. Patrick Okura, workshop leader, apologized for not having a copy of the Masuda survey available to participants.

His summary noted the findings delved into what institutions (in the Seattle area) supported the Nisei, who constituted the support system and how it might be strengthened. The three-year project at Univ. of Washington, where Masuda taught, was funded by the National Institute of Mental Health.

Okura said the findings are ready to be synthesized and disseminated, such as:

1—For most Nisei, reference to the Nikkei community becomes stronger as they get older. Nikkei involvement in politics, service groups, etc., also increases at the same time.

2—A Nikkei who grew up in the Midwest where few Japanese reside feels "at home" in the Little Tokyos on the West Coast. Nikkei retirees and widows also tend to live out their lives in the old J-towns.

3—Like the Issei, Nisei women tend to "clique" with other Nisei women as they grow older; same with the Nisei men.

4—Children are a heavy investment for the Nisei. But because the Nisei have been "shut out" before, there is less demand made upon the children in terms of "oyakooko." (Okura explained, "We don't know how to communicate with our kids.")

Workshop panelist Tom Owan, NIMH Center for Aging in Hawaii, said the Masuda study can boost street-level research in the area of mental health and aging. He encouraged the JACL to be a conduit in a pilot effort to publicize the findings of the study.

—By Harry Honda

MIS exhibit opens at USS Arizona

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii—Under balmy skies, the Yankee Samurai photographic exhibit was dedicated at the USS Arizona Memorial Museum Aug. 13. The exhibit depicts the role the Military Intelligence Service Nisei played in the Pacific Theater during WW2.

Sen. Spark Matsunaga, keynote speaker, said the story of the MIS Nisei "should not be kept under wraps, but rather, told and retold to inspire in succeeding generations a dedication to grace under pressure that can see individuals through the cross-currents and cross purposes of their own lives with a fixed clarity of values."

The Hawaii lawmaker, himself an MIS veteran, noted that, "Although members of the MIS were permitted to enlist only in the ranks of the Army, they were assigned not only to all major Army units, including the Air Corps, but some also were detailed to the Navy and Marine Corps as well as to Allied commands in Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain, India and China. Their work ranged from front line tactical interrogation of prisoners of war to interpreting and translating enemy operations documents. They also engaged in radio intercepts, code analysis, and had critical roles in the great intelligence coups of the Pacific Theater."

MIS Nisei are credited with shortening the war by two years and saving perhaps a million American lives.

New photographs have been recently added to the Yankee Samurai exhibit. Eric Saul, curator of the Presidio Army Museum in San Francisco, uncovered the photographs in Washington, D.C., archives. Featured particularly is a large-scale visual of the capture, transportation, translation and strategic use of Operation Z documents, plans of the Japanese Imperial Navy for the defense of the Mariana and Philippine Islands.

Saul announced at the dedication that the Smithsonian Institute will document the social, military and legislative history of Japanese Americans during the nation's commemoration of the Constitution's bicentennial in 1987. The Institute, Saul said, has never before presented such recent military history.

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Letters

Nomination of candidate by outgoing president 'improper'

We could not believe our eyes and ears when National JACL President Floyd Shimomura took it upon himself to make a stirring nomination speech for one of the candidates for his office, Frank Sato.

It seemed to us that he was playing the role of "kingmaker" and attempting to name his own successor. As national president, he is the president of all the different factions in JACL, and, in our opinion, he should have remained impartial in the matter of campaign activities for the various offices, especially in the campaign for the presidency. When he assumed the office of national president, he gave up many personal privileges because he became spokesman for the entire JACL.

The same holds true for district governors and chapter presidents. They should reflect the wishes of the majority of their constituency even if their personal beliefs are to the contrary. In the case of the CCDC, in a Sato flyer distributed just before the votes were cast, the following was listed as one of the endorsers: Maude Ishida, CCDC (Governor).

No matter what the disclaimers, the assumption by many was that the CCDC endorsed Sato. Let us set the record straight. Most, if not all, of the CCDC chapters cast their vote for Yasui.

We regret that these things happened. In the future, it should be understood that nominating speeches and seconding speeches can be made only by official delegates and authorized proxies of the member chapters of the National Council. Chapters compose the National Council and only chapters can cast votes in these elections.

FRED HIRASUNA
Fresno, CA

Two Noguchis

In the July 1 issue (Sunday) of the Philadelphia Inquirer, a feature article appeared entitled, "Building an Institute in the Memory of a Doctor." The doctor referred to was Dr. Hideyo Noguchi, "world renown for his contributions to medical and bacteriological research for cures for trachoma, infantile paralysis, rabies, yellow fever, rattlesnake poisoning, syphilis and other diseases."

The article further stated that 'Doctor Noguchi died in Africa in 1928 at age 52 from yellow fever, which he contracted while studying the disease. He was revered by the Japanese, who have not forgotten that it was in Philadelphia [at the Univ. of Pennsylvania] that he got his big break."

Dr. Toshio Asakura, professor at the Univ. of Pennsylvania and chairman of the Noguchi Foundation, was quoted as announcing that in memory of Dr. Noguchi and "in recognition of the university's role in shaping his future, the Japanese people decided to invest $20 million in the construction of an international biomedical research institute [and a museum]...in Philadelphia."

I was disappointed that no coverage of this story has yet appeared in the Pacific Citizen. Since many biographies of Dr. Noguchi have been written, and no doubt many references to his accomplishments have appeared in medical journals through the years, I am sure that many of your readers would be interested in reading the entire account, particularly those in the medical profession.

Sculptor's work

I have also noted in a recent issue of the Pacific Citizen (July 27) an interesting summary of the life and career of another Noguchi, i.e., Isamu Noguchi, the world-famous Nisei sculptor. Therein it was stated that one of his most recent works was completed in 1977. However, the fact is that a monumental work of Noguchi has recently been completed in Philadelphia.

The massive steel-structured work commemorates Benjamin Franklin's historic experiment demonstrating the force of electricity by means of a kite and a key exposed to a streak of lightning. It is 102 feet in height and cost about ¾ million dollars to construct, and has been erected near Independence Mall near the approach to the Benjamin Franklin Bridge leading to New Jersey. I believe that your readers would be interested in reading the details concerning this great work of art.

DUNBAR MORRIS
Philadelphia

Why no letters?

One thing I really miss in the Pacific Citizen is a "Letters to the Editor" section. Does that mean that you do not get thought-provoking letters or that you don't have room to print the letters, or that you don't want to print the letters?

I think this addition could cause a lot of the younger Asians to stay with the JACL membership and perhaps even attract new members. I know of one person who used to belong to JACL just to get the newspaper but let his membership slide—apparently because he lost interest in the newspaper. Somehow I think we need to stay in touch with the current "heartbeat" of the Asian community and the Pacific Citizen is the best way I know of to reach the audience.

Potential catalyst

The Asian community is a vast potential waiting to be tapped for their political voice in our government. I would like to see the Pacific Citizen reach out and crystalize that potential. When we can get a majority of Asians to speak in one voice, it has more "clout" than individuals speaking in ten different directions.

How does the average Asian who is not a Mike Masaoka or a Bill Hosokawa get heard? I hope the Pacific Citizen is a vehicle to allow the average citizen to express his or her point to view.

Our city newspaper, the San Jose Mercury News, has some interesting articles such as the formation of the taiko drummers and the meaning of the Obon festival. Is there any chance of seeing articles such as that in the PC?

MIKI FUKUMOTO
San Jose, CA

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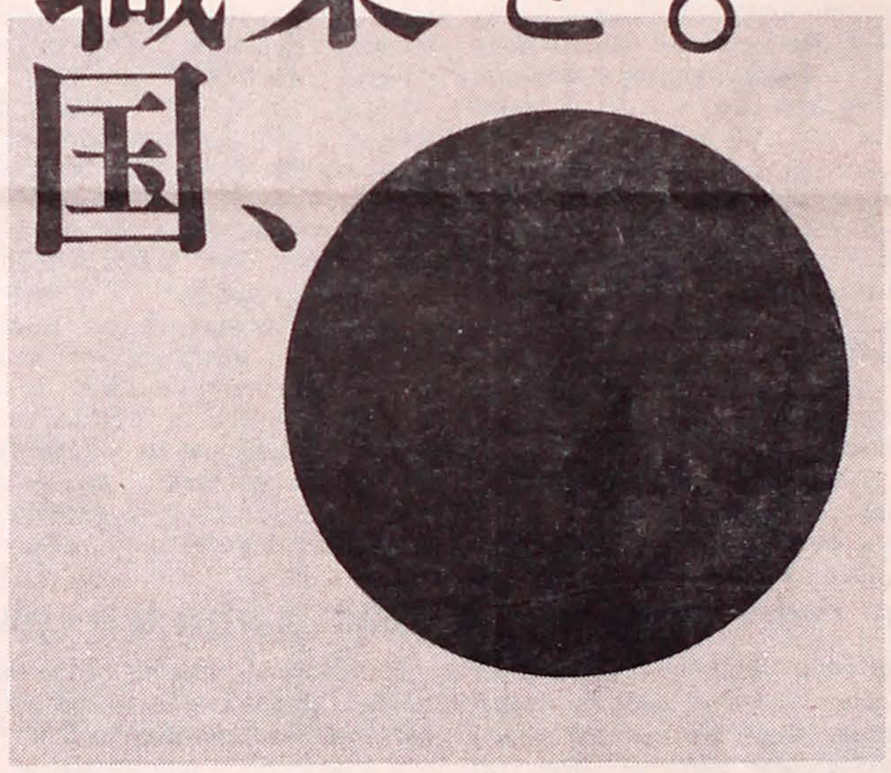

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CABLES

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evidence in the government's records that would indict any person of Japanese ancestry as having been part of that [espionage] network."

John Herzig, a retired Army counter-intelligence officer who served as a paratrooper in the South Pacific during WW2, took issue with Lowman's claims, calling them "a mixture of fact and fantasy."

—Lowman referred to "espionage nuggets"—cabled information on aircraft production at Lockheed, Douglas, and other companies—as evidence of a spy network. Herzig said that two Los Angeles Times articles published prior to the cables in question contained the same information. "Rather than having to smuggle a spy with Asian features into an aircraft factory, the same kind of data was collectible by any reader of the newspapers," he said. Copies of the articles were entered into the record.

—From among thousands of cables, only five mention Nisei, and even those indicate the intention of utilizing Japanese Americans rather than achievement of that goal, Herzig charged. If Nikkei were actually spying for Japan, he said, "one would expect to see spy reports about American war plans, our codes and ciphers . . .all of which would clearly indicate, as Mr. Lowman implies, that Japanese Americans were the source of such data. No evidence of success in recruiting Japanese Americans as spies is contained in any of these cables."

—Other cables cited by Lowman concerned activities in Mexico, Panama, and other parts of Latin America and do not challenge or mention the loyalty of Japanese Americans on the West Coast, Herzig said.

—Lowman and others have claimed that the CWRIC would have reached different conclusions had it known of Magic, but Herzig said that transcripts of the 1981 hearings show that commissioners were aware of the cables. Herzig further cited the House testimony of Army historian David Trask, who said he had "no reason to believe" that Magic was the basis for the government's decision to intern Nikkei.

'Selective Justice'

Herzig added that Allied ships were being sunk by Nazi submarines off the East Coast and that American Nazis drilled in the streets of New York, assaulted Jews in the subways, operated training camps in rural areas, and had direct radio contact with Berlin.

"Why was no serious question raised as to the danger of fifth column activities of the 20,000-member German American Bund, or of evacuating alien enemies of all Axis countries . . .from the vicinity of our seaports and military installations on the East Coast?" he asked. "Selective justice is no justice."

Of the 91 persons convicted of spying in the U.S. from 1938-45, 64 were American citizens, none of whom were of Japanese descent, Herzig continued. "Another question yet to be considered is this: suppose one case of espionage by a Japanese American had been found—or ten cases, or a hundred—would that have provided reason to incarcerate 1,000 times that number of innocent persons? That is the theory of retribution practiced by the Nazis."

If the standards applied to Nikkei had been applied to German and Italian Americansas well, Herzig said, those interned would have included Walter Krueger, one of Gen. MacArthur's top commanders, and Fiorello LaGuardia, mayor of New York City.

"Unsubstantiated allegations, assumptions and suspicions about an ethnic minority, then as now, provide fertile grounds for discriminatory action. Ethnicity must not be equated with loyalty," Herzig concluded.

Herzig also read a resolution passed last year by the 503rd Parachute Regimental Combat Team Assn., to which he belongs, recognizing "the patriotic sacrifice" made by Japanese American families who sent "sons and husbands from behind barbed wire enclosures to fight, bleed and die for their country." His voice cracked with emotion as he spoke of the group's recognition of the distinction between loyal Japanese Americans and the enemy.

HEARING

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behalf of the 60,000 still alive and seeking justice. I ask on behalf of all Americans who believe that our Constitution really does mean what it says—that we are created equal."

Sen. Alan Cranston, who introduced redress bill S 1520 before becoming a co-sponsor of S 2116, called the internment "the single worst mass violation of civil rights and liberties in our nation's history" with the exception of slavery.

Cranston said that his personal interest in the issue stems not only from the fact that 70% of former internees live in California but also because he opposed the internment in 1942. While assigned to the Office of War Information, he "worked closely with Eleanor Roosevelt, Archibald MacLeish and then-Attorney General Francis Biddle in trying to dissuade President Franklin Roosevelt from implementing the evacuation and internment plan."

"I visited two of the camps . . .I spent my time inside the barbed wire talking to internees, including boyhood friends from Los Altos, Calif. These were people with whom I had learned the Pledge of Allegiance, 'The Star Spangled Banner' and 'America the Beautiful.' Their loyalty to this nation was unquestionable," he recalled. "I noted the irony of seeing American Nisei soldiers, home on furlough and in uniform, wandering around inside a fenced-in internment camp."

After citing the bravery of Nisei soldiers in Europe and the Pacific, Cranston said, "The war extracted great sacrifices from all Americans, resulting from necessary measures to defend our country. But the exclusion and internment policy was a hardship imposed exclusively upon Japanese Americans—clearly for racial reasons alone."

A number of officials who supported the internment, including Secretary of War Henry Stimson, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, and California Attorney General Earl Warren, later expressed regret over their wartime actions, Cranston said.

While he did not feel that the amounts specified in the bill fully covered economic losses or civil rights violations, he stressed that monetary payments are "an essential element . . .to guarantee the sanctity of our precious liberties for our children."

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), another cosponsor of HR 4110, submitted written testimony but did not attend the hearing.

Also restating his position was former CWRIC member and former Commission on Civil Rights chair Arthur Flemming, who said that he had had "no experience more moving than being on the commission." Over 700 witnesses, many of them former internees, testified before the CWRIC in 1981.

"I'm committed as a citizen to do everything I possibly can to help develop public support for our findings and recommendations," he said. "I believe something will happen because I believe in our system."

Mineta, redress leaders to speak at film screening

GARDENA, Calif.—Pacific Southwest District JACL presents a showing of the award-winning documentary "Nisei Soldier" and a redress panel discussion Saturday, Sept. 22 at Ken Nakaoka Memorial Center, 1700 W. 162nd St.

Guests for the benefit program are Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.); Bert Nakano, spokesperson, National Coalition for Redress/Reparations; Joyce Okinaka, National Council for Japanese American Redress, which filed a class action suit in federal court on behalf of former internees; Don Tamaki, attorney for Fred Korematsu in his "coram nobis" petition; and guest speaker John Tateishi, JACL redress director.

A number of veterans of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team are expected to participate in a discussion after the film.

A bento supper will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the program at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 for bento and program; $10 for program only.

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Chapter Pulse

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ORANGE, Calif.—Selling teriyaki and won ton, the chapter again participates in the Japanese Ginza section of the Orange International Street Fair, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1-2. The event is the chapter's biggest annual fundraiser. To volunteer, call Frank Kawase, (714) 529-7634, or Gary Sakata (213) 923-9903.

Watsonville

PRUNEDALE, Calif.—The 165 JACL senior citizens of the Monterey, Salinas and Watsonville chapters gathered Sunday, Aug. 19, to attend the Tri-County Seniors Picnic in Royal Oaks Park. This was the third such outing sponsored by Watsonville Chapter.

Tokushige Kizuka, master of ceremonies, convened the gathering by paying tribute to more than 160 deceased members of the community with a silent prayer. The moment was followed by a rendition of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" by the Watsonville Issei Choir under the leadership of Reiko So.

Committee chairs for the event were Goro Yamamoto of Monterey, Jimmy Tanda of Salinas, and Tokushige Kizuka of Watsonville. Volunteers and donors included Helen Nita, Tom Nakase, Roy Sakasegawa, Hibino Farms, Tanimura/Antle Farms, TST flower growers of Salinas, and Watsonville Karaoke Club.

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Issei railroad history room part of UP depot restoration

JACKPOT, Nev.—Believe it or not, this plateau community south of Twin Falls, Idaho, on US 93 is about dead center for Intermountain JACLers who drive hundreds of miles to attend a district council session. The friendly casino and Lady Luck make the trek attractive, according to Hid Hasegawa, IDC governor, who lives in Idaho Falls—about 200 miles away. All vow the locale is conveniently situated.

Over the July 28 weekend, IDC delegates from the six chapters were gearing for the National Convention, reported on recent chapter activities and were happy to see someone from the Pacific Citizen "cover" the meeting —for the first time.

George Sugihara of Wasatch Front North reported the restoration project of the 25th St. (UP) station in Ogden was progressing with one room being dedicated to Issei railroaders—perhaps the only museum of its kind in the West. He also said they were tending the Japanese cemetery in Ogden.

Ron Pressley of Snake River noted JACLers were active with the Ontario-Sayama sister city affairs.

IDC secretary Alice Kasai revealed Salt Lake JACL is observing its 50th anniversary with a March 25 event next year. Salt Lake president Sadao Nagata was wearing (and selling) a happi coat as a chapter fund-raiser. Chapter recently sponsored an Asian health fair with Tomiye Ishimatsu, nursing instructor at Univ. of Utah, in charge.

With respect to redress, the IDC repeated its position that the plight of Intermountain Issei and Nisei who were not evacuated also needed to be placed on the record—to educate the public about their own deprivation and discrimination because of World War II. Onetime IDC governor John Tameno—an evacuee from Hood River, Ore., now farming in Treasure Valley (Oregon-Idaho), hoped an Intermountain Nikkei could testify before a congressional hearing on redress. "The Intermountain story is missing," he declared.

Growth of Area

Inquiries about sale of the Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL hall were also noted after the meeting. At the time of construction some 15 years ago, it was in the "middle of nowhere," according to PC Board representative Bob Endo. Today, a golf course is nearby and the suburbs surround the hall.

The stay ended with a brief visit of the Minidoka Relocation Center campsite northeast of Twin Cities. The road (toward Eden and beyond from US 93) is fully paved. The huge sign by the camp entrance stands unsullied. The Jerome canal was full and nearby fields were green on the verge of harvest. Such was not the case in the summer of 1942 when the camp was being built. "It was all sagebrush then," recalled Tom Morimoto, a Nisei Idahoan who was hired to construct the campsite.

—By Harry Honda

Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL Photo

Minidoka of 1984—Reading the signpost designating the wartime site of Minidoka Relocation Center (15 miles northeast of Twin Falls, Idaho) is PC general manager Harry Honda after a recent Intermountain District Council meeting at Jackpot, Nev. Tom Morimoto (center) is the Idaho-born Nisei who was hired as a truck driver to help in construction of the camp. The site was dedicated Aug. 18, 1979. The bronze plaque displayed then was never mounted by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the overseers.

County supervisors call for monetary compensation

AUBURN, Calif.—Placer County board of supervisors went on record as supporting JACL's redress program at its regular meeting July 3 by unanimously passing a resolution endorsing the findings and recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

The board, chaired by Supervisor Alex Ferreira of Newcastle, urged Congress to enact redress bills HR 4110 and S 2116 "in order to effectuate and carry out those [CWRIC] recommendations to preserve and rectify the honor and integrity of this nation."

It was also resolved, without objections, "that the sum of $20,000 be awarded to survivors . . .as a symbol of this nation's regret that such unjust events occurred and as a token of honorable efforts to acknowledge such wrong to the end that similar aberrations of justice shall never recur."

The supervisors also agreed with the commission that the WW2 internment resulted from war hysteria and racial bigotry rather than military necessity.

Preliminary work for the resolution had been hammered out at a special workshop conducted by Placer Area Redress Committee, chaired by Frank Kageta, district coordinator Mary Tsukamoto of Florin, and the board of supervisors. The board was given a detailed history of the evacuation and the current redress bills designed to implement the CWRIC's recommendations.

'Interned Solely Because of Race'

At the July 3 meeting, Placer County JACL president Ken Kunitomi, in his opening remarks to the supervisors, stressed that Nikkei were "interned solely because of race. It gives a hollow meaning to the words, 'All men are created equal'."

Kageta added that Japanese Americans "don't want it to happen again to any minority. I believe in the Constitution and I hate to think the government can break the meaning [of the Constitution] at its convenience." As a veteran of the 442nd RCT, he further stated, "I am an American. This is the only country I know. I was willing to die for this country."

Marshal Hike Yego, a 13-year law enforcement veteran, testified that he was forced to board up his business in Newcastle and store most of his belongings in a family ranch barn. When he returned home after the war, he found that most of his property had been either stolen or destroyed. He added that many other returnees had similar experiences.

Yego said that he had no choice but to pick up the pieces and start life from scratch in an inhospitable environment. He also told of the injustice suffered by farmers who had to abandon their productive orchards hewn from land strewn with rock piles and heavy brush growths. Others moved in and made profits during the war, he added.

Considering the humiliation of being treated like an enemy and having one's loyalty questioned without due cause, just saying "sorry" isn't going to solve anything, Yego declared.

The supervisors noted that the evacuation had a devastating effect on the thriving fruit industry of the county, which was once considered the nation's fruit basket. As a result, said Ferreira, local fruit shipping never regained its prewar status and is fast becoming an endangered species. Supervisor Robert Mahan of Roseville told reporters after the meeting that the evacuation was the result of racism.

—By Roy Yoshida

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Uno challenging incumbent district court judge

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—A constitutional amendment is being submitted to Utah voters on general election day, Nov. 6, to eliminate judicial contests entirely.

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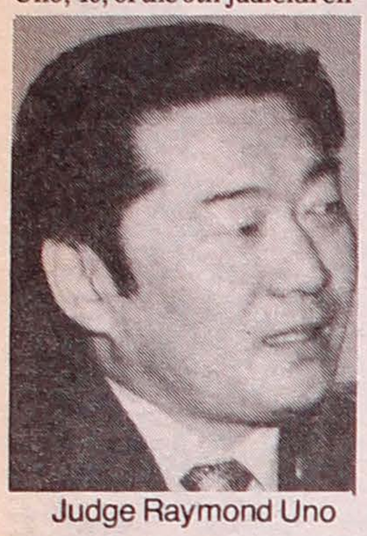

Judge Raymond Uno

Some of Uno's supporters said appointment of minorities to the Utah courts would be most difficult, if not virtually impossible, for years to come. They pointed to the 6-8% minority population in the state, the Asians considerably less (and 5,000 being of Japanese ancestry).

Uno believes his chances for winning are excellent, though beating an incumbent judge in a Utah election is rare. A circuit judge has yet to oppose a district judge in an election. If he fails, Uno will still be a judge at the Utah circuit level.

While considered an underdog in this contest, Uno has generated considerable interest among the attorneys as well as the public, who remember in 1982 when he garnered the most votes for any judicial post in the state and by a candidate running for office in Salt Lake county—that state's most populous.

A judge since 1976, Uno, Judge Bill Marutani in Philadelphia, and Judge Shiro Kashiwa on the Court of Claims in Washington are the only Japanese Americans on the bench outside the West Coast.

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● **Sports**

Lisa Ishikawa, a Northwestern Univ. freshman softball pitcher, was named Big Ten Female Athlete of the Year. She broke two NCAA season records in her rookie season with 469 strikeouts and a 0.48 ERA. Nineteen of her 33 victories were shutouts and 5 were no-hitters.

Shigeru Yabu, executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo, Calif., was a carrier of the Olympic Torch in Oxnard last month. **Yoshitaka Sakazaki,** also of Camarillo, was another torch carrier. He was sponsored by Ventura County JACL.

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Sano elected Methodist Church bishop

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The 53-year-old Sano, born in Imperial Valley, Calif., is professor of theology at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. He succeeds Melvin Wheatley Jr., who retired this month.

The election of the onetime contributor to the Pacific Citizen and former Mills College chaplain was held at the Western Jurisdictional Conference, July 17-20, which became the first ever to fill all its vacancies with ethnic minorities.

Bishops are elected for life and appointed to geographic areas for four-year terms. It was a historic occasion for the Western Jurisdiction when a Japanese American, a Hispanic and a Black woman were assigned to the Denver area.

Sano received his B.A. from UCLA in 1954, and a master of divinity from Union Theological Seminary, New York, in 1957. His postgraduate work included a master's in theology from the graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, Calif., and his Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, Calif. He held pastorates in Oxnard, Santa Maria, Loomis, San Jose and Los Angeles.

The father of three grown children said he hopes he can bring his vision of spirituality, saying a bishop's job is to help people see and feel what they have not seen or felt, much as a painter "helps us see what we had not noticed, not what we see . . ."

Colorado delegates were pleased with Sano's appointment, wrote Virginia Culver, religion writer for Denver Post.

Canada's oldest Issei man dies

NEW DENVER, B.C.—Funeral services for Tokiji Kiyono, 101, who passed away June 30, were conducted July 5 at the New Denver Buddhist Church. Kiyono was believed to be the oldest Issei man in Canada at the time of his death. The Fukuoka-born pioneer lived in Cumberland, B.C. before the 1942 evacuation.

deaths

Minoru Okabayashi, 87, retired Houston Issei farmer-gardener, died Aug. 6. A naturalized citizen in 1955, he came to the U.S. in 1917, has lived in Texas since 1929. He was a gardener for Ima Hogg, a patron of the arts and philanthropist, in Houston in the 1930s. Her father was a Texas governor. Surviving are d Shizu Oyama, Tsuyu Oyama (San Benito, Tx.), Midori Onishi, Kazuko Morrison, s Tsutomu, Kiyoshi (all Houston), George (Spring, Tx.), 28 gc, 28 ggc. Preceding him in death were w Yoshimi (1970) and s Kaoru (1980).

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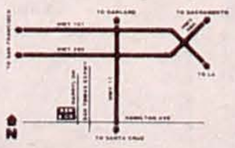

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It's time to recall what Nisei now in retirement or near-retirement are telling us regarding the Little Tokyo Life series.

Kay Tateishi, Tokyo —One of the best things to happen to us country yokels (Kay grew up on a farm in a community called Bangle—east of CSU Dominguez Hills toward Alameda St. today) was to have the family dinner in a Little Tokyo chop suey house... Good old "china meshi" included pakkai, hamuyu, chop suey, egg foo yong, chowmein, seaweed soup, etc. Now, everyone is a gourmet and the tastes have escalated to shark's fin, birdnest soup, Peking duck, etc.

Some of the sights you don't see in Little Tokyo today: Do you remember that Salvation Army fellow who faithfully tooted his bugle, rasped out his call and the pooch that used to hang around First and San Pedro? I recall one evening when a drunk kept harassing him but was still afraid to approach him as he rasped out his message. The drunk would blurt out, "Shaddup! You shaddup!," then stagger back when the preacher raised his bugle and slowly played a hymn. The drunk probably ended up in Tokyo Club to sober up.

To K.T.: The Far East Chop Suey still occupies the same old stand on E. 1st St. serving "china meshi" the way we all remember from 'way back. Even the interior has hardly changed with tables inside booths. Hamuyu-connoisseur Kango Kunitsugu, in his 1979 Nisei Week souvenir booklet, reminds two-three bowls of rice and a small dish of "hom yuk" sustained the Issei during the Depression—a dime for this tasty dinner. He notes many Chinese restaurants serve this but not Little Tokyo-style as prepared by Far East. Its chefs won't reveal the recipe. Far East/Entoh Low is the last of its kind (Cantonese style) in Little Tokyo, which boasted seven chop suey houses prior to WW2. Today, San Kwo Low has changed its name and cuisine. Nikko Low is a children's dress shop. Lem's Cafe moved to the westside during the war; a Japanese restaurant has taken its place. Manshu Low (2nd floor, Tomio Bldg.) has been converted to offices. Jo Ei Low, upstair in the corner building at San Pedro and Jackson, and Tokyo Low, west of the Hori Bros. store on the northside of E. 1st, which is the L.A. police headquarters today, complete the tally.

Chinese-owned Man Fook Low, opposite the Ninth St. Wholesale Market, is still in business. Hong Kong Low in the Miracle Mile stretch of Wilshire (now in new Chinatown) was a favorite after-theater spot for noodles.

About 60 Japanese-owned chop suey houses sprinkled the prewar neighborhoods in the late 1930s: Seinan Chop Suey, Hayashi, Ten-shu Low, Banzai, Trojan Chop Suey, Fuji Chop Suey, Yamato and Wanto on the west side; Cherry Blossom (317 S. Broadway), New Oriental (622 S. Grand) downtown; Uptown Chop Suey, Westlake Chop Suey, Madame Yuki, Ohio Chop Suey in the Wilshire area might be some places the Nisei who had cars to get about may remember.

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As for the gentleman-evangelist (and his cap was inscribed "The Gospel Army") tooting his horn on weekends in Little Tokyo (he later occupied a corner at First & Central where Toyo Miyatake had his studio), he often visited my dad's shop, making appeals with his castanet, and leaving with a message from the Good Book. He continued his calling at Heart Mountain. Since then, we do not know—but we heard he sent his son through college.

NISEI WEEK ADDENDUM—Shintaro Fukushima, president of Japan Times since 1956 and Kyodo News Service since 1966, was honorary grand marshal of the 1984 Nisei Week parade. One of the key persons instrumental in raising over $4 million in Japan toward construction of the JACCC Japan America Theatre, he was the prewar Japanese consul at Los Angeles (c. 1932-1935). Justice John Aiso (also an honoree at the Nisei Week dinner Aug. 20) remembered it was Fukushima who first opened the consul's home—then on Franklin Ave. near Immaculate Heart High School—to the Nisei. Fukushima's wife, incidentally, is a Nisei, born in Chicago (Maeyama family). They are about to observe their golden wedding anniversary; their son is working in Los Alamos, N.M.

Other honorees were insurance man Willie Funakoshi, 75, and architect Toshikazu Terasawa, 60, for their many years of volunteer community service ... We should work up a list of the people that Nisei Week has cited over the years—just for the record.

Too much meat causes Nikkei ill health

HILO—Big Island residents whose parents or grandparents came from Hiroshima suffer more heart disease and colon cancer than their cousins who still reside in Japan.

Differences in dietary habits between Japan and Hawaii are the reason, according to Dr. Michio Yamakido, who recently led a team of six doctors, two dieticians and two medical technicians from Hiroshima School of Medicine for three weeks of testing and interviews with about 600 Hawaii residents of Hiroshima descent.

Their study is part of a 14-year project of comparative medical analysis with Hiroshima residents and Americans of Japanese ancestry on the Big Island and in Los Angeles.

Yamakido explained that the Big Island population base is nearly as stable as Japan's and that large numbers of Issei from Hiroshima settled there during the last century. "Big Islanders who speak Japanese still have their Hiroshima dialect," he said.

"Love of animal fats by U.S. residents will prove to be the conclusive reason for the marked increases in heart and cancer problems. Less meat and more vegetables equals better health," he added.

Fewer Americans smoke cigarettes than their Hiroshima counterparts. But they are prone to use alcohol, an abuse less practiced in Japan. Tests being conducted here do not directly deal with alcohol, Yamakido said.

The level of diabetes here is 12% of the Hiroshima descendants, compared with 5% of those living in Japan.

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