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Anti-Asian incidents described in hearing

SAN JOSE, Ca.—“The former mayor of this city was once incarcerated for treason,” Ron Wakabayashi told members of the Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission. Wakabayashi, National JACL executive director, was the first speaker at a public hearing on “Anti-Asian Bigotry and Violence,” conducted by the commission Feb. 7. U.S. Rep. Norman Mineta, mayor of San Jose from 1971-74, was interned during WW2 at Heart Mountain, Wyo.

Wakabayashi focused most of his remarks on the need for redress, but also noted that violence against all Asians, including Japanese Americans, increases as the numbers of Asian immigrants grow (by 250% from 1970 to 1980) and that the U.S. government's relations with Asian countries affect treatment of Asian Americans.

Buck-toothed 'Nips' in High School

A vivid example of stereotypes at work on the minds of youth was given by Florence Wong, mother of Brad Wong, who fought alone against his high school classmates after they staged a “Japan Day” last October as part of the school's spirit week.

An account of that day at Homestead High School in Cupertino was carried in the San Francisco Examiner:

“Students showed up for the celebration in Hawaiian-print shirts with cameras dangling from their necks and spoke in mock Japanese accents,” wrote reporter Leslie Guevarra. Posters displaying caricatures of Asians with buck teeth and slanted eyes featured such slogans as “Watch out, Pearl Harbor, here we come,” “What kind of car do you drive?” and

“It's getting nippy out here.”

And at an assembly at the end of the week Asian students re-enacted the bombing of Pearl Harbor by throwing water balloons at their peers. Non-Asian students retaliated by throwing balloons at Asians to re-enact the dropping of bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

“To say that Brad was sick to his stomach was true,” said his mother. He was further upset when others told him he was over-reacting. “He was vilified and humiliated, but he continued,” Wong said.

Varied Issues

Speakers at the hearing raised a number of issues, including the need to eliminate media stereotypes, to provide language instruction, and to open access to social services, especially for recent immigrants.

The refugee population in the county comprises an estimated 50,000 Vietnamese, 5,000 Laotians, and 5,000 Cambodians.

The approximately 40 speakers included: Henry Der, director, Chinese for Affirmative Action; Dr. Hong-Seung Park, president of Korean American Community Services of Santa Clara County; Prof. Bill Hing, Golden Gate Univ. School of Law; Alice Kawazoe, president of Asian Americans for Community Involvement; Richard Konda of the Asian Law Alliance; George Leong Suey, national director of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, and others.

Positive Action Expected

Allan Seid, president of Asian Pacific American Advocates of California, who testified at the hearing, told the Pacific Citizen that the commission hearing served a healthy

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Kashu Mainichi photo

TOKEN PAYMENT OF DEBT—Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles (center), signs ordinance paying compensation to city employees who were terminated in the wake of Pearl Harbor. Speaking (right) is Councilmember Dave Cunningham, who introduced the

measure. Looking on are Zev Yaroslavsky, council finance committee chair and (standing, from left) Dennis Nishikawa, aide to Cunningham, former employees Khan Komai and Ernest Fukuda, JACL Director Ron Wakabayashi, and City Clerk Lee Martinez.

City of Los Angeles to compensate WW2 Nisei employees

LOS ANGELES—Mayor Tom Bradley signed into law on Feb. 17 a Los Angeles city ordinance that provides \$5,000 each to 35 former employees who were terminated because of their Japanese ancestry during WW2 (see Feb. 3 PC).

Bradley complimented the city council for having passed the measure. “This is a bright day in the history of this city,” Bradley said. “We can be proud of what we accomplished here today.”

Calling the compensation “a token expression of our concern for the things that happened to our friends and neighbors, Bradley said he hoped payments would nonetheless help to correct “this blight on our democracy.”

City council members approved the measure by a 12-0 vote on Feb. 15. Unlike similar measures passed by the counties of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Alameda and the states of California and Washington, the Los Angeles city ordinance pays the \$5,000 in one lump sum instead of partial payments over two to four years. In addition, the city allows the surviving spouse or children to apply for payment if the former employee is deceased. Application procedures are now being drawn up by the city clerk. Deadline for filing is Nov. 15.

1942 Radio Address

In a major radio address on Jan. 29, 1942, then-Mayor Fletcher Bowron revealed that

the City of Los Angeles had dropped all employees of Japanese parentage.

“This was done without violating the legal rights of anyone,” Bowron asserted. “It was accomplished by inducing each of the employees to make voluntary application for leave of absence. . . . I felt that it was a proper course to take and I have no apologies to offer for insisting that it be done. There are some, however, in this community who have come to the defense of the Japanese Americans and who have been outspoken in their declaration that they have been wronged or unfairly dealt with. . . .

“No one may look into the mind of an Oriental. What he says may be a statement with mental reservation. Common sense dictates that if one has been selected for an important role in time of war, either with respect to securing information and transmitting it or taking part in a fifth column activity in accordance with a preconceived plan, such person, to be most useful to the Empire of the Mikado, would take every precaution to ward off suspicion by proclaiming loudly his loyalty to the Government of the United States of America. . . .

“Probably the true answer can only be given by the acts and conduct of our little Japanese brothers and sisters who reside in our community, and when we have the answer, we hope that it will not be too late to prevent a repetition of the Pearl Harbor episode in Southern California.” #

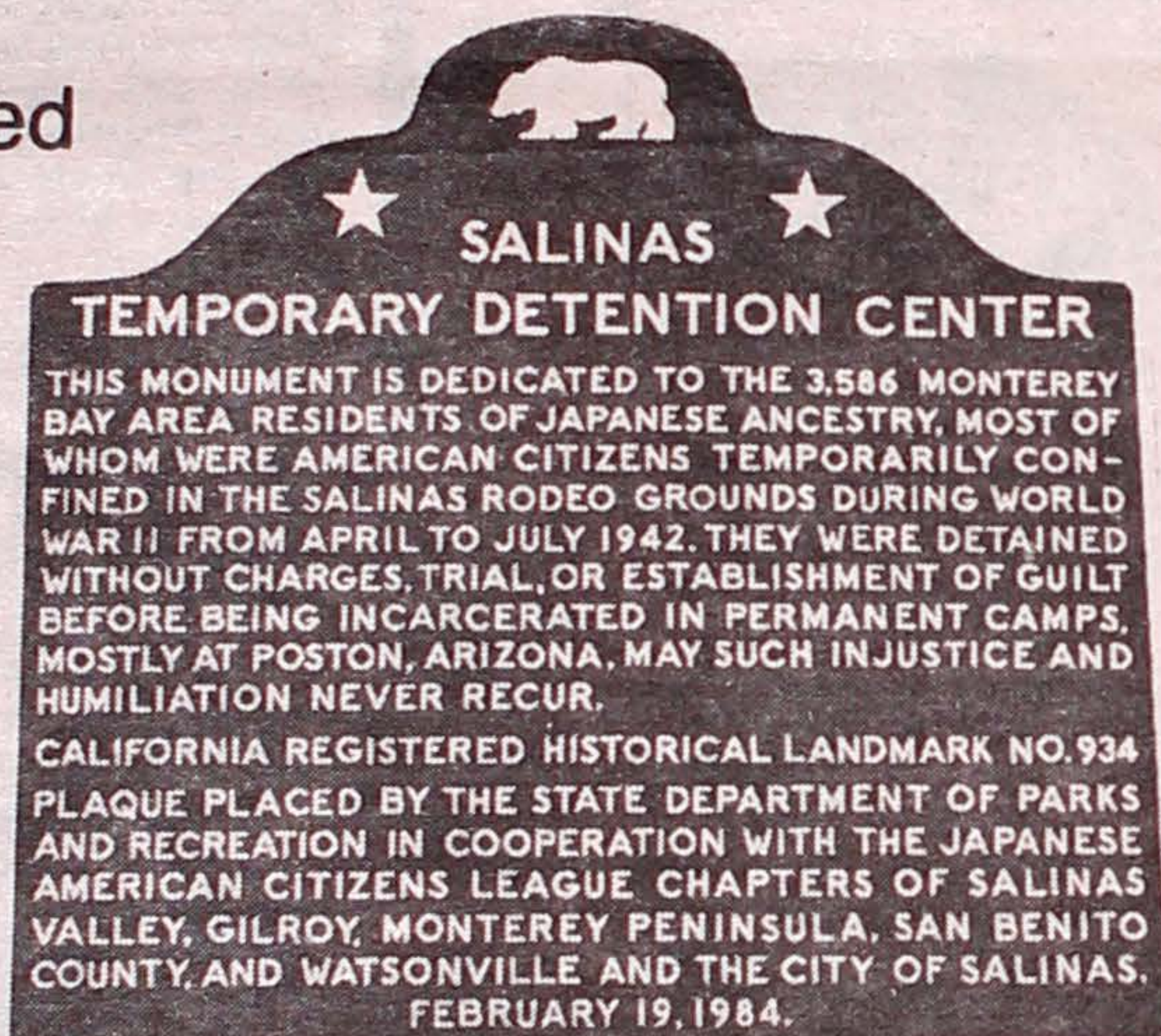
Plaque dedicated at camp site

SALINAS, Ca.—Dedication of California Registered Historic Landmark Plaque No. 934 at the former Salinas Assembly Center was scheduled to take place at the monument site in Sherwood Park on Sunday, Feb. 19.

The monument (kinenhi) commemorates the internment of 3,586 American-born citizens, and their Issei parents, from Gilroy, Monterey, San Benito, Salinas, and Watsonville, Calif., from April to July 1942.

The adjacent Japanese “Garden of Memories” was donated to the City of Salinas as a gift from area Nikkei on the “Day of Remembrance.”

Among the guests invited to the ceremony were Jim Barnes, mayor of Salinas; Bob Christofferson, former



HISTORICAL REMINDER—Landmark plaque at site of temporary detention center at Salinas is dedicated to former internees.

city manager of Salinas; Philadelphia; Minoru Yasui, Congressman Leon Panetta, chair of the JACL National State Senator Henry Mello; Committee for Redress; and William Marutani, Judge of John Tateishi, JACL National Court of Common Pleas, al Redress Director. #

Japanese American youth undergo less emotional trauma with knowledge of their history, says psychiatrist

SAN JOSE, Ca. — Anti-Asian bigotry, especially for college students who suddenly face the realization that they are subject to discrimination, can result in a desperate search for identity, said psychiatrist Allan Seid, president of Asian Pacific American Advocates of California, in a telephone interview with the Pacific Citizen.

“Kids on college campuses are not like those of 10 years ago. The mentality is like going back to 1950, to my time,” said the 47-year-old practitioner. “It's horrifying to me.”

Seid described his generation as “pretty accommodationist: don't rock the boat, work hard, and you'll get a good deal.” With the removal of restrictive housing

covenants and other gains from the civil rights era, Asian Americans have been able over the past two decades to afford suburban life. Benefiting from their parents' sacrifices, their children go on to college.

“The students I run across,” Seid said, believe they're Caucasian. When they're faced with the reality that they're not Caucasian, it's quite traumatic. If it comes, when it comes, it generally comes during college years. They say, ‘I've never experienced discrimination in all my growing up.’ They haven't recognized it. Now they're forced to raise the issue—I'm not Caucasian. What am I?”

Unless these youth develop an apprecia-

tion of their history and culture, they cannot feel they're American, Seid continued. It is important, he said, to be proud of the rich culture of their ancestors' homeland but it is just as important to learn Asian American history and to appreciate the interconnectedness of all Asian experience in this country. The latter task may be more difficult for Japanese Americans than for other Asians.

Nikkei Awareness

“Among almost every Asian Pacific American group, except Japanese Americans,” Seid explained, “there has been a continuous inflow of immigrants. In the Korean community, 90% are foreign-born; it's 80% for Filipinos, 70% for Chinese.”

It is thus easier for members of these groups to see the relations between the new immigrants to this country and themselves.

There needs to be mutual sharing of information between American-born and foreign-born Asians, Seid feels. For example, redress is a high-priority item for the Asian Pacific American Advocates. “We are educating immigrants and refugees that this is an American issue. They find it hard to understand. To them, a Japanese person is from Japan.”

On the other hand, Seid believes that because Japanese Americans have had relatively little immigration recently, it is harder for them to grasp why the Simpson/Mazzoli bill or bilingual education are critical civil rights issues.

Current anti-Asian incidents must also be looked at “in light of the continuity of history,” Seid said. Such incidents “are similar if not identical to occurrences in the history of all Asian groups.” #



Dr. Harry Kitano

Sociologist's academic career has its roots in racial discrimination

LOS ANGELES—Harry H. L. Kitano is a full professor at UCLA's school of social welfare—and a nationally recognized researcher on the status of Japanese American families.

Kitano noted that race relations today are "still rather tenuous" and that "South-east Asian refugees could become a new target" for racists, because many Americans feel threatened by the aliens and foreign products.

"Looking back, it's hard to believe that the incarceration of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry in 1942, based solely on race, could actually happen in a democracy," Kitano reflected, as he thumbed through books and research materials in his tiny Dodd Hall office.

Third Major Update

Currently, he is working on his third major work, "Race Relations" (Prentice-Hall, 1974, 1980); and third edition of "Japanese Americans: The Evolution of a Subculture" (Prentice-Hall, 1969). He authored "American Racism: Exploration of the Nature of Prejudice" with Roger Daniels.

Kitano has won grants from funding groups as the National Institute of Mental Health, the Ford Foundation and the National Institute of Alcohol Addiction and Abuse. The sociologist has been recognized with three visiting professorships. He served as UC Tokyo Study Center director at the International Christian University, 1972-73; and was a visiting profes-

sor at the Univ. of Bristol, England, 1979. Due to his sociology/social welfare background, he was appointed to the U.S. Dept. of Defense and Los Angeles Police Dept. human relations committees.

For his years of scholastic contributions to the Asian-American community, the Japanese American Citizens League named Kitano the "Nisei of the Biennium" in 1982.

People in the News

● Courtroom

Federal District Judge A. Wallace Tashima this past week (Feb. 13) refused a phone company's request for an injunction against Sable Communications and Carlin Communications that offer sexually explicit messages over the phone. Noting that the messages are changed daily, the judge said an injunction would amount to prior restraint and therefore would violate the First Amendment. Pacific Bell attorney Jacqueline Holmes said the company acted because it believed it could be held liable since it cannot keep children from calling the "dial-a-porn" number.

● Government

Japanese Consul General Taizo Nakamura, 53, has been transferred from his post at Vancouver, B.C., to Honolulu—his first U.S. assignment. He was previously stationed in Rome, New Delhi, Cairo, Jakarta and London. He succeeds Mitsuro Donowaki, who returned to Japan in late January.

● Medicine

By inoculating newborn infants with a combination of vaccines, medical researchers hope to eliminate a type of liver cancer, says Myron J. Tong, assoc. prof. of medicine at Univ. of Southern California. "We believe this is one of the few cases where we can immunize an infant against a virus and virtually ensure that he will not develop this type of liver cancer (primary hepatocellular carcinoma) as an adult," Tong said. The babies are inoculated against hepatitis B, carried by an estimated 15% of Asian women.

East L.A. JACler Ronald Akashi, M.D., of Monterey Park, Ca., was elected chief of staff of Garfield Medical Center. An ophthalmologist who had interned and completed his residency at White Memorial Medical Center, Akashi has been at Garfield Med Center since 1968.

● Military

References to Honolulu-born Capt. Wade Ishimoto as intelligence officer with the Delta Force Team which attempted to rescue the U.S. hostages in Teheran in April 1980 are made in "Delta Force" by Col. Charlie A. Beckwith, recently published by Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich. Hawaii Hochi adds Ishimoto is a graduate of Iolani High and Univ. of Washington, the son of the Paul Ishimotos of Kuliouou Valley. His uncle, Maj. Gen. Arthur Ishimoto, is past state adjutant general with the Army Reserves in Hawaii.

Newly-promoted Lt. Col. Dan O. Yoshii, son of the Gion Yoshiis of Torrance, Ca., has been transferred to Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nev., from USAF Hospital, Hickam Field, Honolulu. He is a 1971 magna cum laude graduate from Southern California College of Optometry, and also finished at Narbonne High and UCLA.

● Organization

Tomie Yonemoto heads the Friends of Little Tokyo Public Library Services for 1984. Group fosters improvement of library services in Little Tokyo through the bookmobile and has plans for an author appreciation luncheon to spotlight a local writer, according to publicist Joy Yamauchi.

● Religion

National Headquarters of the Buddhist Churches in America announces that the Rev. Masaaki Yamamoto has been assigned as resident minister to the Buddhist Church of Parlier as of Dec. 1, 1983. Rev. Yamamoto was born in Kyoto, Japan, and has served BCA temples in Chicago and Los Angeles.

● Science

Phaenarete H. Osako of Evanston (Ill.) Township H.S. was one of 300 winners selected from 14,281 entries to the annual Science Talent Search sponsored by Westinghouse Electric Corp. Osako, 16, plans a career in medicine. She won national success with her project of light-scattering effect of liquid crystals and now competes for 40 scholarships and grants totalling \$89,500. #

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deaths

Kadani, Takeichi, 67, San Juan Bautista, Ca., died at his home Jan. 27, San Benito County JACL president, 1948. Surviving are s Dale, d Chieko Nishimura, Haruno Katai, Sueno Shiroma, b Gary.

Oshima, Hoshiro "Coffee", 76, Sacramento, Ca., A Sacramento JACL Life member died at Sutter General Hospital, Feb. 12. Surviving are w Enney Yoshiko, s Melvin Hikaru, Alan Yoneo, d Sharon Tsuruta, s Misao Izumi, gc.

Satow, Roy Toshio, 67, Hawthorne, Ca., died Feb. 10. Brother of late Masao Satow, served with the 442nd Combat Team, E Co. Surviving are w Edith Tomiye, d Leslie and sis Lily Fujiyoshi of Hawaii. #

LITTLE TOKYO LIFE (No. 6):



No. American 'Alps'

By HARRY HONDA

Los Angeles

Our quest to determine where "Little Tokyo" made print the earliest is on hold — because of an unusual story found this past week. There is a timely connection inasmuch as the winter Olympics are in

progress. The 'Alps' in the title of this week's story reminds us of winter sports.

At the Rafu Shimpo's Japanese library (as uncovered by our confrere Kiyoshi Yano) is a 1929 book written by Tadashi Kinoshita, an insurance man who resided in the Seinan area. He had climbed Mt. Whitney in the summer of 1929 with two Issei journalists: Yoneo Sakai, then the L.A. correspondent for San Francisco Nichibei, and Shuki Nakamura of the Rafu Nichibei (where postwar Japanese consul general at L.A. Henry T. Shimanouchi was English editor prewar). They may have been the first Issei to scale Whitney—the 14,500-ft. peak, the highest within the contiguous 48 states. This book, "Beikoku Arupusu Tōhaki (A Diary of Climbing the North American Alps)," has many photos and maps of the ascent—not only of Whitney, but other peaks: the 14,410-ft Mt. Rainier, the Canadian Rockies (above Lake Louise) and the 11,500-ft. Mt. San Geronio.

The trio took the train to Lone Pine, picked up a guide, mules and supplies for the four-day trek by the usual route—up Cottonwood Creek, Rock Creek and over Whitney Pass from the southside. First night was spent at Golden Trout Camp, the second night at Crabtree Meadows (other side of Whitney Pass), the third night at the foot of Whitney Glacier and Crabtree Glacier (which was as far as the mules would accompany them).

Kinoshita's book shows pictures of Sakai and him at the peak—where a pile of rocks stands at least six feet high. They signed in at 1:30 p.m., Sept. 1, 1929 (a Sunday). Their chapped lips had turned purple (due to cold winds) and their head ached (mountain sickness and altitude). Somewhat rested after an hour on the summit, they made a quick, almost vertical descent via John Muir Lake, where they spent the fourth night and feasted on rations of corned beef (Yano-san remarked it was the biggest meal of the trip, a kind of celebration.) That night it rained hard—usual for that time of the year. Friends were relieved to see them upon their return to Los Angeles. They had read the news about four students being injured while climbing up to Whitney, and the airplane sent to rescue them had crashed. The Kinoshita party was unaware of that tragedy.

Mountain-climbing is an esoteric venture ... that three Little Tokyo Issei had scaled Mt. Whitney from Lone Pine in 1929 shows what a few daring Nisei might have considered — were it not for what followed about eight weeks later on Wall Street. The stock market crash practically doomed this as a sport in the mind of a Nisei. A 14-mile hike up & down Mt. Wilson (which overlooks the Santa Anita racetrack) was the extent of our mountain-climbing in the '30s.

We then wondered if any of the youngsters interned 12 years later at Manzanar, where Mt. Whitney to the south could be seen almost every day, ever felt like scaling that peak. In recent years, stories of mountain climbers (some call them 'Alpinists') have been plentiful. About Japanese American climbers, perhaps one or two ... We understand Kinoshita's family included Bob and Lloyd Kinoshita (their sister's name skips me) of stage/film/TV today.

In the socio-historic sense, life in Little Tokyo has its unusual slants. All hints of them will be appreciated. #

Utah considers Asian American council

SALT LAKE CITY—Lobbying efforts of about 80 Asian Americans paved the way for state funding for the Utah Asian American Advisory Council.

The council, established last Spring by Gov. Scott M. Matheson, is responsible for promoting social and economic developments for Asian Americans, investigating allegations of discrimination, and promoting cooperation between Utah government agencies and Asian Americans.

To demonstrate support for the council, the large group packed the meeting room of the subcommittee working on the state budget.

"One legislator told the council [that] if Asian Americans are really interested in state funding for the council,

then they must participate in the political process," said Jo-Ann Wong, the council's part-time director of the governor's Office on Asian American Affairs.

According to Wong, the large gathering of supporters proved to the subcommittee the willingness of the state's Asian American population to get involved in the political process and their willingness to support the council.

The budget subcommittee on Jan. 16 approved the full \$36,400 requested by the council for FY 1984-85. The item will go to the full legislature in the next few weeks. Wong mentioned that although the council is not expecting any major opposition to its being funded, council members are preparing for a legislative battle just in case.

—East/West



ARCO GRANT—Visual Communications receives from ARCO Foundation a \$15,000 grant for its Asian Historical Image Archive, currently holding some 250,000 photographs. Nancy Araki (left), executive director, and Linda Mabalot of Visual Communications are checking one of many image story files.

Visual Communications obtains grant

LOS ANGELES—Visual Communications, an Asian Pacific media center, has received word that the ARCO Foundation will grant \$15,000 to support the 14-year-old organization. Specifically, the fund will be applied to the development of Visual Communications' Asian Pacific American Photographic Archive. The collection contains over a quarter-million historical images of Asian Pacifics in America, and is thought to be the largest single collection of its type in the world.

"The archive represents the core of the many resources which the organization has developed and struggled to maintain over the years," said Linda Mabalot, executive producer. "And we are happy that ARCO shares in our concern about this very vital and still-developing resource." Executive director Nancy Araki added, "The support from ARCO will not only allow Visual Communications to continue to expand the archival collection, but also to create better, more efficient access to this resource by the community and the general public."

Over the years, the Visual Communications' archive has been used by countless number of community organizations, school systems, media networks, and government agencies and institutions, as well as a steady stream of individuals.

The Archive is well represented in many of the productions of Visual Communications itself, Araki said. Most recently, specific images from the Archive have been incorporated into the new publication sponsored by the Little Tokyo Business Association, "Little Tokyo: One Hundred Years in Pictures," and into a photographic exhibition in commemoration of the Little Tokyo Centennial. Another photographic exhibition, "Planting Roots," about the history and contribution of Filipino American farm-labor, now in development, is also drawing heavily from the photographic resource. The 100th/442nd MIS Museum Foundation is utilizing the archive for their upcoming exhibit at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center and the Patriotic Hall. #

● Community affairs

LOS ANGELES—The 44th annual Nisei Week Japanese Festival this summer will combine many celebrations since Little Tokyo observes its centennial, and Los Angeles-Nagoya Sister City Committee has its 25th anniversary. In addition the Olympic Games will draw thousands of athletes and visitors from other countries.

Queen prospects interested in entering the 1984 Festival contest may apply through the following sponsoring organizations:

East Los Angeles JAACL, Mable Yoshizaki, 263-8469; Gardena JAACL, Jon Kaji, 327-7790; Pan Asian JAACL, Diane Osora, 485-8904; SFV Japanese American Community Cntr-Coord. Council, Harry Nakada, 765-9803.

East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Cntr., Paul Imahara, (818) 960-2566; West Los Angeles JAACL, Phyllis Murakawa, 822-1144/822-7470; Twin County Optimist Club, Parry Nakayama, 324-3003; South Bay JAACL, Jeanne Mitoma, 831-0611 or Wendell Wong, 540-3937.

LOS ANGELES—The American Assn. of Retired Persons, Downtown L.A. chapter, will meet Monday, Mar. 5, 1:30 p.m., at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 410. Persons of 50 years and over are invited to attend, reported Mable Yoshizaki, publicity chair. Further details may be obtained by calling 292-3165 or 263-8469.

● Educational

LOS ANGELES—As part of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art's special exhibit "Light of Asia: Buddha Sakyamuni in Asian Art," Mar. 4-May 20, lectures, symposium, and films as well as live performances of Asian dance and music will be presented in the Leo S. Bing Theater. The international loan exhibit includes works from Burma, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Thailand and Sri Lanka. George Kuwayama, senior curator of Far Eastern Art, said a 360-page catalogue accompanies the exhibit. #

UC removes Pilipinos from proposed affirmative action; students protest

LOS ANGELES—Affirmation action at the Univ. of California is the focus of a conference to be held Saturday, Mar. 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at UCLA Ackerman Union's second floor lounge.

The conference is intended to inform the community about the proposed removal of Pilipinos from the univer-

Gap between races worst in Chicago

CHICAGO—The social and economic gap between Blacks and whites is far greater here than in any other major U.S. metropolitan area, a Chicago Urban League study reveals.

The 22-page survey, based on 1980 census data, revealed that Blacks fare worse than whites in eight of ten categories. Chicago-area Hispanics were worse off than those in other areas, in all but three of ten categories. There was no explanation on "the extraordinary levels of racial inequity which exist here." #

sity's five-year affirmative action plan, say conference organizers. UCLA Asian American Studies Center, UCLA Samahang Pilipino, and Asian Coalition are sponsoring the event.

A release from the studies center states that the university no longer considers Pilipinos an underrepresented minority in the university system. But, says the center, the university fails to consider the high attrition rates of Pilipino students in its figures, ignores the great fluctuations in immigration rates, and does not distinguish foreign-born students from American-born Pilipinos.

Yori Wada, chair of the university board of regents, is keynote speaker at the conference. Winston Doby, UCLA vice-chancellor, and Antonio De Castro of the UC Irvine student affirmative action outreach program are joined by others in a panel discussion. Workshops follow the panel. For further information, call (213) 825-1006. #

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IN ADDITION TO JACL, there are several Nikkei groups "doing their thing" in reference to the redress issue. Unfortunately, at times some groups dissipate their energies in denigrating the dedicated efforts of other groups. Even as such critics tout Truth as their banner, they then jealously exclude others from their ranks.

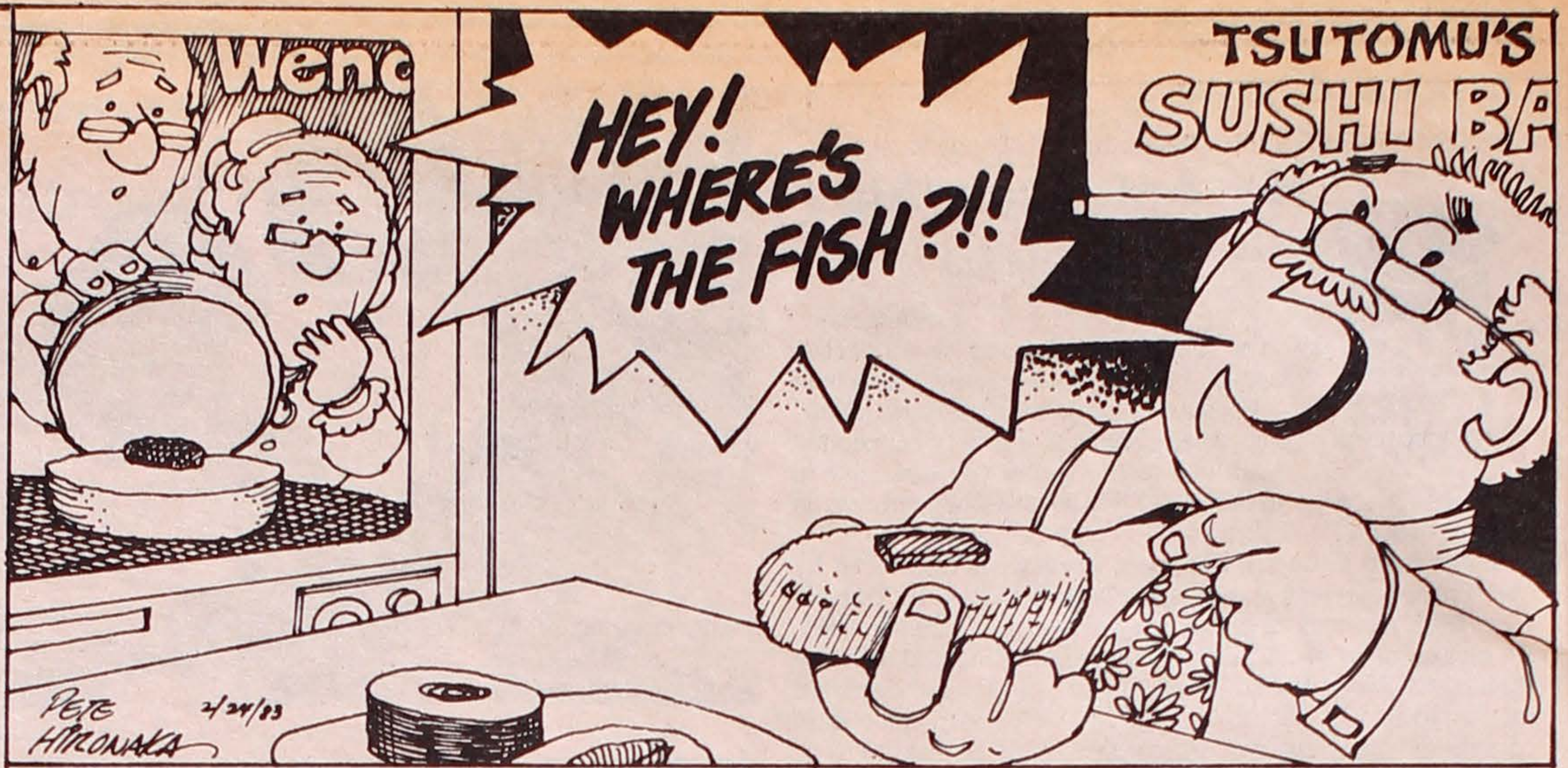
Well, it is high time for this intra-ethnic, self-destructiveness and isolation to be eliminated; for the air to be cleared and the false barriers removed; for all of us to join together and be supportive of one another.

And, by the way, that includes JACL: the national organization, its district councils, and its chapters. Indeed, JACL, as the only national Nikkei organization, has a special responsibility to open its doors—to non-members as well as members—in an ecumenical spirit, to solidify and support the various groups. In the common cause of redress.

WHAT HAPPENED IN 1942 and its aftermath, affected all Nikkei, including those who were forced to flee ("voluntary evacuation") before the bayonets forced some 120,000 of them into barbed-wire camps ("evacuation"); including those who were outside the military zones but nonetheless faced indignities and endured suffering; including all Nikkei today who remain under a cloud darkening our common dignity. Thus, the redress issue cannot be, and is not the exclusive "property" of any particular group or organization. It belongs to every single individual, regardless of membership affiliation. The issue, therefore, must be so treated in our speech and actions.

AS THEY SAY, "there's more than one way to skin a cat." And so, if one Nikkei group elects one route, as another takes a different route, both seeking the same goal of restoring dignity and meeting this country's debt of honor—each group should be supportive of the other, encourage the other, and be glad for the gains of the other. And, wherever feasible, both should work together, share together, strengthen together.

WHAT ALL THIS means for JACL is that it has, and continues to have, the opportunity to promote an umbrella group in an ecumenical spirit, to bring aboard any Nikkei, a JACL member or not, who is dedicated and willing to work for the cause. However, it is not enough to simply attempt this mechanistically for such would be doomed to failure. What will be all-important is the *spirit* in which the hand of cooperation is extended: of equals speaking to equals, willing to respect the other's beliefs, willing to listen—and both willing to work together in a common cause. #



MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi



'Sanga Moyu'

San Francisco

Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. The American President called that event a Day of Infamy and asked Congress for a declaration of war against Japan. The United States went to war against Japan. Further, the United States rounded up all the Japanese on the West Coast and transported them to 10 camps.

Forty years later, the people of Japanese ancestry initiated a campaign to rectify the action of the American government against the Japanese that were put into camps. At this point in time, the former wartime enemies, Japan and the United States were allies, but were having conflict around economic and trade issues. The Japanese presence in the United States had increased tremendously because of trade relations, and the story about the Japanese in the United States was transmitted back to Japan. The anecdotal stories expanded into books, and the books expanded into television docu-dramas. The Japanese in the United States heard about the storytelling in Japan, and became concerned about the storytelling in Japan.

The simplistic scenario above is a generalization about redress and Nikkei concern about the NHK production of "Sanga Moyu." In this form, there are several anxieties that many Nikkei readers might feel. First of all, the word "Japanese" is used both for Japa-

nese nationals and Japanese Americans. The lack of specificity can confuse the reader, but more importantly, dramatically alters the perception of the story. It shows why we, Japanese Americans or Americans of Japanese ancestry, are adamant about display of our nationality on any references to ourselves.

A second concern about this scenario is that many contextual facts must be assumed by the reader. If, for example, the reader has no familiarity with the Bill of Rights in the American Constitution, the reader cannot grasp the gravity of the fourth sentence about the internment of Japanese Americans. There are, after all, places in this world where doing that sort of thing is technically not against the rules. The Japanese reader doesn't know American ground rules, e.g. the Bill of Rights. There is a ground rule violation that exists.

A third concern is related to the value system of the reader. Given that a wrongful act took place, the Japanese value system assumes that the wrongdoer has the social responsibility to make amends. In America, we have a phenomenon that might be labeled "innocent until proven guilty." The contrast in the social value system, must result in varying judgments about the merits of the case.

There are intense feelings among Japanese Americans about what happened to us during the Second World War. Consequently, when an outsider attempts to represent what happened to us, and if this representation has the potential to muddy our efforts to rectify this tragic injustice, intense feelings about this representation can be expected.

NHK has indicated to us that they have and will make attempts to insure accuracy and completeness in their portrayals. I believe their sincerity, but something will compel me to keep one eye open. #

REDRESS PHASE FIVE: Minoru Yasui

Early Senate Hearings Possible

According to recent reports, there are possibilities that the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs and more specifically, the Sub-committee on Civil Service, Post Office and General Services, chaired by Sen. Ted Stevens (R) of Alaska, may hold early hearings this year on S2116, the redress bill. We are advised that such hearings may be held during April and May.

It seems that S 2116 was referred to the Sub-Committee on Civil Service, Post Office and General Services because one of the authorized areas of inquiry of this sub-committee is "utilization and disposal of federal property." We are immediately reminded that the CWRIC recommendations, and indeed S 2116, proposed that the Island of Attu be deeded to the Aleuts as a part of their native lands and as a form of partial redress from the U.S. government.

However, because AJA interests in S2116 do not include any claim for "utilization or disposal of federal property," as in the case of the Aleuts, we are a bit uneasy that the concerns of AJAs might be neglected in any hearings before this sub-committee.

To make sure that the interests of AJAs are not ignored, JACLers and friends should be in touch with their senators. Be sure to make a case for redress on behalf of the AJA internees

of 1942-1946, who suffered as a result of U.S. governmental actions.

The members of the Senate Sub-Committee on Civil Service, Post Office and General Services are:

Ted Stevens (R-Alaska, co-sponsor of S 2116), Charles Mathias (R-Md), William Armstrong (R-Colo), Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), James Sasser (D-Tenn).

More importantly, we would hope that S2116 would receive a hearing before the full Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, chaired by Sen. William Roth (R) of Delaware. There are eleven Republicans and seven Democrats on this committee. We will need to have a favorable vote of not less than ten senators on S 2116 to have this bill reported out to the Senate floor.

Besides Chairman Roth of Delaware, the two U.S. senators from Missouri, as well as seven more senators, will be key to how AJA redress will fare in the Senate. Sen. Thomas Eagleton (D) of Missouri is the ranking minority member of the committee; the other Missouri senator is Sen. John C. Danforth (R) of St. Louis.

Aside from members of the sub-committee listed above, we would hope to persuade the following senators to support S 2116:

William V. Roth (R-Del), Charles Percy (R-Ill), David Durenberger (R-Minn), John C. Danforth (R-Minn), Daniel Evans (R-Wash), Thomas Eagleton (D-Mo), Sam Nunn (D-Ga), Carl M. Levin (D-Mich., co-sponsor of S2116).

We would hope, of course, that senators Stevens, Mathias and Sasser of the sub-committee would be in support of S2116.

Of the remaining seven senators, we do not have contacts

with Sen. William Cohen (R) of Maine, Sen. Warren Rudman (R) of New Hampshire, or Sen. Lawton Chiles (D) of Florida. We know that Sen. Thad Cochran (R) of Mississippi will be facing a hard fight for re-election, inasmuch as he was literally a minority winner in a three-way race six years ago. We are inclined to believe that Sen. John Glenn (D) of Ohio will be so involved in his presidential campaign that our concerns will not be of immediate interest to him; and unfortunately, both Sen. William Armstrong (R) of Colorado and Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D) of New Mexico have indicated their opposition to S2116.

Nevertheless, we need to keep trying to persuade all of the above to support S 2116. We desperately need constituents to be in touch with their U.S. senators to support S2116 at the time of the Senate hearings. #

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

Golden Reunion for Garfield Grads



Fifty years. A half century. That's how long ago it was that members of my high school class marched up to accept diplomas attesting to our graduation. That was back in Seattle,

and the school was Garfield whose football teams excelled and whose student body was an interesting mix of middle class WASP kids from Montlake, Jews from Madrona, Blacks and Nisei.

I got word the other day that the Garfield class of '33 is getting together with the class of '34 to hold a reunion banquet next June. Some of the more active old grads got a mailing list together to inquire about our interest in attending, and appended a list of former classmates who seem to have dropped from sight. Did we know anything about their whereabouts?

There must have been more than 200 names on the list of the missing and I did not recognize most of them. After all, 50 years is a long time and memory is uncertain. But there were some who stirred long-buried recollections.

Esther Chinn. Wasn't that Robert Chinn's kid sister? Haven't heard their names mentioned since I left Garfield. Jane Eshom. I think we worked on the school paper together. Lilly Uchimura. That was Mars Uchimura's sister and they lived near our house on Lane street. I understand Mars is in Seattle but whatever happened to Lilly? David Asplund. Knew him from grade school.

William Bowers. He had been a great friend. We were both scrubs on the football team. Even borrowed his car for a trip to California. But when war came along and we headed inland, courtesy of Uncle Sam, we lost touch. Same with Henry Guth. I heard once that he had been an artillery officer in World War II. Robert Schmid and Bill Russell. I'd seen them often with Bill Bowers.

Joe de Blasio and Tony Falcone. Friends from the old neighborhood. Joe was known as Bones de Blasio because he was so tall and skinny. He went to sea as a merchant seaman when he got tired of hanging around street corners.

George Hasegawa. He went to Honolulu, I think, and became a high-ranking police officer. Taiji Kashino. Used to run into him occasionally in Denver but haven't seen him in years and he's not in the phone book. Tom Kinomoto. Ran a restaurant in Ogden, Utah.

Yukio Kumamoto. Is he still with the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in San Francisco? Francis Leo and Ralph Leo. They were Chinese Nisei and we were close friends. Last I heard they were in San Francisco, too. Kameyoshi Matsumoto. His brother Sus is in Denver and I must ask him about Kame.

Jimmie Momoi. Where is Jimmie? Yoshi Nakano. That must be Yoshiaki Nakano who we knew as Yankee. Sumio Tai. He was doing well as a stockbroker in Spokane when we met a few years ago.

All these folks are on the missing list. What about those the organizers know about? It would be fun to go back and meet them, try to recognize them, try to recall what it was like 50 years ago, try to remember what it was that made us friends, try to understand what it was that sent us on our different ways, try to find something meaningful to talk about.

Fifty years. That's a long, long span of time to try and bridge. Would a trip from Denver into the past be worth the effort? I'm not sure. #

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CHIAROSCURO

Strength through Unity

By RIC BERMAN
President, Fresno A.L.L./JACL

I guess the first thing to be discussed is the unusual situation of having a hakujin as president of one of the oldest Japanese American organizations in the country. I must admit that I too have a sense of bewilderment at this. Ever since my old friend Nob Mori convinced me to join JACL years ago, I found it to be a truly worthwhile organization expending all the energy it could muster to guarantee that Americans of Japanese ancestry, present and future, would enjoy the quality of life to which they were entitled and which was their potential in this great country.

While serving on the JACL Board, again unexpectedly and with a great deal of trepidation at first, it became abundantly clear that the issues relevant to JACL were similarly significant to my family. The simple fact is that my wife and daughters are Americans of Japanese ancestry and if there is anything I could or should do to ensure their well being, and enhance their prospects for the future, it is my obligation to join those people who are working towards those goals.

During several years as a member of the A.L.L. board of governors my admiration and respect grew for those people who gave unselfishly of their time and energy for the common good of the Japanese American community. I honestly never thought that I would or should be in such a position of leadership. When people who had contributed so much of their life to A.L.L. suggested that it was appropriate for me to assume this

position, I was quite astonished. Whether fortunately or unfortunately, I found myself no match for the likes of Fred Hirasuna, Frank Nishio, Izzi and Barbara Taniguchi, Debbie Shikami, and others (forgive me for not naming the rest of you) acting in concert, and here we are!

It is my sincere hope that I can live up to the expectations of the people who have entrusted me with such an important position. The obligation of carrying on what has been accomplished in the past through toil and sacrifice and to work towards a continued fulfillment of the aspirations of JACL is a heavy one. I hope we all have a wonderful, successful year and that the organization and all of us as individuals prosper from this year's experience.

1984 is a very important year for JACL and Americans of Japanese ancestry. It has many similarities to 1942. The United States and Japan are once again engaged in warfare. Fortunately this time it is economic rather than physical. However, the importance to us and our families is that we are not once again victimized by the reactions of the American people whether they are the fears of the middle class and upper-middle class who feel threatened by the economic prowess of Japan's high-tech and manufacturing industries or whether it is the violent reaction of those who feel threatened by the influx of the Indo-Chinese refugees. Both the Vincent Chin case and the Sacramento incidents where an Indo-Chinese youngster was stabbed to death and white supremacist group is right now actively campaigning on a platform of racist violence in the schools tend to illustrate that these concerns are real and must be dealt with immediately. It is only through continued, concerted efforts by organizations such as JACL and an application of strength through unity that we can adequately deal with these onerous threats. #

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JACL COMMITTEE CORNER

A National Network of Asian and Pacific Women

By IRENE HIRANO

Chair, Women's Concerns Committee

One of the needs that have been identified by the Women's Concerns Committee is to provide JACL members with information about other women's programs and issues. The next several columns will address this need.

The involvement of Asian Americans in women's issues has taken many forms over the past several years. As early as 1970 Asian women's groups began forming primarily as "consciousness-raising" groups to provide support and encouragement to women. A few programs addressed such needs as drug abuse, health care, counseling, and other social services. These programs developed to meet the needs of Asian American women which other community programs, public agencies, and women's organizations did not address.

Very few Asian American women became involved in major organizations such as the National Organization for Women or the National Women's Political Caucus. Historically, minority women found that these organizations were not yet ready to

address the economic and civil rights issues affecting minority women.

In 1979, several Asian and Pacific American women around the country began discussing the need for more visibility and organization of Asian Pacific women at the local, state and national levels. Funding from the Women's Educational Equity Act Program and the Dept. of Labor Women's Bureau was obtained to assist in organizing and education efforts.

In 1980, over 15 local Asian and Pacific women's organizations were started around the country. In the summer of 1980, more than 500 women from around the country gathered in Washington, D.C., to inaugurate a national organization.

The National Network of Asian and Pacific Women currently comprises 23 Asian and Pacific women's organizations as well as individual members from areas where no local organizations exist. The local activities include training programs, workshops, employment referral, scholarships, grants to women's programs, and so on. The National Network of Asian and Pacific Women will hold its third biennial convention this year in New York City on June 21-23.

Linking Up With JACL

In many areas, local Asian Pacific women's groups have actively worked with JACL chapters on issues of common concern. For example, Central California Asian and Pacific Women, based in Fresno, sponsored a joint program with the JACL featuring the then lieutenant governor of Hawaii, Jean Sadako King. The Asian Pacific Women's Network—Los Angeles worked closely with PSW district in the Carole Fujita employment discrimination case.

I would urge JACL members to participate in the local

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From the Youth Director: David Nakayama



Year Book 1984

San Francisco

Academic excellence should be rewarded. The future of the nation rests with the education and training of the next generation.

The National JACL Scholarship Committee annually selects over 40 young scholars from among nominees submitted by local chapters. This population of candidates represents the top percentile of students in the United States.

In addition to the more than \$50,000 in awards, the National JACL annually publishes a scholarship annual, Year Book 1984. The format of Year Book 1984 recognizes the nationwide network of chapter scholarship committees and their local scholarship programs, contributors and donors to the national program, and the young scholars themselves. Expressions of encouragement come from community leaders through commencement essays. Major Ellison Onizuka, who will be the first Asian American to travel into space mid-July, is featured in Year Book 1984.

Publication of Year Book 1984 is made possible by communities, organizations and corporations. Tax deductible contributions for "greetings" provide an opportunity to recognize these young students. Information has been distributed to local chapters and districts, describing in more detail how to participate in Year Book 1984. Please encourage your chapter to support this scholarship annual.

For a complimentary copy of the 1983 edition of Year Book, contact the National JACL Headquarters; Attention: Year Book; 1765 Sutter St. San Francisco, CA 94115. Please enclose \$5 for handling and mailing costs. #

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Membership development highlights PSWDC's first quarterly session

LOS ANGELES—With increased membership as the first action project of the biennium for new PSWDC Gov. Harry Kajihara of Oxnard, membership development highlighted the afternoon of PSW's first quarterly session hosted by Selanoco JACL at Little Tokyo Towers on Feb. 12.

Close to 100 delegates, including chapter presidents and membership chairpersons, exchanged ideas and explored various methods. The discussions were moderated by Y. George Kodama, a founding member of Marina JACL and past National JACL treasurer who continues to handle membership for his chapter.

Among the speakers were Rose Ochi, national vice president for membership and services; Henry Sakai, PC board chair; Evelyn Hanki, Selanoco; Hannah Nakazawa, San Fernando Valley; Midori Watanabe, Greater L.A. Singles; Jerry Wong, Hollywood; Ken Harada, Carson; Mary Ogawa, South

Bay; and Sid Yamazaki, West Los Angeles.

The district will continue the dialogue at a membership workshop set for Mar. 3 at the JACL office or a place to be announced.

PSWDC Membership Contest

Kajihara has been addressing JACL installation dinners in recent weeks, indicating membership increase as the No. 1 goal. PSWDC enrolled 8,200 members the year ending Dec. 31, 1983. (The all-time PSW membership count is 9,439 in 1978.) PSW also agreed to conduct its own membership contest ending Dec. 31, 1984, provided the district exceeds last year's total.

In his prefacing remarks, Kodama noted JACL nationally had as many as 32,000 members, but it has since slipped to 26,000. He asked why the drop when JACL's legislative record is well known and the organization is currently pushing redress. He mentioned other questions on JACL's future to sti-

multate responses. Kodama also proposed that a blue-ribbon committee look into JACL planning after redress.

Chapter speakers stressed the importance of programs—be they picnics, family campouts, scholarships, regularly scheduled meetings, Las Vegas trips, etc. South Bay noted its youth orientation was due to leadership of the chapter president, while Hollywood invites the new people attending their activities to join. West Los Angeles, the district's largest with 1,206 (and No. 2 nationally—behind San Francisco's 1,332), explained that JACL there was like an umbrella organization for community interests.

Selanoco, which has had a phenomenal membership increase, hoped national dues can be held in check because it experienced a drop this past year — memberships which were couples renewed as singles.

As the wrap-up speaker, Gene Takamine of Selanoco said JACL needs to recruit Sansei with special programs, suggesting a national ski trip package, golf tournament and whatever that might affect them directly.

He also stressed the importance of maintaining good communications with membership through newsletters and the need for imaginative planning that involves people to sustain membership.

Also on the Agenda

Irene Hirano, national JACL chair for women's concerns, previewed workshop plans being developed for the national convention in Honolulu this summer.

George Ogawa, DC redress chair, accepted 1984 pledge checks from various chapters totaling \$7,767.50 but stressed fund-raising continues to be a problem. Some chapters have not shown support for the campaign, he noted.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Wilshire, in charge of the PSWDC Trust Fund, reported between \$8,000 and \$10,000 is available each year and urged chapters to apply for program funding. Projects should not be political, such as a redress function, he added. The fund assists tax-exempt organizations engaged in charitable works. Only the interest generated from a corpus of some \$130,000 is used.

Agents for the chapter-sponsored health insurance program, Seichi Sugino and Tak Ogino, explained the recent delays in claim processing were due to administrative changes by the underwriter. At a recent district meeting, consideration for recalling PSW endorsement had been suggested because of the complaints. Sugino assured the claims are being processed.

Betty Kozasa of JACL aging/retirement reminded the Older American Act needs to be renewed by Congress this year and said she testified for renewal in Washington.

The next DC meeting will be held May 20 at the JACCC, in Little Tokyo with Downtown L.A. JACL as hosts. #

Chapter adds new redress members

SALINAS, Ca.—Three new members have joined the Salinas Valley JACL redress committee in anticipation of greater activity as a result of House and Senate hearings on HR 4110 and S 2116.

The new members are Kenichi Bunden, Kiyo Hirano, and Charles Tanda. Other committee members are Violet K. de Cristoforo (chair), Wilfred de Cristoforo, Paul Ichiji, Roy Kimura, Harry Sakasegawa, Harry Shirachi, James Tanda, and Tom "Lefty" Miyana (chapter president and ex officio member). #

Ted Masumoto earns Japan decoration

SEATTLE—Fifth Class, Order of the Sacred Treasure, was awarded Ted Masumoto, longtime JACLer and past president of Puyallup Valley Chapter, by Consul General Toshio Isogai.

The recipient will be honored by Tacoma Nikkeijin Kai on Mar. 11. He was instrumental in donating and planting Japanese cherry trees to Tacoma as gift from the Nikkei community.

The Tacoma Buddhist Temple cabinet member who served several terms as president heads the Hyakudokai while his son, Ted Jr., leads the newly formed Olympia JACL. #

PC Calendar of Events

FEB. 24 (Friday)

San Francisco—Ctr for JA Studies mtg, JAA Bldg, 8pm; Steve Nakajo, spkr.

FEB. 25 (Saturday)

Florin—Inst dnr, Buddhist Hall, 5-8pm; Judge William Marutani, spkr.
Gardena Vly / Gtr LA Singles—Joint inst dnr-dance, Proud Bird Res't, 11022 Aviation Blvd, 7pm.

Pasadena—Inst dnr, Res't Okada, 517 W 7th St, L.A., 6:30pm; Dr Ed Himeno, spkr.

Sacramento—Crab feed, entrmnt, Buddhist Ch, 6pm; \$15 or \$6 for children under 12; proceeds to Nat'l Redress

FEB. 26 (Sunday)

Puyallup Valley—Memb potluck, Tacoma Buddhist Ch, 5:30-8:30pm.

New York—PBS-TV's "Invisible Citizens: Japanese Americans", 10pm on most PBS stations (also WNET/13, New York, Mar. 2, 10pm).

San Gabriel—City View Hosp's Family Health: Parenting Your Adolescents, Mission Valley Free Meth Ch, 1201 S San Gabriel, 7pm; Dr Ed Himeno, spkr.

San Diego—Ann'l mtg, Ocean View UCC, 3525 Ocean View Blvd, 7-9pm; info 461-2010.

Los Angeles—Cellist Paul Tortelier concert, JACCC JA Theatre, 2:30pm, (680-3700).

FEB. 27 (Monday)

Las Vegas—Bd mtg, Geo Goto res, 7:30pm.

MAR. 1 (Thursday)

San Francisco—Radio Mainichi 1450-AM, 6:45-7pm, 'Sansei Speaks' interviews Ron Wakabayashi.

MAR. 2 (Friday)

Mtn-Plains DC—Spring session, Ft Lupton JACL host, 7pm; Harry Honda, guest spkr.

MAR. 3 (Saturday)

Denver—Comm testimonial dnr for Min Yasui, Hyatt Regency Hotel, 6pm; Rep. Robert T Matsui, spkr.

Berkeley—Asn/Pac Student Union Calif statewide conf, Univ YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Wy, 9am, 'Taking a Stand in '84', info (415) 642-6728.

MAR. 4 (Sunday)

Los Angeles—Premiere of Buddhist art: Light of Asia, LA County Mus of Art-to May 20.

MAR. 5-10

San Jose—JANBA tournament, Oakridge Lanes.

MAR. 7 (Wednesday)

West Los Angeles—City View Hosp's Family Health: Heart/Hypertension, Nora Sterry Comm Lighted School, 1730 Corinth, 7:30pm; Gen Niwayama, MD; Thomas Kanegae, MD, spkrs.

MAR. 9 (Friday)

Philadelphia—Bd mtg, Jack Ozawa res.

MAR. 10 (Saturday)

Intermountain DC—Spring Session, Cactus Pete Conv Ctr, Jackpot, NV, 10am.

San Francisco—Night at the Races, Tanforan Turf Club (Schol Fd bnft).
Mountain View — Shinnen Kai, Buddhist Ch, 575 Stierlin Rd, 10:30am-3pm.

Sacramento—3d ann'l APAAC Conf, New Rizal Comm Ctr, 7320 Florin Mall Dr.

MAR. 11 (Sunday)
Hollywood—Chinese Wok dnr, 5pm; call 661-0848 by Mar 9 for locale.

Los Angeles—Higashi Honganji testimonial Inchn for Rev Horyu Ito, Hyatt Regency, 12n.

El Cerrito—East Bay Issei Housing spag/crab feed, El Cerr Comm Ctr, 7007 Moeser Ln, 4-7pm.

MAR. 15 (Thursday)

Oakland—Pianists Aki Takahashi & Rae Inamura concert, Mills College, 8pm.

MAR. 17 (Saturday)

Carson—Steak dnr / Las Vegas nite, Gardena Buddhist Ch, 1517 W 166th

MAR. 30 (Friday)

Los Angeles—JETRO Medical Eqmt seminar, Hyatt Regency, 9am; info 626-5700; US Dept of Commerce, FDA, co-spon.

APR. 9-29

Chicago—Go For Broke/MIS photo exhibit, Daley Center Plaza.

APR. 11 (Wednesday)

Hollywood—JACL Nite at Dodger Stadium (Jacket Nite for kids under age 14), 666-0303 by Apr 5 for tickets.

APR. 29 (Sunday)

San Francisco—Aki Matsuri grand parade.

Coachella Valley JACL honors pioneers

INDIO, Ca.—Two Issei pioneers were honored by Coachella Valley Chapter at its annual Pioneer Night Jan. 21, which was combined with the installation of chapter officers.

Pioneers honored were Yoshi Kono and Yoshitaro Mizutani, both of Oasis, Calif. Pioneers unable to attend but who will receive gifts were Ai Nagata of Indio and Ishi Sakamoto of Oasis.

Retiring chapter president Charlie Shibata, who was in charge of the program, introduced the film "Prices of a Dream," an overview of the Asian immigration to California and the early beginnings in agriculture in the Sacramento Valley. Speaking in Japanese was Sachi Mochizuki.

Ken Inouye of Huntington Beach, treasurer of the Pacific Southwest District, served as installing officer and spoke on the purposes of JACL.

Hostesses for the event were Mary Minamide,



HONORED—Two Issei pioneers who came to the Coachella Valley early this century are presented with gifts by Charlie Shibata (center), retiring JACL chapter president. Yoshitaro Mizutani (left) and Yoshi Kono are both of Oasis.

Jeanne Shibata, Yoshiko Seto and Fujiko Seto.

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ta, vp; Tom Omaye, treas; Charles Shibata, sec/bulletin ed; bd members James Sakai, Cherry Ishimatsu, Mas Oshiki, Mas Seto, Alice Sakai.

Letter

Whereabouts

On behalf of Mrs. Ida Davis, an elderly friend, I am attempting to locate a Japanese American whose name was Masako Fukuda at the time she resided on a small farm with her parents on Fifth Street, in Upland, Calif. At the outbreak of World War II, Masako, along with her parents, and her sisters Misao, Alma, Fumiko, Suzu-wai, Dorothy and Louise were sent to an undisclosed camp.

Mrs. Davis, who is in her late seventies, never learned of the family's fate, I know that Masako's mother died and is buried in the Bellevue Cemetery in Ontario, Calif., beside her daughter who had passed away at age 14.

My interest in the case, aside from my friendship with Mr. and Mrs. Davis, is related to my activities as a group coordinator for Amnesty International.

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women's organizations for the benefit of both groups. In many areas, Nikkei women are actively involved in both JACL and Asian Pacific women's groups, which provides beneficial linkages and mutual support.

The intent of the local and national Asian Pacific women's organizations is not to be isolated or insular but rather to encourage their members to become active and assume leadership in other community and women's organizations. In the same way, I hope women in JACL will not restrict their community involvement to JACL but will become involved in women's organizations as well.

Individuals interested in obtaining more information about the National Network or about local Asian and Pacific women's organizations in their areas should contact either the National Network co-chairs or the geographic representatives to the Network board who are closest to their areas.

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Riverside installs Hanamura, hears Himeno on mental health impact of camp

RIVERSIDE, Ca. — Riverside JACL continues to gather at the cozy UC Riverside Faculty Club each year to install its officers with interesting guest speakers on the program. The 1984 cabinet, led by Kiyoko Hanamura, was sworn in Feb. 4 by John Saito, PSW regional director. Dr. Ed Himeno, practicing child psychiatrist who finished his medical education at nearby Loma Linda University, spoke on the mental health impact of internment.

The JACL silver pins were awarded to Mits Inaba and Lee Kano, while certificates of appreciation were presented to Clifford McNiven, who completed two terms as chap-

ter president, and to Masako Gifford and Dan Patterson. Doug Urata emceed, Riverside Mayor Ab Brown extended greetings and PSW Gov. Harry Kajihara declared his No. 1 goal to be a JACL membership increase during his term. Rev. Homer Hill of First Christian Church gave the invocation and benediction. #

RIVERSIDE JACL

Kiyoko Hanamura, pres; Doug Urata, vp; Junji Kumamoto, treas; Carolyn Patterson, rec sec; Jeanie Tanaka, cor sec; Lily Taka, memb; Etsuo Ogawa, hist; Sumi Harada, nwsltr & sunshine; Gen Ogata, 1000 Club; Michiko Yoshimura, schol; William Kobayashi, Albert Endo, mem-at-lg; J Kumamoto, redress/civ rts. #

1984 Chapter Installations

MARIN CHAPTER—A bit later than usual, Marin chapter's installation dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m. at the Victoria Station in Larkspur. Ex-state commissioner on the status of women, Irene Hirano, JACL women's concern national chair from Los Angeles, will be guest speaker. The prime-rib dinner (or fish) will be \$15 per person. Reservations: David Nakagawa, (1984 pres.), 454-0354 days, 897-6250 eve. #

PASADENA CHAPTER—Dr. Edwin Himeno speaks at the installation banquet, Saturday, Feb. 25, at Okada Restaurant, 517 W. 7th in Los Angeles (corner 7th and Grand). Cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Roy Nishikawa is installing officer. A special honor will be bestowed on Butch Tamura, 30-year chapter treasurer. For reservations call Ruth Ishii, 681-9986; Miyo Senzaki, 798-4849; Frances Hiraoka, 681-3125; Mack Yamaguchi, 797-7949; Ruth Deguchi, 792-2218.

Miyo Senzaki, pres & del; Frances Hiraoka, vp & alt del; Ruth Ishii, rec/corr sec; Ruth Deguchi, treas & redress; Akiko Abe, memb; Tom Ito, 1000 Club; Mack Yamaguchi, recog, ins, alt del; Fred Hiraoka, schol.

WHITE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER—The installation of officers was held Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Golden Steer Restaurant in Kent, Wash. Newly appointed PNW regional director Tim Otani was guest speaker. Past president Harvey Watanabe was emcee, with district governor Denny Yasuhara installing the board.

Michiko Maebori, pres; Miye Toyoshima, vp; Frank Natsuhara, vp; Margaret Okitsu, treas; Sauce Shimojima, rec sec; Edith Watanabe, corr sec; Dan Hiranaka, hist; George Kawasaki, 1000 Club; Risa Kawasaki, sunshine; Joe Nishimoto, del.

Letters

● Nikkei lawsuit

In your Jan. 6-13 issue (Sec. A, p. 9), there is an event listed under "Chronology" that is very misleading as written. It states:

"Mar. 16—National Council for Japanese American Redress chair William Hohri files lawsuit against U.S. government in behalf of 25 Nikkei plaintiffs and NCJAR. Class action seeks \$10,000 per cause individual. Total may exceed \$24 billion."

Since there is some misunderstanding about this lawsuit, print these comments for clarification, please.

This is a class action lawsuit on behalf of each of the 120,000 persons (not just the 25 named plaintiffs) wrongfully incarcerated or who suffered other deprivations of their liberties through actions and orders of the United States, its officers, agents, and employees. The 25 named plaintiffs represent the entire class of 120,000 persons. The 25 Issei and Nisei are named so that the Court knows that there are real persons from whom testimony has been and can be taken. Historical documents can only describe, not be participants in a lawsuit.

NCJAR is the group that researched the factual data, even before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians was established, and this activity is still continuing today. This archival research made it possible for a Washington-based law firm to file the class action lawsuit in the U.S. district court for the District of Columbia. NCJAR has been the representative of the donors who have met the fee of the law firm to enable the case to be filed.

The suit—again, on behalf of each of the 120,000 victims and their survivors—lists some 22 constitutional and human rights that were violated by government actions in WW II, and each violation constitutes a "cause of action" for which the lawsuit requests compensatory damages. At \$10,000 per cause of action, this does not appear to be an unreasonable amount when we consider that persons who were wrongly incarcerated in the Robert F. Kennedy Stadium in Washington, D.C. during an anti-war demonstration were awarded up to \$10,000 for the loss of one night of liberty and no due process of law.

Another fact not widely known is that each of the 120,000 victims or their survivors have a stake in this lawsuit, whether they know it or not. NCJAR has already conducted the basic research for factual evidence on which the lawsuit was based, so no one needs to engage in this painstaking research. No one

will have to hire his/her attorney since all victims are covered in this lawsuit through the named plaintiffs. If the case is won for the Nikkei and a victim does not wish to be compensated, he/she can refuse to accept payment. If it is necessary to go through an appeals process, NCJAR and its supporters will, at that point, need to determine the course of action to be taken. It does seem fitting for all of those affected to be made aware of what the NCJAR lawsuit means to them, and the obligation that the Japanese American community has to recognize the work that NCJAR has undertaken on their behalf.

JOHN A. HERZIG
Falls Church, VA

● Yellow not in rainbow

Jesse Jackson's "Rainbow Coalition" (see Jan. 27 PC) needs Asian American participation to make it legitimate. In Chicago, Rev. Jackson has never included Asian Americans in his coalition. In fact, we have been excluded.

Rev. Jackson has publicly stated that Asians should not qualify for government minority programs such as small business loans and job training programs because Asians are all new immigrants who are competing for these programs against Blacks who have been here for generations.

Rev. Jackson has never demonstrated any sensitivity to the issues facing Asian Americans in the past before he was a presidential candidate. Perhaps in his quest for the presidency, Rev. Jackson will have the opportunity to learn more about our community.

I would urge that Rev. Jackson develop an Asian American statement that demonstrates his sensitivity to our needs and a commitment to our concerns.

ROSSHARANO
Chicago

● Tokyo view

I have had the pleasure of viewing the first four portions of "Sanga Moyu," NHK's Sunday evening prime hour drama.

The first episode ran for 90 minutes and was followed in the ensuing weeks by 45-minute segments of the story, fundamentally based on the novel "Futatsu no Sokoku," written by Toyoko Yamasaki, one of the most prominent of Japan's women writers.

The NHK version has of course been revised by its producer, Susumu Kondo, who is fully cognizant of the impact that his 50-episode story could have on both the Japanese public and the fu-

ture American audience. Listed as one of the consultants is Dr. Kaname Saruya of Tokyo Women's University, who has been studying and writing about the United States for more than twenty-odd years and is widely considered to be an expert by the Japanese public on U.S. social conditions.

Perhaps because some incidents and events in "Sanga Moyu" are very familiar to me and since I can identify with some phases of "Futatsu no Sokoku," I believe that Yamasaki has written an intriguing book.

As with all novels that deal with somewhat controversial events, there is bound to be critical comments about certain episodes and various characterizations, which she employed for dramatization and heightened effect, but in making criticisms, we must take an objective approach.

First, there is a need for the critic to have read all of her book and the viewers to have seen all of the screenings, if their criticisms are to have validity. Secondly, there is also a need to know something about the author on a person-to-person level or there is the danger of wrong assumptions.

Being a Japanese novelist, writing for a Japanese audience, it was perfectly natural for Yamasaki to select a Kibei as the hero. This provided her with ample opportunities to present the cultural similarities as well as differences of a person who was influenced by two ethnic backgrounds.

Throughout her book, in spite of some instances of doubts and misgivings, Kenji's actions are completely loyal to the United States.

Loyalty is a matter of mind. It can only be proven by acts. While Kenji may have had a strong respect and deep sympathy for the Japanese, he was completely loyal to the United States in his actions. He had completed his duty as an American citizen. He resolves his own personal misgivings in his sincere way, through self-destruction in a typically Japanese ending.

From what has appeared to date, I am inclined to believe that producer Kondo and his staff will do a most creditable program, which will continue to draw the interest of about 30% of the nation's viewing audience.

Incidentally, Yamasaki's book has sold 1,300,000 copies to date.

BARRY SAIKI
Tokyo

● Working for peace

Everyone working for world peace and harmony should be thankful to Pacific Citizen for publishing the very cosmopolitan and sensitive article "Working for Peace," by Diane Narasaki

very active," he stated. "They went out to the Laotian community last year when the 31 tire-slashings took place and brought Laotian leaders together with the police. They established a neighborhood watch program. They had materials translated into Laotian so that people knew who to phone when they saw incidents." Community leaders could then call a specific police officer working with the commission. As a result, tire-slashings stopped on the east side of San Jose, Seid said.

The commission wants to be thorough, Seid feels, and will take about two months to assess the testimony and to assign issues to their education, justice, housing, and employment committees for action. #

Fashion show proceeds help two groups

LOS ANGELES—West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary recently presented Japanese American Cultural and Community Center president Frank Kuwahara and director Gerald Yoshitomi with a check for \$6,000, making a total of \$13,000 donated to date. A donation of \$2,000 was also given to the Japanese Retirement Home, for a total of \$12,000 donated to the Home.

The donations were possible through the proceeds from the fashion show "Date-line: The Orient," one of several events held last fall at the Broadway Stores to promote designers from the Orient. Tritia Toyota was the fashion show's master of ceremonies and Gail Hubley, the Broadway associate fashion coordinator, presented fashions from Hino and Malee, Hanae Mori, Takezo, Pashu and others. Also featured were designs from local designers Atsuko Takimoto, Lisa Hayakawa, Shirts-strings by Nina Wong and Irene Tsu.



FALL HARVEST—Toy Kanegai (3d from left), co-chair of West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary, presents check to community center director Gerald Yoshitomi (left) and president Frank Kuwahara. Seated (2d from left) is JACL Auxiliary co-chair Eiko Iwata.

Co-chairpersons of the Oct. 16 event were Toy Kanegai and Eiko Iwata. Committee chairpersons were: Jean Ushijima, models; Mitsu Sonoda, hostess; Mary Yanokawa, tickets; Phyllis Mura-

kawa, contest; Amy Nakashima and Mitzi Kurashita, treasurer; Stella Kishi and Miye Yoshida, publicity; Yuki Sato, centerpieces; and Virginia Tominaga, refreshments.

(see Jan. 20 PC).

Obviously an intellectual, she utilizes masterfully subtle abstract distinctions such as: "people of color"; "groups of color"; "people of color in general and Asian and Pacific people in particular"; "racism, classism and ignorance of most whites"; "mutual quest for peace and justice"; and the definitely succinct "colored as well as white."

The severe deficiencies in my genetic education leave me ill-equipped to understand all of the ramifications of Ms. Narasaki's analysis, but I was grateful for the opportunity to find such a revealing exposition of how abstract comparisons between different racial/national groups lead so logically to judgments regarding their relative moral worth and the value of their collective contributions to world peace.

The American Friends Service Committee must be proud to have such a discriminating advocate.

TONY ROGERS
Honolulu

● Cultural identity

It's been said that the only reason I was graduated from Orange Coast College is because they wanted to get rid of me. My reply to that is "Reno"—and what a delightful separation. But I do have the ability to understand that which I read.

In the Pacific Citizen of Feb. 10 I detect an air of downplay of ties between JAS and the homeland of Japan, and it is of this that I wish to speak. No ethnic group ever forgets from whence they came and that includes us. Show me the Irishman who doesn't celebrate St. Pat's or the German who doesn't observe "Oktoberfest"! There are none.

With each succeeding generation the blood is watered down due primarily to educational activities and, without those holidays and festivals associated with a race of people, that race would surely lose its identity. Scramble all this together and we arrive at the situation facing us now which causes me worry: with each passing day the ranks of the internees diminish. By

the time Uncle Sam gets around to the matter of redress (if he ever does) there may be few if any of us left.

We must not lose our identity and ties. They can and do manifest themselves in our preference for foods, the arts, day-to-day living. Our thinking motivates each and we must never forget that it hasn't been easy. East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet. Ties remain no matter how you slice the sushi or which route you take to the benjo, and don't you forget it. Banzai and so deska!

CHIEKO HEDANI
Costa Mesa, CA

● Force of Love

I would like to further add to "Working for Peace" by Diane Narasaki (PC 1/20) by informing the readers there exists a method, which will eventually eliminate poverty, hunger, injustice, wars, etc. The method is simple, inexpensive, bridges all religions and boundaries, requires little effort, can be accomplished in the comfort of one's home — yet it is the most effective and only method of achieving sharing, justice, brotherhood, and peace! Is this a magical elixir? No, because worthy projects always require efforts. Individuals and groups, worldwide, who are daily participating in this method were recently given credit for influencing the oil ministers to retain the same old price at the last big oil conference — so its effectiveness is apparent. But more millions and millions of participants are urgently needed!

Fear = greed = war. Love = sharing = peace! Love is the chief weapon of the good forces. Love is the strongest energy force on earth. Thus, it is easy to see that we must utilize this love energy to achieve our goal. The method is simple: quietly picture love energy leaving your body, let it envelope your body, then the home, city, state, the nation — let it spread outward in all directions until your love energy covers the earth! Transmit this love energy for five minutes or longer. You spend as much time as you desire, yet, there will be many loathe to spend even

five minutes to participate — preferring, instead, to selfishly spend every moment in the pursuit of mundane daily activities.

The future of mankind depends on his own efforts, thus, unless the majority of mankind join in this transmission of love energy — man and his civilization as we know it today will come to an end in our life time! It is as simple as that! What will be your choice?

The spiritual progress of mankind is recorded in the main passage way of the Great Pyramid of Giza (Khufu). The record terminates in the year 1938. Does it mean the end — leaving only a handful of men and women to repopulate earth and starting over once again from scratch? Or does it mean a smooth transition period to the "Golden Age" and a 1,000 years of peace? Mankind holds the answer in the palm of his hand. How will man choose?

The Rev. Kizu, a Buddhist monk from Tokyo, who kept a one week dawn to dusk vigil by our local air force base, said: "Just because you are one individual, do not think you can do nothing!"

HASHIME SAITO
Tucson, Ariz.

● Back in print

I write these lines in hopes of reaching those I have not been able to thank personally for the truly extraordinary support given me and my book, "Years of Infamy," subsequent to its going out of print. The letters of concern and protest sent to senior editor Howard Cady of William Morrow have been moving, persuasive, even eloquent—not to mention the persuasiveness of those who chose to show their support by sending in quantity orders for the book. This rousing demonstration of community concern has succeeded in bringing a turnaround decision on the part of the publisher: "Years of Infamy" is back in print (available after Feb. 10)!

My gratitude goes out to all who helped to make this happen.

MICHI WEGLYN
New York

ASIAN AMERICANS

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purpose. First, it alerted the community-at-large to the extent of the anti-Asian incidents. According to Seid, the commission was able to attract "fantastic coverage" by the mainstream media. "We had seven television stations covering the story," Seid said. "This information has already allowed community leaders to begin addressing the issues."

In the Brad Wong case, for example, there has been an outpouring of calls to the school system's board of supervisors, expressing outrage over Homestead's Japan Day. Seid expects some resolution to take place.

"The Human Rights Commission is really

Friends of JACL ...

Close to 900 Give to 1983 Christmas Cheer

The Pan Asian JACL has compiled its 1983 Christmas Cheer donor list for publication in the Pacific Citizen and asked that it be published as soon as possible rather than at the end of the year. Some thought the names listed in the 1983 Holiday Issue were contributors of the just concluded '83 effort when it was—as stated—for 1982.—GM/Op.

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Non-Japanese protest country's fingerprinting policies

KOBE—Charges of discrimination by non-Japanese, especially Koreans, living in Japan are intensifying in protest against the fingerprinting provision of Japan's Alien Registration Law.

The purpose of the provision, adopted in 1955, is to closely identify the nationality, occupation and address of any foreigner older than 16 who remains in Japan for longer than one year.

A growing number of foreigners are refusing to submit to

the fingerprinting. Nearly 30 refusals last year, made primarily by Korean residents, lead to 14 indictments by Japanese law enforcement authorities.

Japanese American Denied Permit

In an apparently routine re-entry into Japan, Ronald Sumu Fujiyoshi, 43, a Sansei missionary actively supporting the civil rights of Koreans, was denied a re-entry permit. The denial seems to have been based primarily on his refusal to be fingerprinted.

Los Angeles-born Fujiyoshi contested the action and brought suit against the Ministry of Justice. In his opening court statement, he said he was engaging in civil disobedience (by not submitting to be fingerprinted) because he could not help but identify with any minority facing discrimination.

Family laments son's suicide at 22

GARDENA, Ca.—Early in the evening of Jan. 2, 22-year-old Mark Matsukawa left home without a word. Twenty-four hours later when he did not return the worried father, Jack Matsukawa, filed a missing person report.

Two days later, an officer reported an Asian man had been discovered in the Dominguez Flood Channel at 177th St. and Normandie Ave., an apparent suicide. Death was attributed to drugs.

In a rare public statement to the press, Matsukawa said, "I want to caution all parents that they should always be close to their kids and make sure that they know that they're loved. I want them to profit from our loss."

NIKKEI DIVORCE:

Where Are We Today?

By STEVE FUGITA
(Cleveland JACL Bulletin, Dec. 1983)

All of us know that, historically, Japanese Americans have had a low divorce rate. As one Nisei insightfully remarked when asked about the possibility of divorce for his Issei parents, "It just wasn't in the cards." Well, as we also all realize, a lot has changed both within the Nikkei community and in American society in general. We've become much more assimilated; about half of the Sansei are intermarrying, and divorce has become much more prevalent in all sectors of society. So, one of the issues we wanted to study in our California survey was the current JA divorce rate and how it is affected by intermarriage and assimilation.

What we found was that, overall, the Nikkei still have a lower divorce rate. Among men, the rate is about one-third that of the U.S. average. However, marital instability among the Sansei was almost twice as high as among the Nisei. Moreover, since the Sansei are much younger, they have had much less time to get divorced. The intermarried were more likely to have been divorced in both generations. Interestingly, those Nikkei who were more involved in the Japanese community had lower divorce rates than those who were less involved.

So, it looks like involvement in JA community life provides either a barrier to getting divorced or it reduces the stresses on couples. An example of the first process might be that involvement in the community makes couples feel greater "shame" about getting a divorce so they "gaman it." Or maybe, being involved in the community provides a good set of friends who help the couple weather the typical strains of marriage. In any event, the community is still a positive force in this area.

Japan to ban sex discrimination

TOKYO—Premier Yasuhiro Nakasone Jan. 30 said the Japanese government intends to ratify an international law aimed at eliminating discrimination against women before the world conference of the United Nations Decade for Women is held in Nairobi in Summer 1985.

At a meeting on women's problems at the premier's of-

rice, Nakasone said he has instructed government agencies to complete preparations within this year, including the legalization of equal employment opportunities for men and women, so as to pave the way for the ratification.

The U.N.-sponsored law has so far been ratified by more than 40 countries.

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Wed., March 7—9 am, Men's 6-game Single; 11:30 am, Women's 4-game Single; 1:15 pm, Men's 6-game Single; 4:15 pm, Women's team (avg. 684-788); Men's team (avg. 806-913).
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Fri., March 9—9 am, Men's Doubles; 10:15 am, Women's Doubles; 4 pm, Women's Single; 4 pm, Men's Single.
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Koreans Particularly Affected

Korean residents are sensitive to the policy because they account for about 83% of Japan's registered foreigners. There is also such severe discrimination against them that thousands are estimated to "pass" as Japanese—to give up their Korean identities and families in the hope of a better life.

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