

Calif. Democrats support redress at Feb. 5 convention

OAKLAND, Ca.—Delegates to the California Democratic Party's platform convention voted unanimously on Feb. 5 to approve a platform that includes support for compensation to Japanese Americans interned during WW2.

"To Japanese Americans, who make up an important part of the Democratic Party, the California Democratic Party condemns the internment of Japanese Americans during the Second World War," Los Angeles Assemblywoman Maxine Waters told the 1,200 convention delegates. Waters presented the "equality of opportunity" plank of the state's Democratic platform, which supports recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, bilingual programs, the Equal Rights Amendment anti-discrimination legislation, freedom of choice regarding abortion, affirmative action, the inclusion of gay men and women in civil rights legislation, and the strengthening of the social security system.

Tom Hsieh, national chair of the Asian/Pacific Democratic Caucus, told East/West reporter Robert Tokunaga that the platform had the caucus's "footprints all over it," especially the passages concerning redress and bilingual education. Hsieh felt that with the help of the California Democratic Party, the 1984 national Democratic platform will support many Asian American concerns.

"We hope to have some 50 to 75 Asian American delegates to the 1984 Democratic convention in San Francisco," Hsieh said. #

'Sanga Moyu' in U.S. postponed

LOS ANGELES—Yasushi Haneda, president of United Television Broadcasting System, announced on Feb. 22 that showing of "Sanga Moyu," the dramatic NHK series based on Toyoko Yamasaki's novel, "Futatsu no Sokoku," has been postponed indefinitely upon notification from the local NHK representative. It was set to air on Ch. 56 last Saturday at 7 p.m.

(In San Francisco, Fuji-TV general manager Yukio Shoji said Sanga Moyu, scheduled to air from Mar. 18, has been postponed to April 29. Queried by Hokubei Mainichi, national JACL director Ron Wakabayashi said he told NHK that the timing of the broadcast in the U.S. was unfortunate in view of the current campaign for redress. It may convince some viewers that the U.S. government was justified in interning Japanese Americans during WW2 because of the "two-fatherlands" theme.)

Instead, two Tokugawa Ieyasu features were to be substituted, followed by a four-part NHK dramatic series, "Mariko," from Mar. 10, UTB announced. (Based on a book with the same name by Kunio Yanagida, "Mariko" relates the life of the daughter of Tennessee-born Gwen and Hidenori Terasaki, the Japanese diplomat in Washington at the time of Pearl Harbor. Mariko and her mother returned to the U.S. after the death of Hidenori. In 1961, Mrs. Terasaki had written of her WW2 experiences in Japan in "Bridge to the Sun" that was subsequently made into a movie starring Carroll Baker and James Shigeta. Mariko is married to Mayne Miller, a Wyoming attorney.)

Japanese American Reactions Noted

NHK chief correspondent Kuniyasu Hanaoka in Los Angeles said the decision to postpone was based upon reactions received in Japan of Yamasaki's book from Japanese Americans and unnamed organizations.

While in Japan, national JACL president Floyd Shimomura (Nov. 25 PC) was told by one U.S. Embassy official in Tokyo that Sanga Moyu "could have no other effect except arouse anti-American feelings in Japan" and both Yamasaki and NHK were so informed. Shimomura also told NHK a Japanese American story told from a Japanese perspective in the U.S. could lead to "profound misimpressions that could lead to a distortion of our true history and image in Japan," adding parenthetically another concern because ABC, CBS and NBC were "reportedly" interested in Sanga Moyu. #



Photo Courtesy: Salinas Californian

Violet de Cristoforo unveils Historical Landmark plaque in Sherwood Park, Salinas, a WW2 temporary detention center.

Prewar UW Nisei employees given reparations share awards

SEATTLE — Former Nisei employees of Washington state who have received their first payment of \$2,500 in reparations for wrongful dismissal from their jobs in 1942 have been generous in sharing their awards.

One of the beneficiaries has been the University of Washington. Two former university employees are each donating their entire \$5,000 to create a scholarship in honor of retired professor Henry S. Tatsumi, who taught Japanese language in the University's Department of Far Eastern Languages. Tatsumi, himself a recipient, began teaching in 1927 and after the interruption of the wartime years returned to the faculty until his retirement in 1967. He is believed to have been the first Japanese American to have achieved professorship rank at the UW.

The university has designated the Henry S. Tatsumi Scholarship Fund to be administered under the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, with grants to be awarded annually or bi-annually to undergraduate and graduate students involved in studies related to

Japan in any department, school or college.

'Beautiful Gesture'

The scholarship was established through the generous donations of Nobutaka Ike, professor of political science at Stanford University, and his wife, Tai Inui Ike, both of whom were graduated from the University of Washington prior to the war. As graduate student employees of the university who were terminated due to the exclusion orders, the Ikes each received \$2,500 in September. In a letter to UW president William P. Gerberding, the Ikes expressed gratitude for the state's action and their desire to donate their joint award of \$10,000 to the university.

In thanking the donors, Gerberding wrote, "Nothing can erase the damage caused by those unjust actions, but your decision to turn this unsavory part of our national history into a positive experience for others is a beautiful gesture and a healing act."

Redress Donations

The PNW JACL office also acknowledged other donations by former state em-

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Remembrance . . .

Salinas shows plaque

SALINAS, Ca.—A memorial garden and plaque to the 3,600 interned here at historic Rodeo Grounds, which was converted to a camp of tar-papered barracks by Army Engineers during the early months of World War II, was dedicated Feb. 19. It capped a project started by local area JACLers in September, 1982. (Picture and text of the plaque appeared in the PC last week.)

Last May, the State Historical Landmark Commission approved the text and the Salinas City Council voted to pay \$1,000 for the plaque and construct a walkway in Sherwood Park, where the plaque is mounted on a huge boulder. It was unveiled by project coordinator Violet K. de Cristoforo in an afternoon program attended by several hundred persons. (Sherwood Park is on the northside of US 101 at the Main St. ramp and the Kinenhi monument is near the Salinas Community Center.)

Program participants all spoke with a spirit of hope—that internment would not occur again. "It was a gross violation of the rights of all citizens—rights that are enshrined in the Bill of Rights," guest speaker Judge William Marutani from Philadelphia declared. Even good nations, such as the U.S., can inflict wrongdoing and citizens must remain vigilant, "not keep mute as they did 42 years ago," he said.

Recognize Wrongs

Min Yasui of Denver, JACL redress chair, said part of "a great nation is to recognize the wrongs of the past," such as the Evacuation and internment of Japanese Americans. The government Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians has determined Evacuation was not based on military basis but on racial discrimination and wartime hysteria.

(Salinas was especially anti-Nisei after Pearl Harbor when news of the Bataan death march broke since National Guard troops from the Salinas area were serving in the Philippines and captured by the invading Japanese military forces. Many were reluctant to return after the war as anti-Nisei violence continued.)

(In recent years, however, community attitudes had completely reversed with election of at least three Nisei mayors in the area, a thriving agricultural-horticultural industry with Japanese Americans in key roles and a Nikkei population estimated at about 4,000 in the county.)

JACL redress director John Tateishi said, "We have a responsibility to make this country remember what hap-

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Los Angeles remembers

LOS ANGELES—About 350 persons gathered in Little Tokyo's Noguchi Plaza for a Day of Remembrance program Sunday, Feb. 19, to commemorate the 42nd anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066.

Bert Nakano of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRR) delivered the keynote address following a taiko performance and Buddhist and Christian invocations. Nakano gave a progress report on the redress campaign at local, state and federal levels and called on the Nikkei community to join other minorities in mutual support. "In so doing," he said, "we strengthen our own struggle for redress and reparations."

"It is also critical that we become involved in the entire electoral process," Nakano continued. "The Asian agenda, which lists redress and reparations as one of the key issues, must be aggressively raised to all presidential and congressional candidates. It goes without saying that each and every one of us must get out and register to vote."

Political Support

Pledges of support came from U.S. Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D-31st Ca.) and Edward



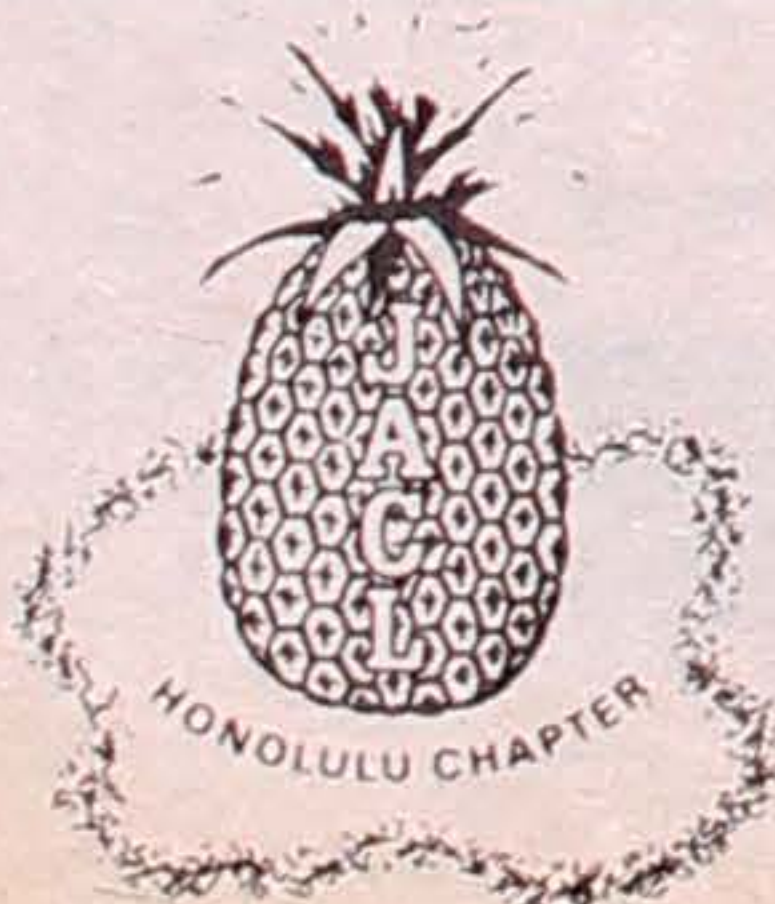
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L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley (right) reads 'Day of Remembrance' proclamation in City Hall chambers. Seated are Dennis Nishikawa (left) and Ernest Fukuda.

Roybal (D-25th Ca.), members of the House Black and Hispanic caucuses, respectively. Both are co-sponsors of HR 4110 (Wright bill) and HR 3387 (Lowry bill), which provide \$20,000 in compensation to former internees.

Also speaking were the Rev. Carl Segerhammar, former bishop of the Pacific Southwest Synod, Lutheran Church of America; Eric Mann of United Auto Workers Local 645; and George Ogawa, redress chair for JACL Pacific Southwest District. Miya Iwatake was master of ceremonies.

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Lions Club fetes Susuki

LOS ANGELES—Takeo Susuki has been honored as "Man of the Year" by the West Los Angeles Lions Club for 34 years of community service.

As senior museum scientist and geology lecturer in the UCLA earth and space sciences department, Susuki has been counselor and friend to a generation of students and a prime source of fossil lore for geologists around the world.

His community services might tax the energy of a platoon of volunteers. Among his main involvements are the West Los Angeles JACL, whose earth science section he founded, Westside YMCA, Los Angeles-Nagoya sister city project, Friends of the

Santa Monica Mountains and the Seikan tunnel project in Japan.

He has organized fossil field trips for school children, serves as the department's unofficial host for visiting foreign professors, and has become an authority on three-dimensional specimen photography.

During the Lions Club luncheon at the Masonic Temple, Susuki was honored by the community organizations he has served and was showered with congratulatory proclamations from Governor George Deukmejian, Mayor Tom Bradley, state legislators, county supervisors, city councilmen, overseas friends and UCLA.



Takeo Susuki

Susuki was born in Oxnard, Calif., the son of farmers, and attended schools in Ventura. During World War II, he served for more than four years in the Army and fought with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, America's

most highly decorated Army unit, composed entirely of Japanese Americans.

After the war, he attended Long Beach City College and then UCLA, receiving his bachelor's degree in geology in 1949. Despite his combat record and academic qualifications, he ran into the prevalent post-war discrimination against Japanese Americans and could not find a job.

His UCLA professors, hearing of his plight, created the position of museum technician in the geology department, initiating his long working association with UCLA. Susuki subsequently earned his master's degree at UCLA and the doctorate at Tokoku University in Japan.

Susuki's wife, Marian, is a senior clinical dietician in the outpatient department of the UCLA hospital. The couple has three sons.

People in the News

Awards

Sarah Caswell Angell Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution presented a good citizens award to Dexter (Mich.) High School senior Anri Doi on Feb. 18. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Binichi Doi is student government president of Dexter H.S., varsity cheerleading captain and member of the varsity football team and yearbook staff. She plans to attend the Univ. of Michigan and major in business administration.

Government

LOS ANGELES—General membership of the Los Angeles Council on Aging begins its 1984 activities on Saturday, Mar. 10, 9:30 a.m. at City Hall, led by Betty Kozasa, president. Among the committee chairs is Mabel Ota, for legislation and advocacy. Mandates of AB 2860, which will change the long-term care of state's elderly, will be explained at the public meeting.

Medicine

Ted M. Nakata of Fresno was recently elected president of the 300-member California Society of Periodontists. A former president of the Fresno Dental Society and the Foundation for the Prevention of Oral Diseases, he is a board member of the Western Society of Periodontology.

Dave Nakagawa heads church group

GARDEN GROVE, Ca. — Dave Y. Nakagawa, vice moderator of the Presbytery of San Gabriel and on the National Board of Men of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as synod representative for Southern California-Hawaii, was selected moderator of the Japanese Presbyterian Conference at its 78th annual assembly here Feb. 10-12.

The Pasadena JACLer retired in 1980 after serving 33 years in youth work and is an elder of the Altadena First Presbyterian Church.

Business

Linda Oshiro, asst. vice president of California First Bank, has been appointed manager of the bank's Stevens Creek office in San Jose, Calif. She has been in banking since 1963. Oshiro was born in Arizona and spent her childhood in Kumamoto, Japan. She is also a classical dancer of the Hanayagi school. Cynthia Shiota has become business manager of the Seattle architectural and planning firm of Hewitt/Daly/Isley. Shiota was employment and economic development coordinator for the Seattle Dept. of Community Development prior to joining the firm.

Education

Ronald Tsukashima, associate professor of sociology at CSU-Los Angeles, received a Fulbright-Hays award to teach sociology in Japan in 1984-85. Tsukashima teaches courses in social problems, race and social conflict, and urban social change. His research interest is in the adjustment of immigrant Japanese Americans, the ethnic identity of children of interracial marriages, and patterns of conflict in Black/Jewish relations.

California Teachers Assn. presented its Gold Award for Outstanding Educator to David Sato, first-grade teacher at Rancho Cordova (Ca.) Elementary School and a 23-year veteran in the Folsom-Cordova Unified School District. Educators said he was the only one out of thousands in the nine-county Sacramento Valley to be recognized this year for his instructional leadership and teacher advocacy within the school district and community.

Radio-TV

John E. Kobara, director of public affairs with Falcon Communications, has been elected president of So. Calif. Cable Assn. by the board of directors. A 1978 UCLA graduate, Kobara is a founding member of SCCA and previously served as treasurer and vice-president. A Coro Fellow, he began his career with People's Cable, Rochester, N.Y., in 1979 and later joined Falcon as its San Gabriel Valley Systems general manager. He is working toward his MBA at USC.

Sugihara heads parade committee

SAN FRANCISCO—June Sugihara, assistant vice president of California First Bank's Japan Center branch, has been named chair of the 1984 Cherry Blossom Festival Parade Committee, announced Ben Nakajo, general festival chair.

"This will be the second year that Mrs. Sugihara has chaired the parade committee," said Nakajo. "She did an outstanding job in 1983 and we are extremely fortunate to have the benefit of her organizational skills and innovative leadership again this year."

Working along with Sugihara will be parade organizers Joe Daijo, Higashi Fukawa, Kiyoshi Naito, Nobuyoshi Ando, and Kanji Kuramoto.

Festival dates are April 20-22 and 27-29 with the grand parade scheduled for Sunday afternoon, April 29.

Groups wishing to participate in the parade are invited to submit written applications by Mar. 26, said Sugihara. Interested groups from all over California are encouraged to apply even if

they have not taken part in previous years.

Applications must include the full name of the organization/group, a description of participation—Japanese dance, music, float (specify theme), etc.—the number of participants, and a general description of costuming.

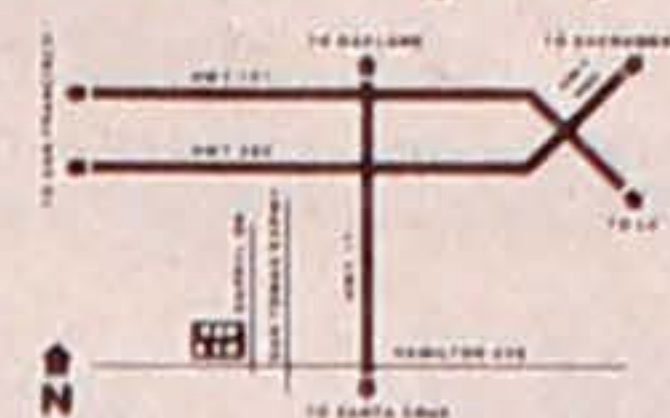
The name, address, and phone number of the person in charge also should be included along with background information with the group, its purpose, when it was established, how many years it has participated in the parade, and other pertinent data. This information will be used by the parade emcee as the group approaches the reviewing stand.

Sugihara stressed that the event is a Japanese-style parade and the themes of participating groups must fit this format.

Applications should be sent to: 1984 CBF Parade Committee, Attn: Mrs. June Sugihara, California First Bank, Japan Center Branch, 1675 Post St. San Francisco 94115.

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LITTLE TOKYO LIFE (No. 7):



A Backward Glance

By HARRY HONDA

Los Angeles

Another unusual book — this time in English and filled with pictures, "A Backward Glance—Los Angeles 1901-1915" by Robert G. Cowan (1969) — has surfaced and in it are some scenes of Little Tokyo.

Such was what the Issei (like my dad) must have first encountered upon arriving here soon after the San Francisco earthquake/fire. The comfortable atmosphere of those years are most evident in the photos. Architecture is hodgepodge; the air looks clean (no smog); the streets downtown show a quiet pace. Looking over this book, even the Nisei who can remember the early '20s might recall the charm of L.A. with its yellow trolley cars, popcorn vendors at the corner and the nickelodeons and shooting galleries on Main St.



Little Tokyo—1911. Once the home of lumberman Wallace Woodworth, 143 Wilmington (now Weller St. at E. 2nd St.), fronts the three brick structures which are familiar: the Palace Hotel (at left with the cigar sign), backside of Miyako Hotel (now replaced by Kajima Bldg.) and still-standing S.K. Uyeda Bldg. (at right).

An additional item about the above photo: The Newmark Brothers tea, coffee and spice warehouse (the Uyeda Bldg.) belonged to a pioneer Jewish merchant family of the 1850s. It was nearly gutted by fire in the 1930s. Joseph Newmark had come from San Francisco in 1854 with a Chinese servant, it is said—and probably the first Asian resident in Los Angeles.



Santa Fe Station—1908. At the foot of E. 2nd and Santa Fe Ave., the station is remembered by those who took the train from here in 1942 to such places as Manzanar, Poston, and Heart Mountain. The onion-domed structure no longer stands, but the Santa Fe still rolls over the same tracks. Homes (in the background) to the west subsequently became part of prewar Little Tokyo.

Of Other Pictures of Little Tokyo

Perhaps the best collection of photos of early Little Tokyo life are in "The Japanese of Los Angeles County" by William Mason and John A. McKintrey (1969: L.A. County Museum of Natural History) showing interiors of Japanese-owned shops in the 1890s, the Akita Bamboo Factory at 504 S. Broadway in 1901 (when President McKinley rode down the street), Bungoro Tani's bamboo factory at 527 S. Spring St. in 1904, and the Yamato Dept. Store at 635 S. Broadway in 1908. These stores were located in the heart of L.A.'s downtown shopping area.

Visual Communications, on the third floor of this building (JACCC), has just published with the Little Tokyo Centennial Committee a commemorative pictorial history (\$20 in the Little Tokyo bookstores) on Little Tokyo. More will be said about this in a later column.

For bird's eye views of how the Little Tokyo area appeared in the 1880s and 1890s, check them by perusing any number of panoramic views taken from Ft. Moore Hill (where the L.A. School Board has its main office today) toward the Plaza Church and Pico House in the center. However, familiarity with the geography of the area is a must when studying such pictures.

Early Feedback—Two Issei who remember the names of towns listed in "The Heydays of 1900s" (No. 5) waxed nostalgically with us this past week. Haiku poet Shisei Tsuneishi, 95, of prewar Monrovia recalled when he first came to L.A. in 1907. He had spent his first night in a Japanese hotel at First & Alameda (still standing) and the manager told him work was available at Tropico to pick berries. PC's Issei columnist Jin Konomi, 20 years later, remembered taking the red car out of Subway terminal for his weekend fruitstand job in Lankershim (now North Hollywood)—Tropico was eastward down the L.A. River banks. Another old-timer sitting next to us is Henry Mori, who has been asked to pen a few memories here. We welcome others, too.

Fund-raiser planned for community center

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—A fire of suspicious origin destroyed the furniture, equipment and supplies of two community organizations shortly after Christmas. Asian Legal Services Outreach (ALSO) and the United Cannery Workers Service Center (UCWSC), were housed in the building at 1520

V Street, which suffered extensive damage.

In an effort to help these agencies relocate, supporters have organized a rent party for Saturday, Mar. 3, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Live music and a dance party share the evening with speakers Assemblyman Phil Isenberg, Councilman Joe

Serna, and reporter/producer Sandra Gin Yep.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students and low-income persons. Checks should be made payable to "ALSO/UCWSC Building Fund." For information, call Goldie Lew Eng, (916) 451-7952; or Paulina Villaneuva, 456-1890. #

Nikkei animal nutritionist presented with agricultural achievement award

DENVER — John K. Matsushima, 63, who was responsible for fattening cattle in feedlots by giving them hot cornflakes on breakfast menu, was awarded the Jerry Litton Memorial Award for agricultural achievement at the seventh annual banquet on Jan. 17.

Matsushima was recognized for his 35 years of teaching and research at Colorado State University in Fort Collins and the University of Nebraska. He also announced retirement after 20 years as superintendent of the National Western Stock Show — a fed beef of carcass competition.

The awardee grew up near Plattville, and obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees from CSU. He earned his Ph.D. in animal nutrition at the University of Minnesota.

Currently, he works six months as CSU instructor and the other half in Japan and other countries as a researcher/consultant. He is a pioneer in animal nutrition in developing hot flaked grain for cattle feed in the early 1960s.

Matsushima said he wants to convince the Japanese to import more American beef, one of the U.S.-Japan trade sore spots.

The Litton Award, named in memory of Jerry Litton, a Missouri congressman/cattle producer who was killed in the 1976 plane crash, was presented by CSU's Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Of his teaching career, Matsushima said, "By next fall, I will have records on 10,000 students. I am pleased that I still get calls from former members." #

Hi-tech seminar to explore cooperation

SAN FRANCISCO—Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and the Conference Board, Inc., will hold a seminar called "Japan and U.S.—Cooperating in High Tech," Mar. 13-14, at the Fairmont Hotel.

The two-day conference will give individual companies opportunities to meet with key leaders from American and Japanese high-tech industries and to discuss cooperative methods in advanced technology, licensing, joint venture, and research and development.

Participants include Shioichi Akazawa, president of the Japan External Trade Organization; David Packard, chair of Hewlett-Packard and head of the American contingent of the Advisory

Group on U.S.-Japan Relations; Naohiro Amaya, adviser and former vice minister for international affairs, MITI; Akio Morita, chair and CEO of Sony Corp.; Frank Press, president of the National Academy of Sciences; and Takeo Kondo, president of Mitsubishi International.

Simultaneous translation will be provided in English and Japanese.

JETRO's main function is to help facilitate trade between the United States and Japan through its five Japan Trade Centers in New York, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, Feb. 21. For further information, contact Tetsuo Okubo, (415) 392-1333. #

Community Affairs

SEATTLE—"The Fall of the I Hotel," a documentary film about elderly Filipinos and their struggle to preserve low-cost housing in San Francisco's Manilatown, premieres Saturday and Sunday, Mar. 3-4, at Langston Hughes Cultural Center, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. It will be shown with "Hito Hata: Raise the Banner," a drama about Los Angeles Issei. The program benefits the International District Housing Alliance. For information, call 623-5132.

Educational Concerns

FRESNO, Ca.—Amerasia Week 1984 will be held on the Calif. State Univ. campus during the week of Mar. 5-10. Sponsored by the Amerasia Club, Asian American Studies Program, and Associated Students, the celebration features speakers, cultural performances, a film showing, and a community night. All activities take place in the new Satellite College Union. For further information, call (209) 294-3002. #

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Crab feed to benefit Issei housing project

EL CERRITO, Ca.—An "all-you-can-eat" crab feed will be held Sunday, Mar. 11, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Tickets for this year's event are \$15 per person, with a discount price of \$12 for senior citizens over 65 years old and children 12 years and under. Proceeds benefit East Bay Issei Housing, Inc.

All proceeds from this benefit will go towards the completion of a housing project in Hayward. Construction on the 100 studio and one-bedroom apartments is under way, with completion expected in October. Applications for interested persons are expected to be available in July 1984. Approximately \$40,000 is still needed to cover the obligations of sponsoring groups.

For further information on the crab feed, call co-chairs June Sakaguchi, (415) 235-8625, or Grace Goto, 233-2586. To obtain tickets call Richard, 832-0152, or Laura (mornings only), 832-8300. #

New state prison won't be in Li'l Tokyo

SACRAMENTO—In a surprise move Feb. 16, the state Dept. of Corrections selected a 500-acre site north of Lancaster in Antelope Valley to build a men's prison in Los Angeles County. A site close to Little Tokyo on Vignes St. had been considered. #

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Persons interested should submit resume and samples of prior work to the Pacific Citizen, Box 33, 244 S. San Pedro St. #506, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Deadline for submission of resumes/work samples is March 3, 1984.

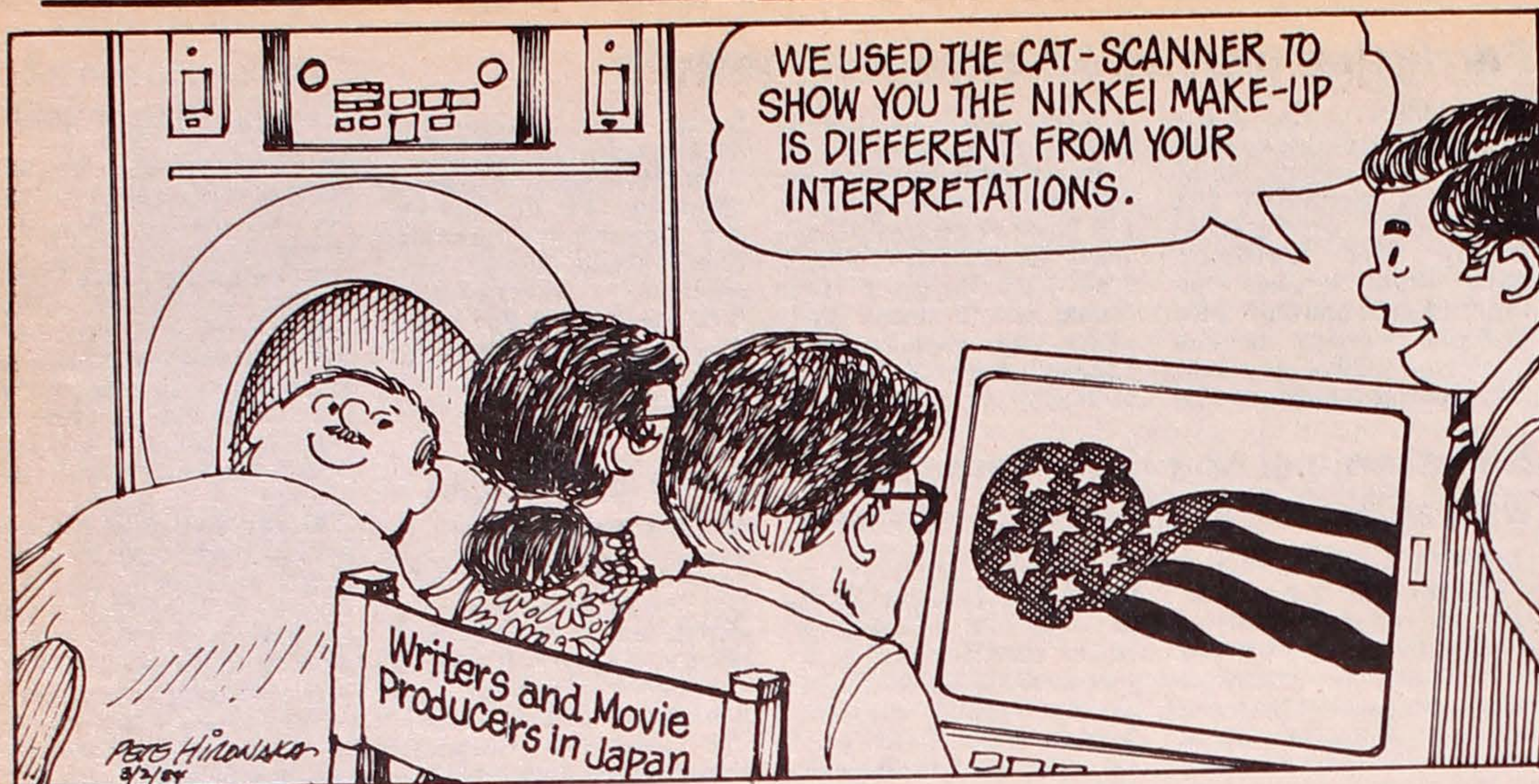
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REDRESS PHASE FIVE: Minoru Yasui

New England and Eastern Seaboard

There are four active JACL chapters on the Atlantic seaboard: New York, Philadelphia, Seabrook, N.J., and Washington, D.C. The New England Chapter in Boston apparently does not have a sufficient number of active members to mount an effective campaign for redress on a state-wide basis. All JACL chapters on the East Coast are critical to the ultimate success of redress. We are most grateful to Grayce Uyehara of Philadelphia and her active corps of volunteers for their strong efforts.

Massachusetts, with 11 members in the U.S. House, according to the latest survey by Americans for Democratic Action, is ranked as having the most liberal House delegation of any state. In the Senate, Sen. Paul Tsongas (D-Mass.) is a co-sponsor of S 2116, the Senate redress bill. He is up for re-election in 1984. In 1978, Tsongas beat by a fairly close margin of 55%-45% former senator Edward W. Brooke, who was involved in a messy divorce. Brooke later was a most effective member of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. Tsongas, as a former Peace Corps volunteer to Ethiopia, and as a liberal, will be hard to beat in 1984.

Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) has failed, as yet, to sign on as a co-sponsor to S 2116. With his disavowal of presidential aspirations, Kennedy is a most influential senator in Democratic circles. We need his support.

The remaining five other New England states, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut and Rhode Island, have a total of 13 U.S. representatives. Combined with Massachu-

setts' 11, the New England states have a bloc of 24 representatives in Congress (17 Democrats, 7 Republicans).

Four Candidates for Re-election

Four New England senators are up for re-election in 1984. Tsongas appears safe. Sen. William Cohen (R-Maine) seems to be a Republican moderate who might be persuaded to support redress. Sen. Gordon Humphrey (R-N.H.) is an anomaly: he was a pilot for Allegheny Airlines and is a staunch advocate of the New Right. He could be beaten in 1984. Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.) won overwhelmingly (75%-25%) in 1978, and seems safe in 1984.

Since New England senators constitute only 12% of the U.S. Senate (7 Democrats and 5 Republicans), a loss of one Republican seat in New Hampshire would not determine the balance in the Senate. But a change in New Hampshire would probably eliminate an opponent to redress. We need to have constituents in the New England states actively supporting redress. Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.) would be an influential figure, since he is No. 3 ranking minority member of the Appropriations Committee. We need to know how he stands on redress, and a constituent should ask for his support.

Further south on the Eastern seaboard, in non-JACL states, Delaware is important because Sen. William Roth (R) is chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee, which will be holding hearings on S 2116, the redress bill. There is some indication that such hearings may be scheduled during 1984. The junior senator is Joseph Biden (D-Del.), who won his seat by a com-

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EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



Japan's Double Standards

Philadelphia

IMAGINE, IF YOU will, meeting a person who speaks your language (English, in your case) in a broken fashion, interspersed with malapropisms; that the person's table manners are somewhat uncouth; indeed, such person violates a number of rules of etiquette so that his or her behavior not only is embarrassing but at times borders on disgusting; further, the individual tends, at least by your standards, to be a bit "loud" both in manner and speech. Generally unrestrained.

WE THOUGHT ABOUT that one, and it troubled us. For, you see, that is precisely the format in which many Japanese would place the Nikkei. Oh, you can object, pointing out that the Japanese are applying a double standard — forgiving white Americans for non-compliance while resenting the same course of conduct on the part of Japanese Americans. In fact, the Nikkei is generally more subdued in his conduct than his fellow white American, and thus should give less cause for offensiveness. But that doesn't appear to be the way the *nikon-jin* look at it.

And things are even tougher.

OUR DISTINCT VIEW of Japanese values includes the belief that it remains highly class-conscious. And "class" can be defined by any number of varying standards: your economic status, your job or profession, ancestral lineage, part of the country you came from, your school, and so on. If one happens to be a *kankoku-jin*, it can mean life-long obstacles, notwithstanding protestations to the contrary by the Japanese. And so it is in this milieu that we Nikkei are being assessed. Like it or not.

WHAT WE STATE here is, of course, a generalization. But, we hasten to add, that doesn't thereby invalidate it. On the contrary, we happen to think it to be all too true. Sure, there are individual Japanese who know us as individuals and assess us accordingly; but the fact remains that the overall concept, and therefrom the general mode of reception of Nikkei, is that as outlined above. (Sorta gets you mad as hell, doesn't it? But what can we say?)

IN OUR TRAVELS in Japan, whether it be train, trolley, subway, taxi; or whether it be making inquiries as to directions; or entering a restaurant or making a purchase in a store — we have been quite mindful of this "unfair" stricture imposed upon us by the Japanese society. Being unfamiliar with many things "Japanese," we've innocently and in good faith made inquiries, or posed questions, that obviously were regarded as stupid by the Japanese. "Stupid" only because they were applying Japanese standards to an American-bred citizen who happened to be a Nikkei. And since our *hatsu-on* doesn't always give us away as being a Nikkei, we sometimes receive a curt response as a Japanese might receive one who asks stupid questions. We recall one innocent, but illustrative example: with a cab driver we were discussing air schedules between Tokyo and Kyoto, and during the course of the discussion we used the word "*hi-ko-ki*." The cabbie paused, a puzzled look flashed across his face, and somewhat disdainfully he suggested that I must mean "*jetto*."

OF COURSE, JUST as in any country, we'll continue to respect their mores and be sensitive to their culture; we shall "do as the Romans do while in Rome." But underneath, we remain Americans. #

GUEST'S CORNER

Is There a Just Cause?

By JOY KOGAWA

Life is a series of making and unmaking plans along a continuum of uncertainty. In North America and in the world we are a competing chaos of voices, a broken body of nations. In one age or in one country, a cause is deemed to be just and in the next generation or among other people, that same cause is judged a crime.

Perhaps we will never be fully adequate to see the whole picture of which the causes we uphold are a part. But inadequacy is not an excuse for inaction. The private and the public, the personal and the political, the internal and the external are all co-extensive. Inadequacy is a universal experience and we are all broken and incomplete like jig-saw puzzle pieces. Our wholeness comes from joining and from sharing our brokenness.

Many feminists would say that the imagery of inadequacy and brokenness are inappropriate ones for women and for minority groups and do not assist us to the kind of transforming strength which is now needed. It is true that doubt and ambivalence can sometimes so immobilize us that in the end we serve to maintain oppressors in their positions of power. But healthy doubt is also that which prevents us from succumbing to the demonic power of an unthinking trust.

I believe we need to remember the paradoxical power in mutual vulnerability. Where there is doubt, the authority of certainty is put aside, but the capacity to hear is heightened. We broken ones then, are not people who shout and stride, confident that our cause is just. But we listen, and we limp. In our limping we may discover that we walk with others who also limp and that even our enemies know pain. That sudden "aha" of recognizing a fellow human being where once we'd seen only the delusions of our monstrous imaginings are miraculous moments. As Jacob said on returning to Esau, that moment is like looking on the face of God. If we cannot

have such moments, if we cannot risk ever being weak, if we are unable to seek to understand an opposing position, we must admit our blindness to that other's reality. And a cause born in such blindness cannot presume to be just.

It was suggested that I tell you about my identity as a Japanese Canadian. The burden of that particular identity is a heavy one for me these days. My experience of the Japanese Canadians, especially in the last several months, is of a vastly and profoundly disparate and broken people.

Many Nisei, like myself, who suffered the drawn-out trauma of racial prejudice during our formative and young adult years have a deep timidity burned into our psyches with the injunction that we must never again congregate, never again risk the visibility of community. Perhaps as a result, no Japantown exists anywhere in Canada today.

The Sansei, the children of the Nisei, are the most fearless in their belief that Canada is best served by a full exposure of Japanese Canadian history. They have a tenacious faith that democratic and open dialogue is possible among Japanese Canadians.

Apart from the Nisei and Sansei, there are a dwindling number of aged and dying Issei, the ones who suffered the most measurable trauma and who today are of all Japanese Canadians, the ones most abused, forgotten and politically powerless. These are pioneers who with their lives and limbs cleared Canadian forests and created farms, established mines, businesses, fishing industries, built churches, community halls and infused this land with their gentle dignity and their endurance. They still endure—without the comfort and care that other aging Canadians take for granted.

One by one, I have heard graphic and horrible stories of Issei in white nursing homes, who, unable to adjust to the radically different diets, die within days or an average of a

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Putting Out Some Fires, Lighting Others

By OZZIE IMAI
Chair, Ethnic Concerns Committee

Lodi, Ca.

National JACL's Ethnic Concerns Committee had its first meeting in January. The committee comprises eleven members plus one representative from each district. Because of distance, district representatives communicate their concerns by letter to the rest of the committee.

We came to conclusions on some topics at the January meeting and formed subcommittees to pursue others.

The following missions and objectives were developed:

Missions: (1) To explore civil rights issues as they impinge on the Nikkei; (2) to develop response capabilities on matters of civil rights; and (3) to develop appreciation of Japanese American heritage.

Objectives: (1) Identify incidents and issues; (2) gather basic information necessary to understand issues; (3) take action after assessing the issues or make recommendations for action; (4) communicate these findings to National JACL and all other appropriate parties; and (5) monitor.

The majority of the committee's concerns deal with acts of racial discrimination. I am sure that this will be a continuing problem but I hope that our committee will be more than a "put-out-the-fire" operation. We need to develop an effective educational program. I encourage readers to send us suggestions as to how we can best deal with this important issue.

The Term 'Jap'

We received a letter from a Nikkei woman living in Tulsa, Okla., stating that when she was in Atlanta, Ga., she turned on the television to watch WAGA TV-5's 6 o'clock news on December 7, 1983. She stated that the broadcaster was using the term "Jap" during his commentary.

She contacted the station. They suggested she contact the program's executive producer. She wrote a protesting letter. As of this date, a response has not been received by her.

In cases such as these, the committee strongly recommends that local chapters take appropriate action. We think this would be more effective. If help is needed, however, we certainly will be more than willing to do what is necessary.

We also received a letter from a Nikkei teacher who objected to the term "Jap" used in one of her elementary textbooks. The word was used in quotes to describe how in the early 1900s, other Californians discriminated against the Japanese.

As much as we abhor the word "Jap," it was the committee's opinion that this term was not used improperly in the context in which it was presented. At times, we realize that it is very difficult to decide whether such a term is being used

improperly. We hope that she understood our point of view.

Advice to Young Asians

"Dear Diane," a book written by an Asian woman, contains a section in which a young Korean girl, apparently about 17 or 18 years old, poses a problem to "Diane." A young Sansei boy asks the Korean girl for a date. Her parents object strongly. She states that they are against him even before they meet him. She asks what can be done to change their minds.

"Diane" answers that Japan's colonization of Korea may have an effect on the girl's parents. She further explains that her parents lived through those times and do not have fond memories of the Japanese, and that they associate the Sansei with those memories.

"Diane" suggests that while the young Korean girl may not be able to get her parents to like her friend as an individual, she should be patient, put off the first date for a few weeks, and have a small group, including him, over to the house for some activity and introduce him to her parents with others.

"Diane" suggests that as she has her friends over more often, her Sansei friend could volunteer to help do some of the chores around the house.

If all this fails, her friend can go to her parents to tell them that he's sorry that Japan invaded Korea, but that he had nothing to do with it. "Diane" explains that while it may not change their minds, at least it might get them to laugh and see how unreasonable they're being.

One member of our committee felt that since the problem is not the girl's or her Sansei friend's, the focus of "Diane's" answer should be directed at her parents. The young boy need not ingratiate himself by doing chores and by saying that he was sorry that Japan invaded Korea since that doesn't address the problem or serve to liberate the parents.

The committee member suggests that a possible solution would be to explain that this vexing problem has been around for generations of Americans. Inter-ethnic social intercourse is a fact of life in our heterogeneous society. Statistics showing figures of marriages among young Asian Americans can be shown. Without intending to be cruel, a suggestion could be made that one of the options open to the parents in a free society is to consider moving to more homogeneous society more acceptable to them.

Another alternative might be to explain to the parents that having come to a heterogeneous, multi-ethnic society, one must often find ways of selecting associates other than on ethnicity alone. Perhaps this means that we must examine our immigrant cultures to see what we value and then make our choices based on similarity of personal values.

I thought that "Diane's" response was good after reading it initially but after thinking about the comments made by our committee member, I agree that "Diane's" response is not altogether sufficient.

If the girl's parents were Caucasian and her father was killed as a result of the bombing at Pearl Harbor, would we have responded in the same manner as "Diane" did? I don't think so.

A meeting has been scheduled with "Diane" to discuss her response.

Textbook Revisions

It is known that information pertaining to the Japanese American experience is lacking in our state textbooks. A sub-committee has been formed.

Our immediate objective is to get Asians on the various state education committees that evaluate textbook materials. There are also positions for volunteers to perform these tasks. Mike Honda, principal of McKinley School in San Jose, is presently a member of the State Commission of Instructional Material, whose tasks are to evaluate the content of textbook materials. His term on this commission will expire during October 1985, and we need to start looking for someone, preferably an Asian, for his replacement. We also need persons to join the Commission on Legal Compliance, whose function is to make sure that legal requirements are met.

The State Board of Education is charged with the constitutional responsibility of education in California and is the ultimate authority. Some who select members for this group are the governor, speakers of house and senate, the superintendent of schools and others.

Please pass on to us names of those who would be suitable for any of the commissions or the board of education. Specific information describing these bodies will be forthcoming. Meanwhile, we welcome any comments, suggestions or criticisms regarding ethnic concerns.—Ozzie Imai,

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fortable margin in 1978, for a third term, but is up for re-election in 1984. He may become, if the Democrats win a majority in the Senate, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, replacing Strom Thurmond of South Carolina. Biden is also third ranking minority member of the Senate Budget Committee.

Although a number of JACLers live in Virginia, and work in Washington, D.C., apparently none are particularly close to the local politics of that area. Sen. John Warner (R-Va.) is up for re-election in 1984. There is some doubt whether he will be able to retain his Senate seat. In the 1978 election, he was greatly helped by his well-known wife, Elizabeth Taylor ... but is now divorced. The Democrats may be making an all-out effort to take away Warner's seat, since his election in 1978 was by less than 5,000 votes out of a total of 1.2 million. Virginia's bloc of 10 House votes will be important to redress, too. We need to have constituents organized to poll candidates for election in 1984 as to their attitudes toward redress. #

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Check Those Ads in PC

Denver, Colo.

Sometimes when you have nothing better to do, you might take a close look at the advertisements being published in Pacific Citizen these days.

Since advertisers pay good money for space in which to peddle their wares, the successful ones are quite canny about where they make their pitch. For example, you wouldn't advertise hernia trusses in House Beautiful. Nor would you advertise a Florida condominium or a \$3,200,000 golf course for sale in any old publication unless you figured its readers had money to invest.

Here are some of the items advertised in recent issues of Pacific Citizen:

Vacation tours to Japan (\$2,150), Australia and New Zealand (\$2,800), Britain and Scandinavia (\$2,895), Greece and Egypt (\$2,995). A 21-day tour of China for \$3,077.

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A townhouse in a Colorado ski resort for \$195,000.

Four-day salmon fishing trips to British Columbia for \$1,000.

An opportunity to pick up a public campground franchise for a minimum of \$100,000.

An invitation to open up a \$100,000 line of credit. A film studio in Vancouver, B.C., for \$2,200,000 Canadian.

A 5,000-square foot brick home with swimming pool on 81 acres in South Carolina for \$380,000.

It is flattering that advertisers believe there are a substantial number of Japanese Americans in position to spend or invest the kind of money required to take advantage of the opportunities listed above. And no doubt there are numbers of them — attorneys, doctors, real estate developers, businessmen — perhaps more than we realize, with just such assets, built up amazingly enough after the economic devastation of the Evacuation just four decades ago.

But chances are that for every reader of the Pacific Citizen in position to invest a million clams or consider a \$6,000 vacation trip for man and wife, there are many more of the middle class who have to be satisfied with mutual fund investments. And of course some with serious concerns about the price of rice and gasoline and whether Social Security will cover the difference between the pension check and the cost of living.

Advertisements directed to the fat cats are welcome so long as payment is prompt, and I hope they get the kind of response that will encourage continued advertising.

But deep in the back of my head is a suspicion. Are these advertisers, like so many others, confusing Japanese Americans with the Japanese from Japan? Are they mistaking Japanese Americans with the well-heeled Japanese who in the manner of Saudi sheiks are looking for opportunities to invest their millions abroad? #

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Keeping Track

Rebuttal to Kiyoaki Murata

By WILLIAM HOHRI
(Chicago)

The following responses are made to the Asahi Shimbun article by Kiyoaki Murata, reprinted in the Pacific Citizen on Dec. 16:

1. The CWRIC report is a "falsification of history."

The CWRIC report is historically correct. It is based upon primary and secondary historical materials. Murata's statement seems based upon a naive acceptance of U.S. propaganda, personal recollection, and faulty logic.

2. The CWRIC claims as causes "racial prejudice and war hysteria."

The CWRIC states as causes, "race prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership."

3. "The congressional body was not established to examine the relocation program objectively."

The stated purpose of the CWRIC was to "review the facts and circumstances surrounding Executive Order Numbered 9066... and the impact of such Executive order on American citizens and permanent resident aliens." That's pretty objective, at least considerably more objective than Murata's treatment.

4. "The inquiry was like a trial where the accused is presumed guilty from the outset."

Unlike a trial, none of testimony heard was sworn testimony. The hearings were not adversarial. The only person I know who brought an attorney with him was John J. McCloy.

5. "I was in California when the evacuation began in early 1942.... Since I personally experienced the resettlement, I wish to correct some basic misunderstandings about it."

Personal experience is a poor substitute for a documented record of government actions. Most victims still do not know what hit them.

6. "Japanese subjects... and American citizens of Japanese origin were relocated from the states of Washington, Oregon, and California into the interior."

Of the four states—Murata omits Arizona—which had exclusion zones, only California's covered the entire state.

7. "The commission's finding that there was no 'military necessity' begs the question."

Military necessity was based on three "facts": (1) shore-to-ship signalings, (2) illegal radio transmissions, and (3) the inability to distinguish the loyal from the disloyal. The FBI refuted the first "fact." The Federal Communications Commission refuted the second "fact." And the third "fact" is contradicted by the assessment of the United States intelligence community, including the Office of Naval Intelligence and the FBI. They preferred a selective procedure for apprehending disloyals, not a mass approach. In fact, all suspect disloyals had been identified and apprehended before EO9066 was issued.

In addition, zones of exclusion based on military necessity were declared for each camp outside the main exclusion zone. These zones prevented the inmates from leaving a camp's perimeter; in leaving, they would trespass into an exclusion zone. In April 1943, Col. Karl R. Bendetsen reminded Assistant

'Still a lot to do,' state senator tells Seattle JACL at installation dinner

SEATTLE—Approximately 250 chapter members and supporters attended the 62nd annual JACL installation and awards banquet at Doubletree Plaza Jan. 21.

State Sen. George Fleming, who played a key role winning compensation for Japanese American state employees who lost their jobs during WW2, was keynote speaker. KOMO-TV reporter Marcus Mukai handled the ceremonies.

"This turnout shows solidarity that flows through your community," Fleming said. "We have all made progress, but much progress is yet to be made. In the struggle for full civil rights and liberties, you can be proud."

But even though Japanese Americans have come this far, Fleming said, they still have not made their presence known in many places, such as in state government.

"There is still a lot to do," he said, citing President Reagan's recent attacks on affirmative action and the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

"Complete miscarriage of justice is still possible," Fleming said. "Not all of our opponents are bigots, but all bigots are our opponents."



Newly elected officers and board members of Seattle Chapter JACL.

Fourteen awards were given out at the banquet. Recipients were: Sen Fleming, State Sen. John Jones, Ron Sims, Tim Gojio, and Ruth Woo for their work on the state employees compensation bill; Dr. Dennis Short for his assistance to hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors); Dr. Ben Uyeno for medical service to the community; the chapter redress committee; and the Puyallup Monument Project Committee.

Aki Kurose was awarded for her peace work, and Cherry Kinoshita received the Dr. Minoru Masuda Community Service Award. Silver pins were given to Lloyd Hara, Bill Ishii and Mako Nakagawa.

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Secretary of War McCloy that there never existed military necessity for such exclusion zones.

In the same month of April 1943, McCloy informed Bendetsen that military necessity, such as it was, no longer existed in the Western Defense Command. But it would be some 20 months before mass exclusion was lifted. In other words, we would spend more time in camps without military necessity than we would with it.

8. "The U.S. Army (was) also apprehensive about the loyalties of... American-born (Japanese Americans)..."

On April 3, 1942, General Raymond E. Lee wrote to Chief of Staff George C. Marshall, "It is the consensus of opinion of most officers who know the Japanese and Nisei best that the great majority of the Nisei want to be, and will be, loyal."

9. "German and Italian citizens... were not moved to relocation centers (because) the presumed threat to the West Coast came from Japan, not from Germany or Italy."

There was no mass exclusion and detention of German and Italians, citizens or aliens, even though there was a serious threat of espionage on the East coast.

There were, however, cases of individual exclusion orders, numbering in the hundreds, issued mainly to Germans and Italians. Each such order was processed with a hearing, a choice of places to which to relocate, family relocation optional, and no detention.

Moreover, on October 12, 1942, Columbus Day, President Roosevelt declared that Italian aliens would no longer be considered to be enemy aliens. Wasn't that nice?

10. "The U.S. Army encouraged and assisted those who were willing to evacuate voluntarily."

Oh, really? Did the U.S. Army find them housing? Jobs? Provide a stipend to tide them over?

11. "Given the widespread anti-Japanese sentiment generated by Pearl Harbor..."

Murata ignores the years of alien land laws, anti-miscegenation laws, housing and job discrimination, and just plain red-necked racism.

12. "The Army was forced to resort to group relocation..."

Mass exclusion was planned from the beginning. It could not be implemented upon the issuance of EO9066 because there existed no legal penalties for violations of exclusion. The Army had to wait for Congress to pass Public Law 503 which provided penalties. In the interim, what Murata improperly describes as "voluntary" movement was permitted. (There is nothing voluntary about being ordered from your home and community.)

13. "Camps were set up in the... states in the interior..."

Four of the ten camps were in the exclusion zone.

14. "Those who remained in the centers until the end of the war did so primarily because they preferred the security of the camps to the uncertainties of life on the outside."

The exclusion order was not lifted until January 1945. Until then, neither those interned nor those excluded but not interned could return to their homes or communities. Those who did decide to leave and passed the leave clearance procedure, including the loyalty oath, were given a one-way ticket and \$25—provided they declared indigence.

15. "The camps were self-governing, and people who worked received compensation."

By the standards of the Geneva Convention on the treatment of prisoners of war, the camps were substandard in many respects, including wages, the quality and quantity of food, housing, and the right to be represented. Curiously, citizens of Japan could appeal to the Spanish Embassy for violations, whereas citizens of the United States had no court of appeal.

16. "This ahistorical argument proves nothing."

When applied to Murata, I couldn't agree more!

WOMEN'S CONCERNS:

Closing the 'Gender Gap' in Politics

BY IRENE HIRANO

Los Angeles
The year 1984 has been identified as a significant milestone in the growing involvement of women in the national political scene. The so-called "gender gap" may result in women determining the outcome of local and national elections. The numbers of women in political parties and national women's organizations has increased significantly over the past several years. For example, membership of the National Organization for Women increased from 40,000 to 250,000+ between 1978 and 1982.

As stated in this PC column last week, few Asian American women have been actively involved in national women's groups. Historically, NOW or National Women's Political Caucus attracted few minority women to their ranks. Many of these groups have recognized this problem and have sought out minority women leaders to assist in their recruitment efforts.

In large part, however, it will be the changing focus in priorities of national women's organizations that may begin to attract a more diverse segment of women into their membership. Economic issues including pay equity, comparable worth, child care, employment discrimination and other "bread and

butter" issues have become priority concerns of national women's organizations. Many of these organizations are beginning to have a significant impact on national policy and there needs to be vocal Asian American input.

One of the more encouraging developments in the past few years has been the leadership roles assumed by Asian American women in some of these organizations. While their numbers have been small, it has been through the involvement of these women that the concerns of Asian American women have been raised and that linkages to these groups exist. Following are some of these organizations. All have state and local chapters or affiliates which can be contacted:

National Organization for Women, 425-13th St NW, Suite 723, Washington, DC 20004, (202) 347-2279.—Patricia Brandt, National Board Member: (808) 548-4313.

National Women's Political Caucus, 1411 K St NW, Suite 1110, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 347-4456.—Irene Natividad, National Vice President, 890 West End Ave., New York, NY 10025, (201) 595-2461.

American Assn. of University Women, 2401 Virginia Ave NW, Washington, DC 20037, (800) 424-9717.—Dr. Tin Myaing Thein, National Membership Director.

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

● MAR. 3 (Saturday)

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

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

● MAR. 3-4

Marysville—Teriyaki dnr, Buddhist Church Annex.

● MAR. 4 (Sunday)

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

● MAR. 5-10

Fresno—Amerasia Wk, CSU-Fresno Satellite College Union. (Sked info: 294-3002.)

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, 7:30 pm; Gen Niwayama, MD; Thomas Kanegae, MD, spkrs.

● MAR. 9 (Friday)

Philadelphia—Bd mtg, J Ozawa res. New York—Asn Am Artists for Jesse Jackson program, Wash'n Sq Ch, 133 W 4th, 7 pm (Info: 989-8237.)

● MAR. 10 (Saturday)

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

San Francisco—Night at the Races, Tanforan Turf Club (Schol Fd bnft).

Mountain View—Bay Area JA Sr Ctrs Shimen Kai, Buddhist Ch, 575 Stierlin Rd, 10:30 am-3 pm.

West Valley—New Member Welcome, El Paseo Shopping Ctr Comm Hall, 6 pm.

Sacramento—3d ann'l APAAC Conf, Woodlake Inn, Hwy 160 & Canterbury Rd, 8 am-5 pm; award banq, 6 pm.

● MAR. 11 (Sunday)

Hollywood—Chinese Wok dnr, 5 pm; call 661-0848 by Mar 9 for locale.

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

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

● MAR. 12 (Monday)

Seattle—Exec bd mtg, JACL Office, 7 pm.

Fresno—Bd mtg, CFB on Shaw Ave, 7:30 pm.

● MAR. 15 (Thursday)

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

● MAR. 16 (Friday)

Omaha—Hina Matsuri, First Northside Bank.

● MAR. 17 (Saturday)

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

San Jose—Ann'l bridge tourn't, Wesley UMC hall, 7:30 pm.

● MAR. 18 (Sunday)

Contra Costa—Golf tourn't, South Course Alameda, 8 am. (Info: 233-2602 or 234-9111.)

● MAR. 21 (Wednesday)

Seattle—Gen bd mtg, JACL Office, 7:30 pm.

1984 Convention package, tour details announced

SAN FRANCISCO—Brochures and registration forms for the 28th Biennial National JACL Convention Aug. 12-17 are being distributed through Headquarters, regional offices and the chapters.

As the official convention travel agency, Hawaiian Adventure and Gelco Travel Services are organizing the hotel, travel and tour packages during, pre- and post-convention periods.

Convention hosts, the Honolulu JACL, has selected the Pacific Beach Hotel in the heart of Waikiki Beach as the convention headquarters and site of the National Council sessions.

Basic convention costs per person through Gelco include:

Occupancy (7 Nights)	Double	Single
Hotel-Land Package (*)	\$205	\$405
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Fourth person (w/dbl)	98	
Child, up to 12 w/parents	25	
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Additional (pre- or post-convention)	60	60

* Run of the house; 4% state tax; fresh flower lei greeting on arrival; r.t. airport-hotel transfers; r.t. luggage transfers; airport portage on arr/dep; welcome orientation briefing; garment factory visit; Hawaiian Adventure escort services.

The above hotel rates for Convention week are available only through Gelco Travel and must be purchased with air travel. Sample fares for JACLers and accompanying family and friends are:

San Francisco \$329, Los Angeles \$319, Denver \$578/618*, Seattle \$390/410*, Chicago \$594/615*, and New York \$525/525. (* Higher fare applies for weekend travel.) Children under two travel free, children 2 - 11 travel at 75% of the fare. (Agency has blocked seats from major cities. Northwest Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines are the official Convention carriers as arranged by Gelco Travel.)

Registration forms are due May 15 with \$200 deposit per person for air and hotel/land package. Convention registration deadline is June 1. Full prepayment is due July 15. The land-package deposit of \$100 becomes nonrefundable on July 1. Reservations received after July is subject to availability at an additional fee of \$50 per person.

Convention Program

Program opens Sunday (Aug. 12) with a reception and 1000 Club whing ding. Golfers tee off at 8 a.m. Monday at the International Country Club while the National Board meets at 9. Orientation for delegates follows at 1 p.m. with an opening ceremonies Aloha banquet at 6.

Business sessions commence Tuesday at 9 a.m. and con-

tinue in the mornings through Friday afternoon when elections are scheduled.

Afternoons are devoted to special events, such as the Arizona Memorial Tour on Tuesday, convention workshops on Wednesday, the sunset luau at 5 on Wednesday; a Furusato Matsuri (entertainment) on Thursday at 7:30; the Washington Place reception (pending at 5) and climaxing with the Sayonara Ball on Friday.

Optional Tours

Brochure lists a variety of optional tours and social events in Honolulu, Maui, Kauai and the Big Island. A JACL hospitality desk will assist in these arrangements as well as car rentals, etc.

The Neighbor Islands tour packages before or after the convention include 3-nights stay at Sheraton hotels, but one-day tours from Honolulu are also available to Kauai and Maui.

Convention Package

Three convention packages are being offered. The official delegates can be expected to sign up for Package A—the basic packet with registration, whing ding, Aloha banquet, Arizona Memorial Tour and Sayonara ball (\$125 before June 1, \$155).

To attend the Sunset luau, Washington Place reception and Furusato Matsuri, order Package B (which includes Package A) at \$180/\$220. Package C which includes Package B plus golf and tennis costs \$217/\$263. A separate or ala-carte fee is also posted and much higher.

The opening ceremonies Aloha banquet will include greetings from dignitaries and dinner with a Japanese theme—sushi, sashimi, tonkatsu, tempura and Shogun steak. The sunset luau at Paradise Cove, about 30 minutes away, will take place at an exclusive beachside location in Ewa. Local fans and top Japanese vocalists will entertain at the Furusato Matsuri while the bento and drinks will be served by the chapter. The best gourmet dinner at a reachable cost is being offered by Pacific Beach Hotel at the Sayonara banquet-ball.

For travel information and reservation, contact Group Dept., Gelco Travel Services, 550 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94302; (415) 321-2890 or (800) 821-2494 (except Calif.).

Letters

Documentary novel

Sunlight is 8 minutes old by the time it reaches the earth, and my PC's drift to Japan, not always in the order they are published, as late as two months after they are shipped from L.A. So in offering this rebuttal to Ted Shigeno's letter "JACL Ignorance" (Dec. 16), I am aware that I am responding to a dated rather than current criticism, and I apologize to him if his views have since changed.

Frankly, his letter puzzled me. He claims to have read my critique of Toyoko Yamasaki's *Futatsu no Sokoku* in Far Eastern Economic Review (Oct. 13, 1983). He expresses his opinion that (1) my observations are not worth repeating, (2) I have completely missed what Yamasaki tried to do in her novel, and (3) I have no basis for claiming that her novel is "flawed by errors which suggest her lack of intimacy with the subject matter" — because a novel, Ted implies, is not supposed to be factual and so should not be expected to represent something accurately.

If Ted was present at the August 5, 1983 Japan Chapter JACL dinner in Tokyo where I asked Ms. Yamasaki, "Would you classify your novel as a so-called *kiroku shosetsu* (documentary novel)?" then he must have heard her reply "Mattaku no dokyumento de wa arimasen... Bakkuguraundo dake wa zenbu dokyumento, shikashi, jinbutsu wa akumademo sakka no tsukutta mono desu" [It is not wholly documentary. ... Only the backgrounds are all documentary, but the characters are entirely something that a writer (I) created].

Opening Reminder Repeated

If Ted has read the novel, then he must have noticed that each of its three volumes begins with the following reminder:

"The Pacific War gave birth to many dramas of suffering and love. This work is one which I novelistically composed on the basis of the historical facts of the times. [But] the protagonist and his family, friends, and others who appear in the work are fictional characters."

In her epilogue at the end of the third volume, Yamasaki refers to this prefatorial qualification, and then she reiterates that the novel is "fiction

which has reconstructed historical facts."

Following the epilogue, in which she explains how she researched the novel and credits some of her benefactors, she lists the names of over two hundred of the over three hundred people in the United States, Japan, and the Philippines whom she interviewed over the five years (two years in the field, three years writing) that it took her to complete the novel. Finally she gives nine pages of the "principal reference works" (160 books and articles in Japanese, and 43 books, articles, and other sources in English) of the many more materials she seems to have consulted during this five-year period.

Clavell's Disclaimer

James Clavell made no pretense of being possessed by a "social mission" (*shakai shimei*) to set the historical record straight. He very modestly claimed "I'm not a novelist, I'm a storyteller," and he always denied that "Shogun" was in any sense a statement about history. Not so Yamasaki, who has gone out of her way to convince her Japanese readers that she rubbed elbows with genuine relocation camp survivors "as a human being with the same Japanese blood" (onaji Nihonjin no chi o motsu ningen to shite), and that she knows more about such Nisei than the "Americanized" (Amerikanaizu sareta) Sansei who she claims are saying "rash things" (*namaiki-na koto*) about her novel.

Japanese Americans who are easily flattered at having their suffering vicariously shared by Japanese should bear in mind that Yamasaki's novel ultimately has little to do with Japanese Americans, and even less to do with Japan's own colonial and indigenous ethnic minorities during the Pacific War (which the novel tellingly ignores because Yamasaki mistakenly views Japan as a homogeneous country). In all of the several statements that she has made about her reasons for writing the novel, Yamasaki makes it perfectly clear that it is intended to raise historical questions about the meaning of patriotism for the benefit of Japanese people whose love for their country she thinks has been poisoned by economic prosperity and Americanization.

If Ted still feels I have no

basis for regarding *Futatsu no Sokoku* as something more than fiction, I would like to hear why.

WILLIAM WETHERALL
Nagareyama, Chiba

A 'True' happening

As the 28th Biennial JACL Convention draws nearer, I would like to share a singular incident that happened midway during the 1982 convention that was not particularly earthshaking but of some significance as to the character of the constituency. A modest episode that I shall never forget.

On Thursday, the fourth day of the convention week, delegates were bused from the hotel for a "Day in Gardena," beginning at the Mas & Chiz Satow Memorial Library. Everything appeared to be going rather well until Chester Sugimoto, the co-chair, and I discovered that there were more people lined up for boxed lunches than was anticipated. Amid hastened apologies, Chester rushed to get more of the "bento bakkos" while I tried to placate the sun-soaked delegates. We did manage to dispense enough lunches that day but Chester, my wife, Michi, and I had to go without. It would have been of little consequence had it not been for the fact that neither of us had eaten since early the day before. This plus the emotional edge of a hectic convention was having an impact upon our well-being.

Somehow, Mrs. True Yasui sensed this. She offered her lunchbox to me saying that the "bento" Min had was more than enough for two. I refused, of course, but this very astute lady would not hear of it! To me it was a magnificent gesture from someone who I knew very remotely and had conversed with so little before. A lady whose respect is gained not by drawing attention to herself but who discreetly gives strength to the man who has dedicated his life in the pursuit of justice.

An innocuous incident...? Perhaps. But to me it suggested more eloquently than mere words the role Nisei women played in not only supporting their spouses but in giving substance to the organization that is the JACL. Thanks to Mrs. True Yasui, a true showing of Christian charity was given to me that day.

LOU TOMITA
Gardena, Ca.

Tatsumi chosen for D.C.

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Masako Tatsumi, daughter of Yoshiyuki Tatsumi, has been chosen to represent the San Jose Chapter in the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D.C., Mar. 10-17. Each year more than 3,000 senior high school leaders from 50 states travel to the nation's capitol for the program.

CABLEVISION

Wiring Contracts

Cablevision of Sacramento, an equal opportunity employer, will hold a bidders' conference on external and internal cable wiring of single-family residences March 6 and of multiunit dwellings March 7 at Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th St., both starting at 1 p.m.

Company engineers will explain plans for a cable television system serving Sacramento, Folsom and Galt and spec sheets for bidding will be distributed.

Training Contract

Cablevision of Sacramento plans to establish training programs for semiskilled and unskilled local residents. We invite all groups interested in bidding on our installer training program contract to attend a pre-bid conference March 8, 1 p.m., at Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th St.

Written bidding specifications will be distributed by the Director of Training Programs and may also be requested by mail after the conference. Interested groups should register by March 6 by contacting the installer training program, Cablevision of Sacramento, (916) 442-1649.

JUST CAUSE

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month or two. Facilities and assistance are desperately needed but not one Japanese Canadian nursing home or hospital any longer exists across this entire country. What does this speak of? It speaks of a people who are weak, separated, broken and have not been able to unite on this most crucial need. It speaks of a governmental bureaucracy that has been unable to enter into substantial dialogue with that brokenness and to assist it. No single group in Canada has been so plundered and abused by officialdom as the Issei. That same officialdom today is implicated in this ongoing victimization.

To speak on one endeavor alone, a group of professional people in Toronto approached a federal agency in 1976 for assistance in developing a nursing home and were rejected outright. They then applied to the provincial government for nursing home licenses. From 1976 to 1982 they were shunted from department to department until in desperation they decided to seek assistance for a geriatric complex instead. This application is on file and is yet waiting to be reviewed.

A Call to Liberation

Japanese Canadians are a minority among minorities, minute in numbers but of great symbolic significance at home and internationally. There was a time when I believed that a people who had suffered in a particular or unique way faced a particular calling to liberation and a particular responsibility. But I no longer think that that form of uniqueness and specialness applies to any one group. Rather, I now feel that the calling to liberation is universal and individual. Each person and each group no matter what their identity or what their cause, has a responsibility to follow the direction of that uncompromising compass within that points to health. It ignores what is popular, or what will simply win, or what will give us short-term ease and fill our bellies. Beyond our doubt and confusion lies our capacity to recognize what suffering is and where health lies and to identify with both. I believe that it is the identification of and with suffering at every level, in every condition, and in every person that magnetizes the compass of justice and points us to home.

As a Japanese Canadian I would plead that the suffering of the Issei be immediately attended to by swift and practical acts of compassion. Let it not be said of our country that we preached democracy and practiced racism until the very last Issei died.

As for the rest of us, the Nisei, the Sansei, and others—the sheep, the wolves, and the shepherds—we are in a time of ferment as the word of conscience and consensus pertaining to questions of redress struggles to be spoken. I believe that if we keep our eyes targetted on the reality of those who suffer most among us we can cut through the corruption that rages in times like these—when power struggles with power. Instead of using the Issei and their compliance as pawns for quick and easy politically expedient ends, instead of declaring their urgency as an excuse to forestall the wholesome process of dialogue, we should maintain the clarity of our distinct and separate needs that neither the Issei nor the rest of us should be deprived of healing. It should not be required of Japanese Canadians to bear any further burdens of suffering arising from crimes committed against us.

But my experience is that we are suffering now, and we are surrounded by a sense of the enemy.

Naming Our Enemies

In naming our enemies, I believe that we should begin from that which is most knowable—the enemy in our own hearts. When we can see clearly the face of the enemy within, I believe we can more accurately identify the enemy on the outside—in the community, the country, and the planet.

I am aware of three enemies, three fears that I have been facing lately. First, I have been tyrannized by the simple need to be liked. It has been one of the most painful experiences of my life to have been publicly vilified, lied about and identified by some Japanese Canadians as an enemy because of my belief in the need for an open dialogue among us. My fear of being further vilified drove me into silence and withdrawal.

My second fear arose from an awareness of blindness—from my fear of being unable to recognize the friend within ones who name me as an enemy. This sense of the Japanese Canadian enemy of Japanese Canadians fosters a course that is factionalizing and self-devouring. This second fear also drove me to public silence.

But my third fear was that by silence I would be bowing down to the tyranny of fear itself. By silence, I could be a collaborator in chaos, guilty before conscience of inaction where action was required.

I know that before our collective story is ended, we will all be requiring of ourselves and of each other forgivenesses of many kinds. It behooves us then to wield the weaponry of our truths with great caution.

In this, our not-yet-completed story-telling time, I believe the strong from within us should be silent that the weakness from within might speak.

Is there a just cause? We cannot all hear all the crying in the world. But I believe that when we listen, we can recognize specific voices calling us out of specific sufferings and the voices that call our names are the ones to which we are each accountable.

Excerpted from an address delivered to the Canadian Caucus on Human Rights, Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 8. Kogawa is author of the award-winning "Obasan."

KINENHI

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pened here ... and that what happened to us and the existence of concentration camps in this country shall not happen again."

Civic Dignitaries

State Sen. Henry Mello (D-Watsonville) presented a resolution from the state legislature, resolving "this violation of the spirit and letter of the Bill of Rights never be repeated." Similar expressions were contained in the resolution from the Monterey County board of supervisors and presented by Sup. Barbara Shipnuck and in comments by Rep. Leon Panetta (D-Cal.) of Monterey and Salinas Mayor James B. Barnes.

Many Issei who were assembled at Salinas temporary detention center in 1942 rendered "God Bless America" as a choir from the Watsonville Senior Center. Since some do not speak or read English, the song was learned in romaji, the choir director explained.

Also participating were: Rev. Umeko Momii, Lincoln Ave. Presbyterian Church; Rev. Yoshiaki Takemura, Buddhist Temple; Troop 223 Cub Scouts; emcee Joseph Stave; Kinenhi leaders Harry Sakasegawa and Charles Tanda.

On the Kinenhi Project committee were:

Charles Tanda (S), chmn; Kiyo Hirano (S), ex-off; Harry Sakasegawa (S), treas; George Takaha-

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NISEI IN JAPAN: by Barry Saiki



Thoughts on Dual Loyalties

Tokyo

Pointed objections have been made about the title and the context of Toyoko Yamasaki's novel "Futatsu no Sokoku," or Two Fatherlands. The primary criticism is that the Nisei have only one fatherland, the United States, and that there is something wrong with an individual who believes in two fatherlands. Right or wrong, loyalty cannot be dismissed in a simple manner.

To most of us, loyalty to our country is a cut-and-dried issue. One is either loyal or he is not. The premise is completely acceptable to a monocultural person, who was born and educated in one country.

Yet, even among our American youth today, the question of loyalty is not cut and dried for some, who offer conscientious objections to military training or who refuse to participate in what they construe to be an "illegitimate war," as in Vietnam. Then, there are some who do not owe loyalty to any country, but to money or their ideologies, and in some cases, their theologies.

MOSHI-MOSHI: by Jin Konomi



Ofukuro no Aji

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Some years ago an old friend of mine from USC days came by San Francisco on a trip around the world. After the usual round of the city's tourist spots it came time for a reunion dinner. And what did he want? You guessed it. He wanted to go to a Japanese restaurant. That, less than a day out of Japan, and for the first American meal in 35 years! What a japansy guy, I marveled.

I've always wondered about the why of this episode. I've also wondered: does an Italian on a world tour head for an Italian restaurant for his first American meal in New York? Or a Swede in a similar situation. Does he look for a smorgasbord in the massive Manhattan directory?

Not knowing the answers to these questions, I am not in a position to generalize—or rather, particularize—about the Japanese. But if my limited observation can be compared to the random sampling technique of the opinion polls, I dare say a great many Japanese are like my friend. Wherever they go in the world, comes the meal time, they tend to gravitate to the local Japanese restaurants. If they are stationed abroad for lengthy tours of duty, they regularly eat Japanese as a matter of daily routine. For them eating native is for special occasions, either in the nature of a treat, or of unwelcome necessity.

How deep the reluctance for this necessity is may be gauged by the term *yokomeshi*. To hear them use this word, you would think they are performing an act of martyrdom. *Yoko* is sideways, not straight up as things should properly be, according to Japanese thinking. *Yokomeshi* is any meal not Japanese or Chinese.

Food preference is an addiction. The types of foodstuff and styles of cooking on which you were weaned usually tend to determine your taste through life. So the nostalgic yearning for the pies and stews and roasts "like mom used to make" seems a universal phenomenon. In Japan the most craved dishes are the *ofukuro no aji*, or the taste of the Old Lady. These are usually the specialties of the old provinces, or special dishes in the family traditions, which only mothers can cook. *Ofukuro*, literally "honorable bag," is an endearing term of the deepest love, though not too elegant. This also explains the inalienable commitment of some Nikkeijin, including yours truly, to such useless foods as *konnyaku* and *tsukemono*.

But why the general Japanese apathy toward cuisines other than the Chinese? Why are they not a bit more curious, adventuresome? When non-Nikkei Americans and other foreigners go to Japan, they are eager to sample whatever dishes their hosts offer, and they usually end up by becoming connoisseurs of Japanese cuisine. I do not see any such behavior on the part of Japanese tourists in America. The only American dishes they genuinely enjoy seem to be fried chicken and hamburgers.

I anticipate some flak on this last paragraph, especially from those of you who have been to Japan in recent years. What of the plethora of restaurants in Tokyo and other leading cities which offer exotic cuisines from all over the world from Turkish to Mongolian to Polynesian? Will you not say Japanese taste is ecumenical?

These were exactly the questions that had puzzled me for some time. Recently I came upon a book in which many questions concerning Japanese taste including the above are most provokingly and convincingly answered. I would like to present these answers in my next article.

What is the loyalty of an insurgent, a rebel or a revolutionist? He may be against the government in power but may not necessarily be disloyal to his country, if he is part of the oppressed majority. His loyalty can be questioned if he is fighting for a minority view or a foreign ideology. But what about Gordon Hirabayashi, Fred Korematsu and Min Yasui? Were they disloyal for opposing the evacuation and not loyally entering the enclosures?

What then is loyalty to an individual who has cultural and familial ties with two countries, as was the case of the Kibei and the Issei? To which country does he owe his loyalty? Will he fight against the other country? Or does he want to remain neutral? If he had a twin, would one fight for each of the countries?

When placed in an unenviable position of being inducted to fight against the other country, would he seek a noncombatant role? To a dual cultural person, loyalty may not be a cut-and-dried choice. It is not the question of black or white, but one of black and white, or varying shades of gray.

Thoughts of the Issei & Kibei

The typical monocultural person also tends to equate loyalty to a love or hate situation. One must love one country and hate the other. Yet, the dual cultural person loves both countries and hates neither. But, in a state of war, he is asked to choose between his mother and his foster-mother. In actuality, what he really desires is peace and mutual understanding between the two countries he loves. Such were the thoughts of the Kibei and Issei. The large bulk of the Kibei chose the U.S. and the Issei aligned themselves with the loyalties of their children.

We live today in an era of polyculturalization. The headquarters of multinational corporations and joint ventures may be in New York, London, Amsterdam, Paris or some tax-sheltered Caribbean outpost, while the staff may be citizens from a dozen countries. Does the loyalty of the person belong to the country he was born in, the one he is living in, and the one he is paying taxes to, or the one his wife is from? If he moves about on various assignments, does he split his loyalties into multiple parts? Some of these people will face personal crises when war occurs between the countries he feels closest to. What about the UN personnel who are supposed to take an objective view on all international situations? Or what about all recent immigrant groups?

Well, is this internationalization bad? On the contrary, this interchange is a practical way of hearing ideas and promoting worldwide cooperation. Still, it can create divided and dual loyalties among those with bicultural or multicultural backgrounds.

The simplest solution to this hodgepodge is the perpetual maintenance of world peace. In the interim, I believe that the polycultural persons can best serve as the links in creating stronger mutual understanding. Who can best explain the merits and faults of both than the one who knows and loves both. Perhaps, by being purely monocultural, it is we who are wearing blinders.

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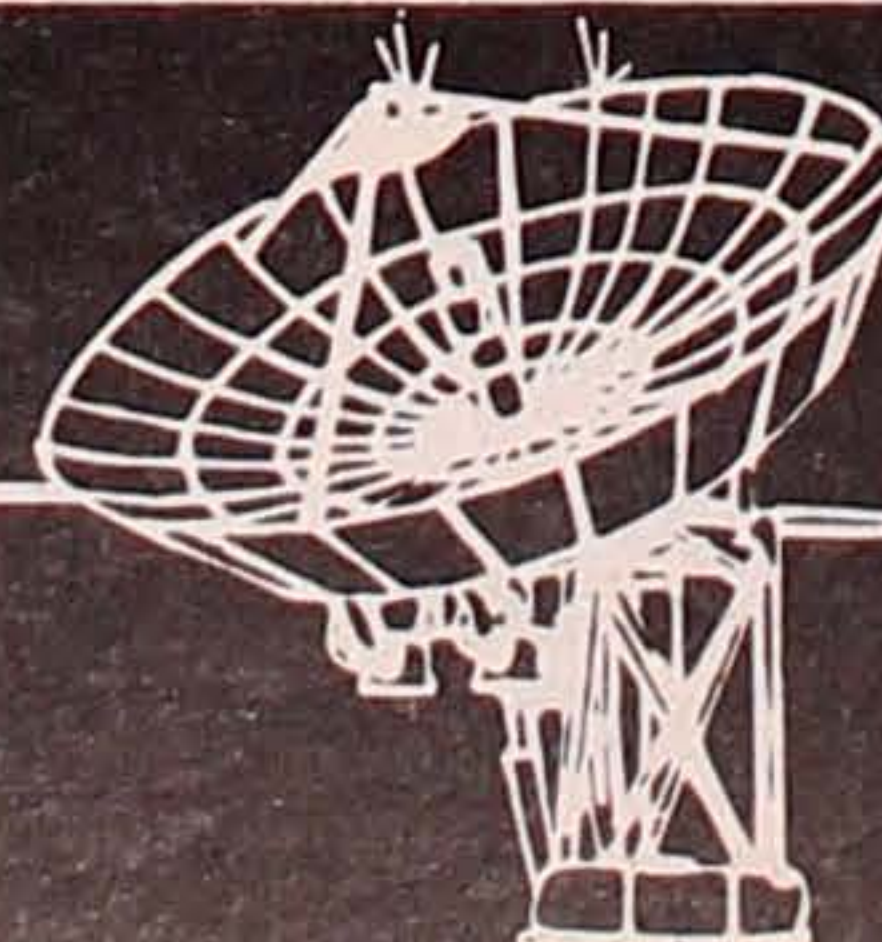
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NHK 'Sanga Moyu' drama becomes 'soapy'

TOKYO—Perhaps the Daily Yomiuri TV Channel Guide indicates the amount of interest in NHK's "Sanga Moyu" on Sunday nights has in Ja-

pan. After a big spread when the program began to air on Jan. 8, the program went unnoticed for four weeks.

Then the sixth episode (Feb. 12), this capsule: "Emi's father suggests to Kenji's father (Toshiro Mifune) that Emi and Kenji get married but Otohichi (Kenji's father) avoids an answer saying Kenji doesn't have a job yet. Meanwhile in the Tamiya family, Kayo urges children Charlie and Mari to return to Japan with her, but Charlie refuses." #

WOMEN

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YWCA, National Board, 135 W 50th St., 4th Flr., New York, NY 10020, (212) 621-5115.—Lillian Kimura, National YWCA Board; Jo Uehara, Washington Representative, (202) 887-0377.

These organizations are good resources for information on women's issues and women's programs. Local speakers are often available to present information on specific topics. JACL members are encouraged to utilize these women's groups and to support Asian American leadership within. #

Softball team No. 1

SAN DIEGO—"Who are those guys?" the San Diego Chapter men's softball team, took first place in the city's softball league on Jan. 25. #

NOTICE OF ENTITLEMENT TO FILE CLAIMS FOR REPARATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of the subject to the limitations contained in Sections 7.01.000 through 7.01.070 of the Sacramento County Code, the County of Sacramento will pay reparation to any person employed by the County between March 2, 1942 and June 30, 1946, who terminated such employment by reason of relocation required pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 9066 and subsequent orders and enactments, and who incurred salary loss as a result thereof.

The purpose of such reparation is to memorialize the injustices resulting from the evacuation of Americans of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast during World War II. The amount of reparation which an individual may receive may not exceed \$1,250 of salary loss incurred during any twelve month period between March 2, 1942 and June 30, 1946, nor a total reimbursement which exceeds \$5,000, representing forty-eight calendar months of salary losses.

Claims by qualified individuals for such reparation must be filed on forms prescribed by the County Executive. Such forms may be obtained from the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at the address stated below.

Any claim for reparation must be received in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors not later than 5:00 p.m., on March 31, 1984. The address of the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is 700 H Street, Suite 2450, Sacramento, California 95814 (916) 440-5411.

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Kazuyoshi Miura case attracts Japan's media to Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES—The widow of a Japanese tourist killed here three years ago has sued Tokyo tabloid Shukan Bunshun for implying that he arranged her murder for insurance money, staff writer Kerry Webster reported Feb. 16 in the Herald Examiner.

But Japanese press agencies say authorities are investigating whether 36-year-old Kazuyoshi Miura played any role in the death of his spouse, Kazumi, 28, who was shot in the head during an apparent robbery in December 1981, as

she and her husband were taking pictures in the 200 block of North Fremont St. She died in a coma a year later. The couple lost \$1,200.

Miura was wounded in the leg, and was generally regarded as an innocent victim. The case received wide attention, and for a time hurt the flourishing West Coast tourist trade. Miura appeared on national TV to denounce American violence.

Shukan Bunshun, two weeks ago, claimed that Miura had taken out a 150-

million-yen (about \$640,000) insurance policy on his wife's life before they set out on their southern California honeymoon.

And Chizuko Shiraishi
The magazine revealed that Miura's former lover, identified as Chizuko Shiraishi, 39, disappeared while on a local trip in 1979. Miura immediately filed a 30-million-yen lawsuit against the tabloid, according to the English-language Mainichi Daily News. The Japanese National Police have made no public comment.

But journalist Masanori Kaizu of Jiji Press, a Japanese wire service, said, "We have information that Miura is being investigated by police in both Tokyo and Los Angeles."

Delinquency hits postwar record

TOKYO — Juvenile delinquency due to sex crimes and violence reached a postwar high of 191,930 persons in 1982, the Prime Minister's Office noted. Increase of 3.8% over the previous year puts the delinquency rate at 18.8 persons per thousand in the 14-18 age bracket. #

les." The story is rejected by Lt. Dan Cooke, public affairs officer, who insists that investigators have no evidence Miura "is anything other than a victim." He added that LAPD has no missing-person report on Shiraishi, and has received no request from Japan to look for her. U.S. Customs records show she entered here Mar. 29, 1979, two days after Miura, and never returned to Japan. "Apparently, it's the No. 1 story in Japan," Cooke said. "I haven't been inundated like this in years. The Japanese networks have been flying over their top guys for interviews." #

Tokyo population

TOKYO—The metropolitan government announced Tokyo's population hit an all-time high of 11,746,190 as of Oct. 1, continuing an up-trend which began in 1981 after a five-year decline.

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Tokyo police aid sought by LAPD Asian Task Force in slaying of tourist

LOS ANGELES—Through the Asian Task Force, the Los Angeles Police Dept. has requested Japanese authorities to help solve the slaying of Hiroshi Eto, 40, a Tokyo businessman found strangled Feb. 10 in his Wilshire Blvd. hotel room.

Meanwhile, the Japanese press identified Eto as co-owner of a Tokyo nightclub in the Shinjuku district. Police were seeking to question his partner.

"About all I can say here is that we've asked Japanese police to help us with the case," Lt. Dave Garrison, commander of Central Div. detectives, reported.

Restaurants and nightclubs in Shinjuku area of modern buildings and shopping malls cater to office workers near the satellite train stations. Many clubs are fronts for yakuza, Japanese gangsters, who control drugs and prostitution.

Eto was found lying face down on a bed at the Los Angeles Hilton. His wrists and ankles had been taped. He was also gagged and blindfolded with the same material. His passport identified him only as a "businessman," Garrison said.

Japan bags silver at Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Yugoslavia.—The Japanese team went home with one silver medal after the 11-day XIV Winter Olympic Games closed here this past week (Feb. 19) through efforts of Yoshihiro Kitazawa, 21, who finished second in the men's 500-meter speed skating at 38.30s. He was the sixth Japanese ever to win a medal in winter competition.

Regarded as only second behind gold medal hopeful Akira Kuroiwa, who finished 10th at 38.70s, Kitazawa adapted to the continual heavy snow falling during the race to beat his opponent Canadian Gaetan Boucher, who finished third with 38.39. Sergei Fokichev, USSR, paced with 38.19 to reap the gold medal.

Japan's favorite Kuroiwa, 22, had won the world all-around sprints last year at Helsinki and holds the Japanese record of 37.24 set at the Inzell meet in West Germany last Jan. 15. #

GENEROUS NISEI

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ployees who have given a share of their compensation to help the local redress committees in their drive for national redress legislation. Thanking volunteers for their work on the state bill, the following twelve former state workers have made generous contributions to the Washington Coalition on Redress, the Seattle JACL Redress Committee, and the coram nobis efforts: Mae Ishihara, Frank Kinomoto,

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"It makes you feel that your efforts are worthwhile—that people do care," said Chuck Kato, PNW District Redress Chair.

Out of 40 potential claimants, 28 have received the first payment, 8 claims are in process, 2 have been reported deceased with no surviving spouse, and 2 of whereabouts unknown. Those who have not yet returned claim forms are urged to mail their completed forms to Affirmative Action Office, attn. Frank Irigon, Dept. of Personnel, 600 S. Franklin, Olympia, WA 98504, without delay. #

24-hour book stores open

TOKYO—There is no lack of patrons for bookstores, now open 24 hours, 7 days a week, which are mushrooming in the big cities of Japan. First ones opened in Osaka two years ago. #

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sponsored the afternoon program.

City Proclamation

Earlier, Mayor Tom Bradley, joined by members of the city council, issued a proclamation declaring Feb. 19 "A Day of Remembrance" for the City of Los Angeles. The proclamation read in part: "I...recommend that all citizens take pause to remember on this anniversary of that sad day in American history—what can happen if we allow our mass emotion and fear to override the basic tenets of our nation's Constitution; and to renew our commitment to the preservation of justice and dignity for each individual." #

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