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Washington D.C. JACL Co-Sponsors Rites for 'Sparky'

ARLINGTON, Va.—A memorial service celebrating the life of Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga was held June 10 at the Arlington National Cemetery's Amphitheater, culminating with a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown by Mrs. Spark Matsunaga, accompanied by representatives of sponsoring organizations and the Kings Guards from Hawaii.

Co-sponsoring the solemn two-hourlong program for many who were unable to participate at the final rites in Honolulu last April or the Senate's memorial conducted on Capitol Hill were:

Washington, D.C. JACL, Go For Broke National Veterans Association, Hawaii State Society of Washington D.C., Organization of Chinese Americans (WDC Chapter), and Asian Pacific American Heritage Council.

Dr. James Ford, chaplain of the House of Representatives, gave the invocation; retired bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America, the Rev. Kenryu Tsuji of Ekoji Buddhist Church gave the benediction. Mike M. Masaoka was the principal speaker.

Other participants included the U.S. Army color guard, Mahina Bailey Ensemble rendering of the Hawaii State Song, Hawaii Pono I, and Aloha Oe; an Army trumpeter playing Taps.

The introductions of congressional speakers and guests were handled by the emcee, K. Patrick Okura, who was also the memorial committee chair.

Among those present were many who had come from Hawaii to participate at the King Kamehameha Day (June 11) celebration the same weekend in the U.S. Capitol.

National Asian American Legal Consortium Formed

LOS ANGELES — The Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California (APALC), Asian Law Caucus (ALC) and Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) have announced the formation of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium.

Funded with grants from Philip Morris Companies Inc. and the AT&T Foundation, the consortium is being established to consolidate efforts and increase collaboration on major civil rights cases and issues affecting Asian Pacific Americans in the United States.

A major concern facing the consor-

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Japanese Student Scholarships Available

LOS ANGELES — Applications for the 1991 Japanese Government Scholarship for American graduate students to study in Japan are available now at the Consulate General of Japan.

The scholarships, administered by the Ministry of Education (Monbusho), were established for the purpose of contributing to mutual understanding and cooperation between Japan and foreign countries, including the United States.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, under 35 years of age as of April 1, 1991, and possess a B.A. or B.S. degree from an accredited university or college.

The scholarship will cover transportation to and from Japan, a monthly stipend and all school fees in Japan. Selected students may study for two years beginning in April 1991 or for one and a half years beginning in October 1991.



VIVA—Dr. Alberto Fujimori waves to his supporters after voting in the presidential runoff Sunday (June 10) at a public school in Lima.

Relatives in Japan Celebrate:

'Mikan'-Growing Kumamoto Town, Prime Minister Kaifu Congratulate

From Wire Reports

TOKYO—Barrels of saké were hammered open amid cheers of banzai and a Peruvian flag was hoisted June 11 (Monday) in Kawachi, Kumamotoken, the ancestral home of Alberto Fujimori, who was elected president.

School children were given a day off in the small agricultural town where his parents were born and poured into the streets to wave flags in celebration. News was also broadcast over the town's public address system.

Kawachi, known for its mikanmandarin oranges, is a town of about 8,500 on the west coast of Kumamotoken, 575 miles southwest of Tokyo.

Uncle Leads in Celebration

Fujimori's uncle, Tomio Imoto, a 66-year-old farmer, gave a brief victory speech before a crowd of about 50 and thanked the town's mayor and the folks for supporting his nephew. "He has won at last," Imoto cheered as he broke open the barrel and led with banzai three times.

Kawachi Mayor Shunji Shimazu extended his congratulations: "All of us from Kawachi-machi, his parents hometown, would like to celebrate the birth of the administration of Mr. Alberto Fujimoto."

Town spokesman Kunihiro Honda added the "results indicate Peru is more internationalized because its people voted for a second generation Japanese as president of the nation" and said Fujimori's victory could make the Japanese people reconsider its own immigration policy.

Prime Minister Kaifu Says

Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu congratulated Fujimori on his election: "I extend my hearty congratulations to the president-elect, chosen by the public. I hope the president-elect will summon public will and strive to overcome the mounting difficulties and achieve economic reconstruction."

Deputy government spokesman Nobuo Ishihara, meanwhile, said Japan would not take special measures to provide economic assistance to Peru "on grounds that a Japanese descendant has won (the presidential election)."

The government had said it would consider new financial aid to Peru following the election, but it was not linked to Fujimori's victory. "We want

to congratulate whoever wins the election," a Foreign Ministry official said. Between 1984 and 1988, Japan sent \$144.6 billion in aid, according to the Foreign Office.

People in Kawachi-machi are saying Japan should extend financial support to reconstruct Peru, which has a \$20 billion foreign debt. Imoto said, "I think what we Japanese can do for Peru now is to give economic support. And I sincerely hope Fujimori will improve Peru's condition as close to Japan's as possible during his five-year term as president."

Imoto added the last time he saw Fujimori was in 1972 when he visited Japan. (The president-elect speaks Spanish, Japanese and English.) Fujimori's father had emigrated to Peru in 1934 and worked as a tailor and night foreman in Lima.

Peru's Economic IIIs:

Nikkei Worldwide Worry with Fujimori

By Harry K. Honda

The election of politically independent Alberto Fujimori as president has focused the eyes of the Nikkei as well as others around the world to the plight of Peru and the formidable task his government faces.

His remarks upon victory delineated the challenge well: "All the incidents of the electoral campaign are now in the past, and Peru must look to the future."

The campaign also divided Peru along class and race lines. Upon Fujimori's victory, it was regarded as a rejection of Vargas Llosa's radical free-market program that aimed to cut Peru's 2,000% inflation rate to 10% within a year and denationalizing stateowned companies, which Fujimori had criticized that as "shock treatment."

Fujimori's advisers have proposed dampening inflational expections by creating a new currency pegged to the dollar. The last time we were in Peru (1983), the popular exchange rate was 1,650 soles to US\$1 and rising. Several years later, 10,000 soles became one inti. By last April, 40,000 intis got you \$1U.S.

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Congress to Consider Immigration Reform (HR 4300), Asian Gains Seen

WASHINGTON — The JACL migration should be sent before the Washington Office announced on June Committee's vote this month. 4 that the House Judiciary Committee will soon take up the Legal Immigration clude: Reform Act (HR 4300), sponsored by Rep. Bruce Morrison (D-Conn.).

The bill contains many provisions supported by Asian Americans, including JACL, such as:

The preservation of the Fifth Immigration Preference, for brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens, and

Treatment of the second preference as an immediate relative category that is not subject to numerical restrictions.

Provisions to reduce volumninous backlogs for these preference groups are also included.

Supporters of the immigration reforms that advance family unity and are not biased in favor of European immigrants largely support at least the family preference provisions of H.R. 4300. While there is some controversy over the procedural and criminal sections of the bill, those seeking to restrict particularly Asian immigration are expected to focus their attack on the family preference provisions.

Letters to House Judiciary Committee members to preserve the important values of family unity and protect the positive flow of Asian American im-

Inouye Introduces New Bill for **Charity Deductions**

WASHINGTON — Sen. Daniel K. Inouve has introduced a bill that would allow taxpayers who do not itemize deductions to deduct charitable contributions in excess of \$100, the Insight magazine noted.

The Hawaii Democrat said his bill would "increase fairness, promote a worthwhile social policy and allow charitable organizations to recoup losses due to a decrease in governmental aid.'

Inouve stated that lower-income people are often the more generous contributors to charity, but the tax code tends to favor higher-income taxpayers who itemize deductions. Those who itemize and those who do not should be treated equally by the tax law, Inouye said.

Judiciary Committee members in-

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JACLers Witness Chiba - Wisconsin Sister-States Signing

MADISON, Wis. — In a recent ceremony in the Wisconsin Capitol rotunda, Gov. Takeshi Numata, Chiba Prefecture, and Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson signed a Sister-States accord, indicating a long-term commitment to exchanges in education, business and culture, it was reported by the Milwaukee JACL.

Japan Consul General of Chicago Haruhiko Shibuya took part in the ceremony which included remarks by both governors and Wisconsin Department of Development officials. A saké caskbreaking reception followed. Numerous members of the Japanese business community as well as Wisconsin JAC-Lers were in attendance.

The Chiba delegation was entertained at a banquet given by the mayor of Milwaukee. Gov. Numata hosted a second banquet in Madison. Visits to Kikkoman Foods, Walworth; Milwaukee Art Center and University of Wisconsin completed their busy visit.

JACLers on the steering committee for this historic event were Yukio Itoh and Allan Hida.



ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH IN ST. LOUIS — Award-winning San Francisco film maker Loni Ding (left) and National JACL President Cressey Nakagawa stand with Dr. J. Peggy Adeboi, executive director, St. Louis Center for International Relations, at May 9 dinner, hosted by Japanese Consul General and Mrs. Hideo Numata, and at the inaugural reception hosted by Anheuser-Busch Companies at its headquarters celebrating Asian Pacific Heritage Month. Nakagawa spoke on U.S.-Japan relations and importance of strong ties with other ethnic societies.

Photo by ED SUGURO

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL PLAQUE — Close-up of one of four plaques unveiled at the Minidoka (Idaho) memorial dedication shows map of the camp where 10,000 Japanese Americans were incarcerated during World War II. Project was cosponsored by JACL, Bureau of Reclamation and Idaho Statehood Commission.

An Intermountain/Idaho JACL State Centennial Event:

Phase 2 of Minidoka Camp Project Includes Rock Garden

By Ed Suguro

HUNT, Idaho—Phase Two of the Idaho State Centennial Project at the Minidoka campsite was announced by John Keys III, regional director of the Bureau of Reclamation, in remarks made during the memorial dedication May 26.

There was a rock garden that the project committee wanted to restore and the bureau was interested in a cost-sharing program with the JACL to expand the memorial, he announced.

Keys went on to say that the bureau was interested in developing the Heart Mountain (Wyo.) site and that other WWII camps will undoubtedly get the same recognition.

Cressey Nakagawa, National JACL president, told the audience "that 98 percent of Americans probably don't know anything about the history of the camps, and 98 percent of them won't ever visit this site.

continued, "then we also understand chaired the project. IDC Governor that as a people and part of America, Randy Harano was master of cere-

camps'—and remind them America's past, our past!"

Pacific Northwest JACL District Governor Bob Sato, and a former Minidoka internee, related his experience of being moved to Minidoka and life in this camp, and paid tribute to the valor of Nisei soldiers (names of 73 men from Minidoka who died during WWII appear on the Honor Roll plaque, one of four) and the pioneering spirit of the Issei.

"Sadly, our history books ignore their contributions or too often demean their presence. Yet, their spirit of truth and faith lives in each of us," he said.

The rock memorial by the entrance, facing the canal, contains four plaques: the Idaho Centennial designation of the campsite, Interior Department's registry as a "Historic Place," honor roll and the map (see above) with explanation.

Masa Tsukamoto and Hero Shiosaki "If we understand that as reality," he of Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL cowe have a task before us to educate our monies. They estimated a turnout of Americans about what happened here some 700 people — many coming by and in the other nine relocation cen- chartered buses from Puyallup Valley/ ters—euphemisms for 'concentration Seattle and Spokane. Some had come

of from Alaska, Oregon, Utah and Idaho. Other speakers and participants included:

> J.D. Williams, state auditor; H.F. Magnuson, chair, Idaho Centennial Commission; Jan Packwood, v.p., Idaho Power Company; Hid Hasegawa, past IDC governor; Rev. Tom Tucker, Twin Falls United Methodist Church; Dr. Robert Sims, Boise State University; George Shiozawa, Dr. Francis Fukuhara, Cheri Dewall, Alice Nishitani; Denny Yasuhara, roll call; color detail-John Owada (cmdr), George Minato, Harry Nakata, Everett Matsui, Dr. James Watanabe (Spokane), Saige Aramaki (Salt Lake City); Ben Sugawara, Dr. John Uno, Toshiichi Uno (Seattle), Kazuo Endow, George Sumida (Pocatello-Blackfoot).

Hollywood Nightclub to Apologize to Asian Students Denied Entry

LOS ANGELES — The owner of a Hollywood night club has agreed to apologize to a group of Asian American college students who allege that they were denied entry to the establishment on several occasions because of their race, their attorney said this past week (June 7).

The owner of the Florentine Gardens also agreed to post the club's policy against discrimination, advise employees not to deny entry to patrons in a discriminatory manner, and maintain a log listing all patrons denied admission and the reasons behind any denial, said Robin Toma, a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union.

The nightclub's lawyer, Robert De Piano, said the students should not have been excluded on the basis of their race and said it was not the club's policy, but an error by an employee.

The students, most of them from Occidental College, had threatened to sue the club, alleging that they were denied admission in late 1989 and early this year simply because they are Asian.

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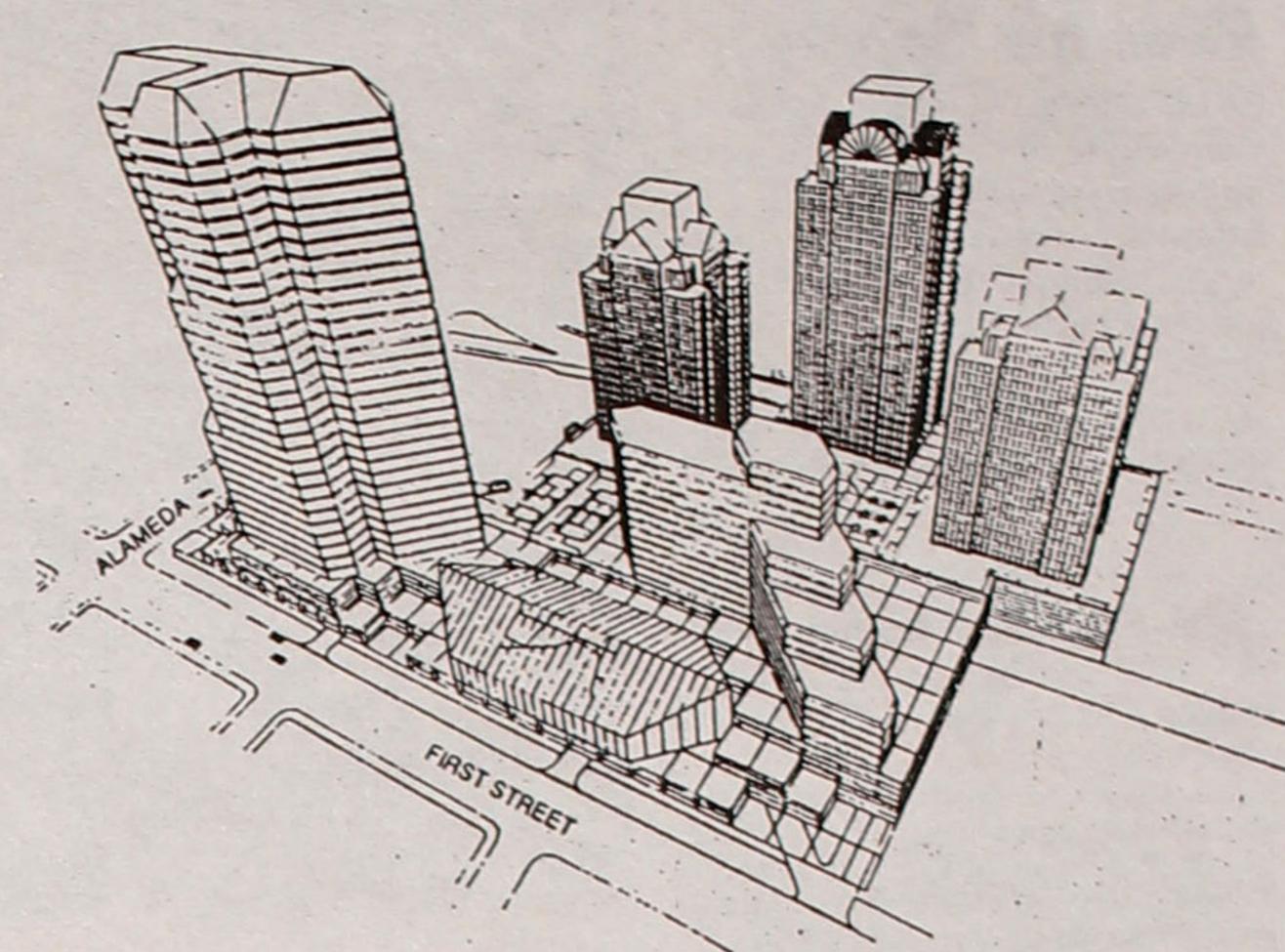
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WHERE WHITE KING SOAP WAS—The once strong-smelling factory east of Alameda Street—the massive White King Soap Co.—is being demolished for Mangrove Estates which includes three residential towers (as shown in the artist's rendering at the top right), an office-hotel complex, the recreational complex facing First St. and the 33-story office tower at the Alameda-First St. corner.

More Highrises on Drawing Board for Little Tokyo Skyline East of Alameda

LOS ANGELES—Two massive pro- 24-story residential tower facing E. 2nd jects are destined for huge blocks of St., a 23-story condominium, a 400-Little Tokyo "east of Alameda," specifically the E. 1st St. site of the nearly demolished White King / Los Angeles Soap Factory west of the new Nishi Hongwanji and the southeast portion from E. 1st and Alameda block now being utilized as a parking lot. The California Hardware had occupied the area. The site of Western Lithograph buildings being razed across Maryknoll School also comprises the second megaproject.

The nine-acre site bounded by Alameda, E. 1st, Temple and toward Vignes was purchased by the Netherlands-based Mangrove Estates, which revealed last March plans to build three large residential highrises providing some 860 apartments in one 31-story and two 23-story towers facing Temple St. and two commercial office structures and an 18-story hotel facing E.

Architect-designer Shoji Shimizu said, "We're trying to make it fun for people to live here." A crystal-shaped emporium will encase a greenhouse, waterfall, swimming pool and other facilities.

The mixed-use megaproject site was purchased by William Wang for a reported \$100 million.

In mid-March, veteran Little Tokyo developer Al Taira unveiled his sevenacre residential development, "First Street South Plaza," bounded by Alameda, First St., Hewitt St. to Traction Ave. Not included is the Zenshuji and old structures on E. 1st between Rose and Hewitt Sts.

Plans are to build five mid-size towers, the largest being a 27-story office structure at 1st and Alameda, a

room hotel, which might be a residential building depending on the market, and an institutional structure.

Taira said his proposal is into the environmental impact review stage where planners examine its effect on neighborhood traffic, circulation and pollution. The plans feature spacious green park areas. Shoji Shimizu is also the architect for First St., South Plaza.

Michael Barker's "First Street Plaza," which will include the site of the controversial Nisei Veterans Memorial facing the Japanese American National Museum at E. 1st and Central Ave., rounds out the complex of highrise office building and hotel, and shopping plaza with Alameda St. corridor as the center of attraction.

The three developments are situated within a half-mile radius of Union Depot, the new regional Metrorail central boarding depot.

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REDRESS UPDATE MEETING AT OXNARD-Nine Ventura County JA-CLers stand with director Bob Bratt (center) of the Office of Redress Administration in Washington, who presented an update on the redress program at Oxnard, Calif. (See June 1 P.C.) Pictured are (from left): front—Cherry Abe, Janet Kajihara, Bratt, Mitzi Ogata, Joanne Nakano, Joyce DePew, Chuck Kuniyoshi; back—Morris Abe, Harry Kajihara and Ken Nakano. Nearly 150 attended the May 16 session at Casa Serena.

Rohwer Relocation Center Nominated for Landmark Status

officials.

The Rohwer center has been listed

on the National Register of Historic

Places since 1974. National Historic

Landmark status is offered only to those

sites with extraordinary national signifi-

cance and includes annual monitoring

and maintenance of the site by federal

Former residents of Rohwer and others who

are concerned about preserving this historic site

may send contributions to the Rohwer Restora-

tion Projects, Midwest District JACL, P.O. Box

SACRAMENTO — Midori Hiyama

was recently honored at a retirement

ceremony at Sacramento City College

Mrs. Hiyama established the reading

skills program at the college, a program

which provides remedial and develop-

mental instruction to students who lack

In a ceremony recognition of her

In addition to her work in reading,

Hiyama was honored for establishing

several innovative programs at the col-

lege. In particular, she established the

HELP program to aid reentry students

in learning study skills and applying

them to their academic courses. She

was also instrumental in establishing

in-service programs for teachers in

Hiyama began her career as an

elementary teacher and taught several

vears at California Middle School in

the Sacramento City Unified School

District. She co-authored two reading

skills text books for college students

and developed and taught a survey

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Cathy Buford, director of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, announced on May 22 that it has submitted a nomination to the National Park Service seeking to have the Rohwer Relocation Center in Desha County declared a National Historic Landmark.

The Rohwer War Relocation Center was erected during World War II to house Japanese aliens and Japanese Americans from the Pacific Coast states of California, Oregon and Washington because they were considered a security risk in that potentially vulnerable reg-

The camp, one of ten established in the U.S., held more than 10,000 evacuees during the course of the war.

"The significance of the Rohwer site over the other nine camps is that it is the only one known to have [such a wide variety of structures left standing," AHPP National Register Coordinator Ken Story said.

"It has both buildings and structures erected for the camp and funerary the reading skills to succeed in collegemonuments built by the interns at the center."

Structures at the camp include the laundry building, power plant building and smokestack of the center's hospital area, a huge concrete reservoir, 27 foundations of camp buildings, two entry markers into the cemetery, 24 grave markers and two monuments in the graveyard.

Story said the National Park Service's History Commission will examine the AHPP's nomination and decide whether to pass it on to the NPS Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for its fall meeting.

If approved by the council, the nomination will go before the U.S. Senate for final approval.



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As Their Numbers Increase, So Do Their Problems:

Inflation Drives South American Nikkei to Japan

From the Japan Times

TOKYO—Workers from America, many of them Nikkei, have come to this country in search of high wages, steady employment amid Japan or who are already here, the com-Japan's current labor shortage but often settle for low-paying jobs, endure culture shock and face problems with employers.

Labor sources say the South Americans have come to escape inflation rates as high as 4,000 per cent at home and to send dollars back home to help their families. (The inflation rate in Argentina was as high as 4,923% in 1989; 2,775% in Peru, and 1,764% in Brazil.) The Nikkei, who are able to enter the country more easily, tend to stay longer and work legally, but others come without that advantage.

The Overseas Japanese Association estimates there are about 50,000 Nikkei workers from South America, classifying them as dekasegi temporary labor-

\$1,000 vs. \$40 per Month

A Peruvian Nikkei revealed he can send up to \$1,000 per month home while the monthly wage in Peru for a civil servant is only about \$40 per month.

An official at the Brazilian Embassy said, "It is natural that a good economy attracts people, as history tells us."

Most of the 50,000 descendants of Japanese immigrants in South America reportedly entered the country with a tourist visa, embassy officials added. Some are caught and deported, but it is the Japanese government's problem to determine what is legal or illegal, they pointed out.

Support Committee Formed

said they try to help those who ask... students from Latin America.

handling complaints. Dr. Toru Watari, a Brazilian Nisei and one of the founthe contract, or are confined and keep from them their passport and plane tickets home.

Some blame the increase number of on-the-job accidents involving Latin Americans because non-Japanese are doing the dangerous jobs without proper skills or understanding. The Labor Ministry noted the number of foreigners without working visas who received accident compensation had increased from 40% in 1987 to 71% in 1988. Watari cited the case of a 26year-old Brazilian Nikkei who died in a February accident in Ibaraki-ken because he did not operate a crane properly. This case is still unsettled as to

whether it is compensable as an indus-South trial accident.

Dr. Toru Watari

For people interested in working in mittee has a handbook which provides information about work permits and potential cultural problems. There are Spanish and Portuguese-language counseling and introductions to lawyers and doctors.

Watari, a doctor specializing in children's heart diseases, resigned from a Tokyo hospital last December to concentrate on the committee's activities.

(The article does not provide a contact address or phone number.)

A new immigration law is being implemented in June which is expected to add to the demand of unskilled foreign Nikkei laborers as employers who illegally hire foreigners for unskilled labor will be fined. The law does not allow employment of unskilled foreign laborers. While Japanese descendants who visit relatives are on a tourist visa, it does allow them to work, according to a Labor Ministry official. Hence, Nikkei workers from overseas are in demand.

Mt. Olympus and Salt Lake Chapters Host Joint JACL - Scholarship Award Banquet

By Yasuo G. Tokita

SALT LAKE CITY — He introduced her as the "Connie Chung of Salt Lake City." There are a lot of similarities: news anchor in broadcast journalism, articulate and great looks! Tammy Kikuchi-Nakamura was the guest speaker at the Mt. Olympus-Salt Lake JACL scholarship dinner on June 2. She was introduced by County Commissioner Tom Shimizu—the most prominent Nikkei politician in Utah.

Tammy is radio news anchor at KSL—the leading TV and radio broadcaster in Utah. She promoted "intolerance for racists in this last decade and the 21st century." She challenged the graduates "to extend their scope of interest to an area larger than them-

Stephanie Sato entertained with a Japanese dance—she is Miss Asia of Utah and a candidate for Miss Utah (for Officials at the Brazilian Embassy the Miss America Pageant).

Floyd Mori, president Mt. Olympus They also noted adapting to Japanese Chapter, presented a Community Serculture was the biggest problem for vice Award to Dr. Dan and Helen workers, such as depression due to long Oniki. Dr. Oniki, noted for his excephours of monotonous work. Helping to tional bedside manners, has served his combat this problem was the recently patients with great compassion and selfformed Committee to Support Latin lessness over a long career in Utah. American Workers by 20 doctors and Helen, having served in various capacities including chapter president, The committee has been a clearin- has continued to generously serve and ghouse of information, referrals and support Mt. Olympus almost ad infinitum.

Jeff Itami, president of the Salt Lake ders, said many complaints stem from Chapter, presented a Community Serworkers being paid less than stated in vice Award to Tosh Kanegae, who is serving as vice president for memberwatched by their employers who also ship. Clara Miyazaki received the other award for her church, Asian Community and JACL activities.

> Shig Motoki, Mt. Olympus, and Larry Grant, Salt Lake, presented awards and scholarships to:

Mt. Olympus: Todd Tokita-Presidential Classroom appointment; Kelly Hashimoto—Scholarship; Patrice Mano—Scholarship.

Salt Lake: Christine Kitsu—Scholarship; Tadashi Sakashita—Scholarship; Eugene Moses—Scholarship; Cari Sakashita—Scholarship.

During the litany of accomplishments and plans, prestigious institutions such as Georgetown, UC Ber-

keley and Cornell were mentioned. The Sansei and Yonsei are continuing the tradition of academic, athletic, extracurricular and community service ex-



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EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

Smithsonian's Roger Kennedy

he selection of Dr. Roger Kennedy for the Mike M. Masaoka Distinguished Public Service Award is particularly appropriate. As director of the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American History, Dr. Kennedy was responsible for the exhibit titled "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the United States Constitution."

In essence, this is the story of Americans of Japanese heritage. It focuses on their wartime experience when their Constitutional rights were suspended on the basis of race. The message of the exhibit is that the Constitution is a fragile document that must be defended by all Americans.

Dr. Kennedy came under considerable criticism for selecting what some saw as a negative historical episode to commemorate the bicentennial of the Constitution. To his great credit he stood his ground, asserting we honor the Constitution by reminding ourselves of our shortcomings.

Tens, no, more like hundreds of thousands of Americans have seen the exhibit. Many learned for the first time the story of the mass imprisonment of Americans because of their race. For others, the display was a vivid reminder of what can happen when we fail to defend the rights of all Americans.

There is another dimension to the Smithsonian's exhibit that has escaped many viewers. It is the point that the evacuation and incarceration of Japanese Americans was not the sudden result of wartime hysteria alone, but the inevitable product of a long history of discrimination.

Dr. Kennedy chose to provide a detailed background for his story of Japanese Americans. He depicted their struggle to overcome racial prejudice and social ostracism, their fight for economic opportunity and acceptance in the land of the free. Given this sorry history of oppression it becomes apparent that something terribly unfair would befall these people under the stress of something as emotional as war. Given this history, it becomes apparent that nothing a young Nisei generation could do in 1942 could, or would, have changed the course of events.

The Smithsonian exhibit notes that Japanese Americans fought magnificently to prove their right to share the American dream. For this they deserve a place among America's heroes. But the cards were stacked against them from the very beginning, and those who out of psychotic malice or with the false wisdom of hindsight continue to bemoan Nisei and JACL "errors" in 1942 are baying at the moon.

Roger Kennedy's exhibit makes this clear, and for that we are grateful. His award, presented at JACL's national convention this week, is indeed in recognition of a great public service.

MONITOR

HATE WORDS In an article about CBEMA in the April 16 issue on page 31, you use the expression "Jap bashing." How dare you be so racist as to use the words "Jap bashing"?! Have you no sense of how these words were hate words targeted with physical threats and taunts toward Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II? I am disappointed at your allowing these inflammatory descriptions into your publication. As a business and systems manager, I expect a higher level of intelligence in publications targeting the same.

> Mary L. Olvera Chicago

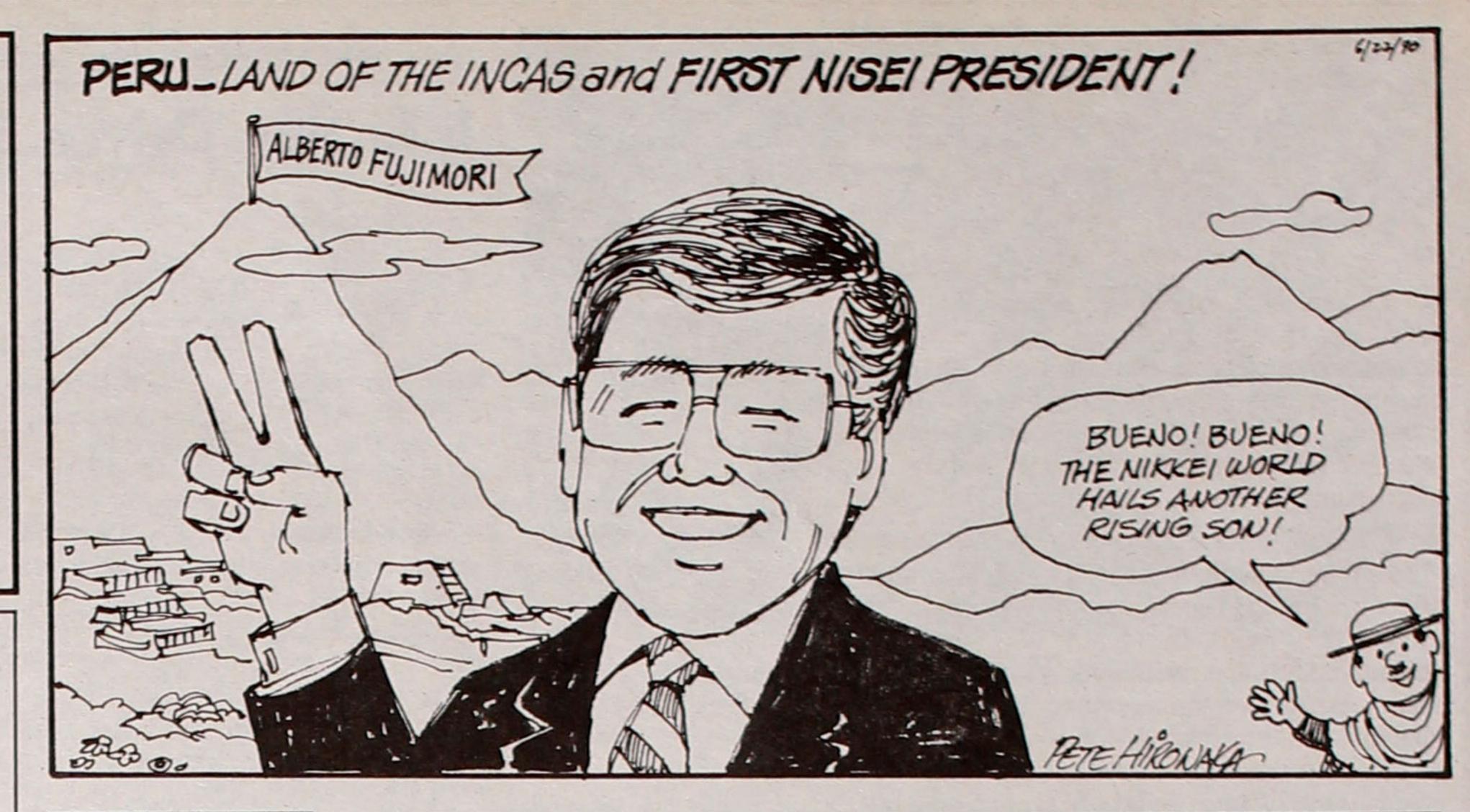
The Editor responds The expression "Jap bashing" has unfortunately gained widespread use in the past few years as the United States and Japan continue to spar over economic issues. It is generally used to describe some of the worst tendencies of protectionists who blame the Japanese for the economic inadequacies of the United States. By placing the expression in quotation marks, as we did, we were calling attention to the loathsome nature of the practice.

-From MISweek newspaper

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FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

Green Acres

The headline in the English language Mainichi Daily News read: Tokyo No Place to Live. It appeared over a story about a National Land Agency report, and the stark figures tell why quality of life has become such a critical issue among the Japanese. Here are some startling numbers:

* Fourteen percent of all housing in the Tokyo area is of minimum quality and size, with four persons occupying of 1,500 square feet.

* The average price of a dinky condominium apartment in the Tokyo area is 56.9 million yen, which if my calculator is right, is about \$380,000. The for the Japanese.

20 percent spend an hour and a half or more. That's two to three hours a day just getting to and from work under conditions that no one should have to tolerate. You've seen pictures of men shoving people into subway cars during rush hours so the doors can be closed. Let me tell you they do exist. I met some of them.

Fortunately, not all of Japan is like Tokyo. On my last trip I spent a couple 50 square meters or less of living space. of very pleasant days in Chino, a town The way I figure, that works out to a of 50,000 in Nagano Prefecture, two family of four living in about 575 hours and 15 minutes by train from square feet; an ordinary three-bedroom Tokyo. Chino sits in a valley broad by American home is in the neighborhood Japanese standards, surrounded by high wooded hills where the more fortunate have summer homes. The sky was clear, the air brisk, and there was room to stretch and breath.

Skiing is available in season only a majority of workers can never hope to half hour from town. Under Mayor own a place of their own. No wonder Bunya Harada's guidance Chino has U.S. real estate is such a tempting buy developed several mountain parks for picnicking and hiking. Here a person * More than 60 percent of workers can see the jagged peaks of the Japan in downtown Tokyo spend in excess of Alps in the far distance. And on the an hour commuting to the job. Another other side of the valley is Suwa Shrine

which broods in the shade of giant cryptomeria trees that must have been ancient when Columbus stumbled on the New World.

No doubt the environment is responsible in large part for the pleasant demeanor of Chino citizens. They take time to be not only civil but friendly toward strangers. They lack the tense, harrassed look of Tokyoites. They seem genuinely glad to see you.

This is not to say the people are unsophisticated, or caught in a backwater. The metropolitan newspapers arrive daily to supplement the local press. Cable television is available. A business trip to Tokyo and back can be made easily in a single day.

Tokyo is where the action is, where decisions that affect the international economy are made and the lights burn bright and late. But I'd like to believe that Chino, and hundreds of towns and small cities like it, are the best of Japan. Spend some time in them on your next trip. The experience will provide a new and enriching perspective on a fascinating country.



BY THE BOARD

CHERRY KINOSHITA NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Hate—The Challenge of the '90s

As a way of keeping a pulse on the barometer of racism, I've slipped into the habit over the past few years of clipping out news stories and articles of racist trends that should trigger our concerns. This past month my scissors have been getting pretty heavy use.

A release from Newsday headed "Racial Tensions Mount in New York" describes how Mayor David Dinkin's vision of his city as a "gorgeous mosaic" has split along racial lines. A crowd of more than 400 blacks protest the murder-charge acquittal of a white man in connection with the racial killing of Yusuf Hawkins. A Vietnamese immigrant's skull is bashed in by a black mob yelling racial epithets. Time magazine's Education section features "Bigots in the Ivory Tower: An alarming rise in hatred roils U.S. campuses. Included in the "naked displays of racism" cited in the article are students who wear T-shirts reading "Slap a Jap!" and "Back off Bitch, I'm a Jap-Buster."

On the local scene, the University of Washington President, a respected public figure, makes an ethnically insensitive remark about a Hispanic student who was being honored at an awards banquet, and later calls it "a moment of whimsy." Although about a hundred people protested comedian Sam Kinison's show outside the Para-

mount Theater, inside a raucous audience roared at his jokes ridiculing minorities and women. A Seattle Times clipping headed "FBI holds Three Men in Alleged Bomb Plot" reveals that the men, believed to be tied to the Aryan Nations white supremacist group, were arrested prior to their carrying out a plot to bomb Seattle's minority and gay communities. When the intended planting of an explosive device is identified as a building separated by only a party wall from a small building owned by our partners—then the fears come home to roost, too close to be comfortable.

What kind of an emotion is hate? Does it arouse anything other than bitterness in the spirit that leads only to mean and despicable act? I do not understand what satisfaction, what fulfillment hate brings to its purveyors. And yet hate thrives—the number of incidents attributable to racial bigotry is on the rise.

Other than the obvious reasons of ignorance, envy, need for acceptance, competition, and economic fears as to why people hate, Bill Wassmuth, executive director of the Northwest Coalition Against Harassment, points out that the change in demographics has a significant bearing on the issue. "If you look at some of the literature being put out by the white supremacists, they say the country is being lost, and when you

read through the lines you see that what they are really worried about is that white Christian males are losing their

It is predicted that by the turn of the century one out of every three Americans will be a person of color. By 2020, projections indicate that 46% of school age children will be non-white youngsters. When whites are no longer the majority will tolerance levels increase?

Tolerance: "The capacity for allowing or respecting the nature, beliefs or behavior of others." "Allowing" has never been, in my view, an acceptable ideal—the key word is respecting. Until we can respect, understand, and appreciate one another's values and beliefs, and differing physical appearances as well, we are doomed to neverending racial strife.

So how does the JACL meet these needs? Our major energies and resources for the last decade have been consumed with the goal of redress. Until the final redress payments have been received by every eligible individual, we will continue the monitoring and assistance processes in a working relationship with the ORA. To document the events and involvement of JACL in the redress story, a specific

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JAPAN PRESS TRANSLATIONS

RYUICHI IMAGAWA

Wanted: A New Bridge Across the Pacific

IVI icans cross the Pacific each year on business or pleasure. But instead of creating greater rapport, expanding economic and cultural exchanges seem to deepen misunderstanding. The problem is partly the changing elite in both countries.

Many Japanese in their late 50s and 60s studied in the United States in the trade, and perhaps rightfully so. But 1950s. They made friends and developed a keen appreciation for U.S. practices is vigorously opposed by society. After the war, these cross-cultural pioneers are retiring from positions of influence, and the younger generation is out of touch and out of sympathy.

Entering the 1990s, prospects for the U.S.-Japan partnership are bleak. So far, the Structural Impediments Initia-

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committee and key advisers have been working with Visual Communications over the past year in the production of a half-hour video project which anticipates a completion date by late summer.

Now with the successful end to the redress effort in sight, the field opens up for JACL to expand into a more proactive phase of aggressively seeking ways to address the whole range of civil rights issues. But how much can a national committee structure of volunteers

One major step taken in the last year was the hiring of a full-time Washington Office representative, Paul Igasaki. Although passage of a resolution in 1986 in which I urged JACL's commitment to a full-time Washington DC presence did not materialize into action immediately, a second resolution in 1988 and persistence and prodding from a National Board level, combined with the National Director's efforts, paid off in the establishment of a parttime arrangement initially, then the coming on board of Paul in July, who job has taken over the reins of watchthe Civil Rights Bill of 1990, repeal of the employers sanctions in the immi-knowledge our need for raw materials. gration laws, and support of hate crimes legislation, Asian American college admissions, and the Loo case.

fer) can look to working hand in hand across the Pacific. with the Washington representative, but opportunities also present themselves in the preventive and educational as- Japanese traveled abroad, most of them pects of civil rights issues. Perhaps in to the United States. Americans drive the months I have been clipping news Japanese cars and watch television sets stories, in the back of my mind was made in Japan, while a substantial porthe wistful hope that our Ethnic Con- tion of what we eat was grown in cerns, Anti-Asian Violence, and Education committees could somehow fall heir to a bonanza of resources that would enable promotion of multi-cultural education at the elementary levels and in textbooks, sponsorship of sensitivity training in the faculties and workplaces, and a host of other preventive types of measures. Hate is learned, racism is learned.

Realistically, without financial resources, without adequate staff support, combined with the inability of any representative national committee to meet together on a consistent basis, a national chairperson essentially ends up as a one-person "committee." Our organizational structure and our national committee system needs a thorough reassessment. As VP for Public Affairs, I have explored the means, but frankly, I don't have the answers.

Full support of the Legacy Fund will, I hope, provide the right answers and make the way easier for others who follow to meet the challenge of the 90s.

TOKYO tive (SII) has promised more than it has Illions of Japanese and Amer- delivered, and Japan's trade surplus with the United States has not shrunk appreciably, despite the 1985 yen-dollar realignment. Japanese financiers, economists and even diplomats are openly pessimistic about the future of bilateral ties.

Washington wants to dismantle Japan's structural obstacles to free the attempt to eliminate customary farmers, small retailers and other special interest groups, U.S. pressure may provoke an anti-American backlash.

In the United States, the growing Japanese presence also creates friction. Although skyrocketing land prices prevent millions of families here from owning homes, Japanese corporations are buying up real estate in major U.S. cities. Americans look askance at the purchases of Rockefeller Center and Columbia Pictures.

Western Europe is often at odds with Uncle Sam over a number of issues, including the deployment of American nuclear weapons. And Britain and the Netherlands also have large U.S. property holdings.

But to Americans, differences with this country seem far more intractable and menacing. The Europe-oriented East Coast Establishment and revisionist critics are alarmed at the challenge from Japan, an alien culture.

Some pundits here urge the government to stand up to Washington and use our economic clout to wrest concessions. Others arrogantly boast of Japan's industrial prowess and gloat that America is no longer the dominant technological power.

Instead of seeking bold, innovative solutions to bilateral issues, the U.S. and Japanese elites remain entrenched behind their nations' partisan interests. Mutual hostility and recriminations stem from a lack of basic empathy; we seem to be talking past each other.

The current breakdown in communication is reminiscent of the situation in the scant year he has been on the just before the Pacific War. In 1940, Tokyo badly underestimated U.S. dogging the nation's capital with experi- economic and military might and asenced aplomb. Check out the Wash- sumed naively that Americans would ington office annual report on JACL's not fight. On the other hand, Washingactivities in testifying and lobbying for ton self-righteously condemned Japan's invasion of China, refusing to ac-

At that time, of course, misunderstanding was based on the relative isolation of both countries. Today, an Our national committee on Ethnic unprecedented volume of people, Concerns (or Civil Rights as some pre- goods and services and ideas flows

Our societies are increasingly intertwined. Last year 9.7 million California or Iowa.

Vet decision-makers and opinion leaders in both countries seem farther apart than ever. One reason is that the Japanese and Americans who lived and worked in each other's countries in the early postwar years are no longer running the show. Members of this aging elite understood each other and made allowances for their differences. But many have already left key positions in government, industry and academia.

Younger Japanese are a different breed. Today, tens of thousands of employees and their families are posted to New York and other large U.S. cities. Instead of getting to know the country, they rely on Japanese television and newspapers and shop at Japanese supermarkets.

They prefer frequenting Japanese restaurants and sing-along karaoke bars with fellow compatriots to socializing with Americans. Their children attend

Japanese prep schools so they can reenter the school system here.

Americans in Tokyo are no better. They live in exorbitant luxury apartments paid for by their companies and depend on English-language television and newspapers. They may eat yakitori (skewered chicken) occasionally but usually at restaurants where English is understood. At work, Japanese colleagues and clients speak English. These Americans rarely encounter the real Japan.

It wasn't always this way. From 1950 to 1952, 1,047 Japanese students studied in American under a U.S. program using GAROIA funds (Government and Relief in Occupied Areas). The grantees traveled in military vessels or freighters; some lucky ones went by plane. After a two-month intensive orientation period, they were sent to universities across the nation.

The first GARIOA scholars came from varied backgrounds, ranging from recent university graduates to senior civil servants. In Japan, food was still rationed and there were few taxis, but America had plenty of everything. Abundant meals, central heating and high-speed expressways dazzled the newcomers.

GARIOA fellows studied English, struggled to read their textbooks and keep up in class, and tried to live on \$5 a day, no mean feat even then. Despite the hardships, they developed close friendships with American classmates. They were invited into homes at Thanksgiving and Christmas and dated American women, an ordeal for shy Japanese.

By 1960, a total of 3,500 Japanese had studied in the United States under the GARIOA and Fulbright scholarship programs. The grants were for only one year, but many extended their stay up to three years. Because of their rich and varied experiences, most regard the United States as their second home and still hold annual class reunions.

By contrast, the Americans who came to Japan after the war were usually in the military. By October 1945, U.S. Occupation forces numbered 340,000, and the GIs traveled everywhere. One hand on the wheel of a jeep, and other around a Japanese girlfriend, they had a ball.

With the outbreak of the Korean War in June 1950, Japan became a U.S. ogistics base, and soldiers on Rest and Recreation swelled the ranks of troops and Defense Department civilians here. Many spent several weeks in Japan, got to know some of us well and fell in love with the country. They later went oack to school on the GI Bill and became influential in many fields.

When I meet such people on business trips or at international conferences, they often reminisce about the back alleys of Tokyo or tell tales about small mountain villages. Europe may be the land of their ancestors, but Japan is where they had some of their most memorable moments and made lifelong friends.

Today, the goodwill generated by these cultural exchanges is drying up. Younger Americans and Japanese haven't had the same opportunity to develop real affection for each other. As tensions over trade and other bilateral issues intensify, culture shock exacerbates ill will.

To help defuse this potentially disastrous situation, Japan should divert a portion of its overseas direct investment from trophy real-estate acquisitions to bilateral student exchanges. This experiment in multicultural living would build on the foundations laid by the GARIOA and Fulbright programs. It would not be charity or foreign aid, but an investment in Japan's future.

The bridge across the Pacific is sag-

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WINDOW IN WASHINGTON



PAUL IGASAKI JACL Washington Representative

Racial Violence and the JACL

Americans for Japanese or Vietnamese and beating them to death. Similar attacks against Japanese students in Wisconsin, mistaking them for Hmong refugees. Increasing racial incidents on college campuses, with America's most educated young people using racial epithets, openly harassing Asian and other minority students. Vandalism of schools, homes and businesses; physical assaults and racial intimidation.

There was a time when we thought that lynch mobs were a thing of the past. Racism, whether subtle and institutional or blatant and violent, is on the rise and, increasingly, Asians are the targets. And, we are not alone. African Americans have been murdered in Howard Beach and Bensonhurst for nothing more than the color of their skin. And, at a less violent level, comedians make racial jokes about Japanese or other Asian groups, or immigrant people in general. Advertisments spew forth hatred of the Japanese people in order to sell American products. A famous newspaper columnist screams obscenities and racial and sexual epithets at a fellow staff reporter, who happens to be an Asian woman.

These are obviously not isolated incidents. We are facing an explosion of racism and intolerance unprecedented in recent history. It is true that we have never conquered racism or its effects on minorities in this country. But it now seems that the racial kettle is boiling over.

We cannot pretend that it does not affect us. The victims in these incidents could just as easily have been Japanese American rather than Chinese American or a Japanese student. And, as we learned in the redress campaign, justice can only be achieved in any case when we recognize that an injustice against any group denies us all our freedom.

JACL is a civil rights organization. Fighting these trends is one of our highest priorities. I commend these sad headlines to those who wonder whether JACL has ceased serving a useful purpose. We have much work to do. If our children and their children are to live safely in their own country, we must continue to fight for the realization of our national ideal: that all people are created equal, with equal rights and privileges under the law. As Japanese Americans, we know all too well that these ideals have not been lived up to and that the forces of hate and racism will prevail unless we work even harder for a more just society. And now-with what is going on in America today our very lives are at stake.

JACLers were involved in the Vincent Chin case in seeking federal prosecution of his killers. JACLers were involved in the community's response to the Stockton schoolyard killings in California. Recently, National President Cressey Nakagawa and National Director Bill Yoshino joined me in Washington for a series of meetings. In addition to a tour of the Office of Administration and its Redress facilities, we sat down with Assistant Attorney General John Dunne, who heads Justice's Civil Rights Division. Cressey briefed Mr. Dunne on the alarming rise in anti-Asian prejudice and violence, citing the pressures of the mounting trade conflict and anti-immigrant attitudes as causes. We made a special point of stressing our interest in the Ming Hai Loo case from Raleigh, North Carolina and in asking the Department to consider federal civil rights prosecution of young Jim Loo's killers. In discussing the problem of increasing anti-Asian attitudes and incidents, Mr. Dunne shared his concern that our community is indeed likely to be facing even harder times in the years ahead.

Because of our national network and Washington presence, JACL is in unique position to be helpful in national efforts to combat anti-Asian violence.

White racists mistaking Chinese The connections we have established with the Justice Department and the Civil Rights Division had a lot to do with our work on the redress issue. In addition to the civil rights prosecution section, the Civil Rights Division includes the Office of Redress Administration.

> Our network of Chapters and regional offices is also very useful in responding both to anti-Asian violence and to negative racial media portrayals or incidents.

> We need to respond sharply to ads like the one that appeared in many national newspapers utilizing a menacinglooking samurai and stereotypic imagery to win support for repealing antitrust laws. Or the shocking racist and sexist insults hurled at an Asian American journalist by Newsday columnist Jimmy Breslin. Or the supposedly humorous labeling of TV personality Connie Chung as Connie "Chink" by a Virginia radio station. In each of the cases, JACL responded with letters and as part of a community effort to prevent continued occurrences.

JACL can, more than most Asian groups, respond on both a local and national level to both individual incidents and the national trend. JACLers are involved in efforts to calm racial tensions in New York City. In Washington, we have worked to pass the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, which will help us keep track of this growing phenomenon. And we are working, together with African American, Jewish, Hispanic and other organizations to develop linkages that will help prevent racial conflict. In the Loo case, we are seeking federal prosecution of those that caused the death of Jim Loo to send a message that racial killings will receive a strong and swift response from the federal government because they are so antithetical to our basic values. We should work with and support African American groups and others to ensure similar federal prosecution of those that have committed racial violence upon their communities.

I have heard some talk about the declining need for a JACL. I disagree. One has only to read the newspapers to see why.

CONSORTIUM

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tium, and the fundamental impetus for its foundation, is the rise of anti-Asian sentiment and activities throughout the country.

"The problem is compounded by the fact that many Asian Pacific Americans involved in such court cases have received sporadic and insufficient legal assistance," commented Peggy Saika, ALC executive director.

"Much more needs to be done in Asian-American and Pacific-Islander communities to make use of existing laws and new legislation concerning the issue of civil rights," added Mary Hsu, interim executive director of AALDEF.

In its first year, the consortium will further refine its goals and develop a five-year plan incorporating issues of critical importance to Asian Pacific Americans. Topics under consideration

 A civil rights strike force to assist local areas in advancing civil rights complaints;

A clearinghouse for case and legal education

on key issues, such as racial violence; Training and education programs for community, business and other relevant groups on

civil rights legal issues; Public policy development on national civil

 A national network involving Asian Pacific American groups and non-Asian groups, particularly national minority civil rights organizations.

APALC, ALC and AALDEF are three of the oldest and largest civil rights legal organizations serving the Asian Pacific American community in the United States. They are located respectively in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York.

Dr. Steven K. Abe, Fullerton, rites held May 27; Salinas-born, survived by w Kimiko, s Alan, br Yasuo, sis Tomiko Shimakawa, June Yamamisaka, Arlyne Namba, in-law sis Masu Abe.

Shoji Daita, 60, San Gabriel, June 11; Los Angeles, survived by w Toshiko, s Thomas, Ted, d Evelyn Stella, Abby Castillo, 2gc, m Haru Hashizume (Jpn), sis Mary (Frank) Kasama, Dr. Lilly Nakamura.

Shizue Deguchi, 86, Los Angeles, June 8; Mie-ken born, survived by in-d Keiko, 4gc, 5ggc, 4 sis (all Japan).

Tsuruyo Fujimoto, 82, Mission Hills, June 4; Hiloborn, survived by s Tom, Henry, Kengo, d Fuji (Jerry) Ogata, 9gc, 1gc.

Masue Okada, 82, Fresno, May 22; Hiroshimaborn survived by s Howard, d Marjorie Miyhazaki, br Morito Nakata, in-law sis Harue Nakata, 3gc.

Hatsue Ono, 87, Los Angeles, May 15; Okayamaborn survived by s Masami, d Helen Okamoto, Natsuko Anderson, 10gc, 14ggc.

Tora Renge, 94, Fowler, May 2; Hiroshima-born naturalized citizen survived by s Howard, Nobuo (Fresno), James, Kiyoshi (Selma), d Chiaki Okubo (Selma), 14gc, 7ggc.

Chizuo Sakae, 64, Mountain View, May 17; San Juan Bautista-born, survived by w Yoshiko, s Kelly, Vaughn, m Kozue, br Roy, Harry, m Henry.

Tooru Sugimoto, 90, Los Angeles, May 23 Kumamoto-born survived by w Hisaye.

Buster K Suzuki, 79, Los Angelesd, May 11 WWII vetgerans, survived by w Maria, s Rodney, d Lorraine Mari, 1gc, sis Eva. Choko Teshiba, 77, Los Angeles, May 25; Los

Angeles-born survived by br Frank, Jack, Kinya Kunitomi, sis Sue Embrey, Midori Iwata. Gunji Togami, 67, Mountain View, May 19; San

Jose-born, survived by w Sayo, s Ray T, d Linda Valdez, Diane Toya, sis Haruo Yoshimura, Sumiko Matsui, Shigeno Ikegami, 6gc.

George Y Tokushige, 78, La Puente. May 20; Stockton-born survived by br Kenji, sis Ayano Davis. Hoitsu Bill Tsuji, 75, Monterey Park, May 14; Ripon. Calif.-born Nisei, survived by w Yoshiye, s Bill Mineo (Rocklin), Mark (Agoura Hills), 4gc.

Taneko Nakadate, 80, Westminster, May 16; Hawaii-born and prewar Los Angeles resident, survived by s Dr Glenn, d Stella Matsuda (Thousand Oaks), in-law br George, sis Clara, Alice. Chiyo, Kimiye, 6gc.

Dojun Nakaguma, 69, Los Angeles, May 17; Colusa-born Nisei survived by br Michitaka and Yoshi-

Chiyono Nakamura, 90, San Francisco, May 7; Hiroshima-born survived by s Kaname, Taka, d Yoshie Okumura, 4gc, 1ggc.

Dr Hiromu Nakamura, 63, Claremont, May 14; 30-year psychologist at San Bernardino State Hospita and Lanterman Development Center, retired, survived by w Tamaye, s Glenn (Lubbock, Tex.), d Colleen, br Al (Los Angeles), sis Betty Yamamoto (Los Angeles) and Ruth Fujimoto (San Fernando).

Tsuyoshi G Nakano, 67, Los Angeles, May 5; Los Angeles-born survived by w Tokiye, s Gregory, Wayne, d Virginia, Brenda Marsh, 4gc, br Henry, sis Fumiko Shikami (Chicago), Hideo Burke, in-law br Norimasa Yamahiro, sis Setsuko Takeshita.

Dr. Tom T. Watanabe, 79 Funeral service for the late Dr. Tom T

Watanabe, 79-year-old Pueblo, Colorado-born Nisei resident of Rolling Hills Estates, Calif. who passed away on Friday, June 15, at Bay Crest Care Center, was held on Thursday, June 21, at Union Church of Los Angeles, under the direction of Fukui Mortuary, with the Rev. George Nishikawa of Centenary United Methodist Church officiating.

He was a JACL Life Member and served as a chapter president of the Los Angeles JACL. He is survived by his wife Edith, son Neil T (Betty) of Norfolk, Mass., daughters Wendy Y., Dr. Alyssa T. and Kara K. Watanabe, grandchildren Tyler T. and Jennifer L

Watanabe, sisters Aiko and Teru Watanabe.

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CHRISTINE WILKINSON

Christine Kajikawa Wilkinson will be Arizona State University's vice president for student affairs, pending approval of the Arizona Board of Regents. Wilkinson joined the ASU staff in 1970 as director of activities for the Memorial Union. She has served as director of orientation, director of high school-college relations and director of undergraduate admissions. In 1985, she was appointed assistant vice president for student affairs while retaining her duties in the admissions office. She was named associate vice president in January 1989. In 1985, Wilkinson received the university's Award of Merit and was named the Outstanding Woman of Tempe. She also has been selected for Outstanding Young Women of America. Wilkinson holds a bachelor's degree in education with distinction from ASU and was named outstanding female graduate. She holds a master's in counseling psychology from the UC Berkeley, and a doctorate in higher education administration from ASU.

Dr. Roy U. Ebihara of Oberlin, who serves as president of the Ohio State Board of Optometry, has been named Optometrist of the Year by the Ohio Optometric Association. The award recognizes the doctor's achievements in optometry and community services. Ebihara is a graduate of Ohio State University College of Optometry and is an active member of the OSU Alumni Association. He is also a member of the Oberlin Chamber of Commerce, the Oberlin Exchange Club and the JACL.

The Rev. Michael J. Kimura Angevine, Presbyterian minister, has been called to serve as Senior Pastor of Makiki Christian Church in Honolulu. Makiki Church is the largest Japanese American church in the U.S. with a membership of 800. Rev. Angevine, a long-time S.F. Bay Area resident, has been Associate Professor of Sociology of Religion and Director of Master of Arts Values Program at San Francisco Theological Seminary for the past three years. Previous to that, he was the Assistant Dean of Intercultural Cross-Cultural Education at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. Rev. Angevine also taught in the Asian Studies Program at U.C. Berkeley and was a Research Associate at Jinbun Kagaku Kenkyu Jo, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan.

JUDGE KEN KAWAICHI

Judge Ken Kawaichi, 48, of the Alameda County superior court was named by the San Francisco Chronicle as one of the people in the Bay Area to watch in the 1990s. The Alameda/Contra Costa Trial Lawyers named him the Trial Judge of the Year recently, is a cofounder of the Asian Law Caucus, a graduate of Pomona College, Boalt Hall at UC Berkeley in law and was a partner at Yonemura, Yasaki and Kawaichi in Oakland. Fellow judge Lillian Sing calls Kawaichi "truly a Renaissance judge who will do anything to get a settlement, including using his charm and

Thomas D. Izu was appointed Senior Day Services director for Yu-Ai Kai, San Jose, Calif. He holds a degree in sociology and has nine years of experience inside nonprofit, public service organizations. He and his wife, Susan Hayase, a talented San Jose Taiko Group artist, live in San Jose.

▶ Dr. Mary M. Ichiuji was recently appointed as Assistant Chief of Medicine at the West Los Angeles Kaiser-Permanente Hospital. She received her medical degree from the University of California, San Diego, and completed her post graduate training in medicine and hematology-oncology at UCLA/Wadsworth VA Hospital. She joined the Kaiser Medical Group in 1983 and has practiced hematology-oncology there at West Los Angeles since that time. Since 1989 she has been Chief for the Hematology-Oncology section. Her parents are Mickey and Edith Ichiuji of Pacific Grove, Calif., lifetime Monterey Peninsula 1000 Club JACL members.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters was awarded by the University of Denver, founded in 1864 before Colorado became a state, at commencement exercises June 9 to Bill Hosokawa in recognition of his work as "journalist and



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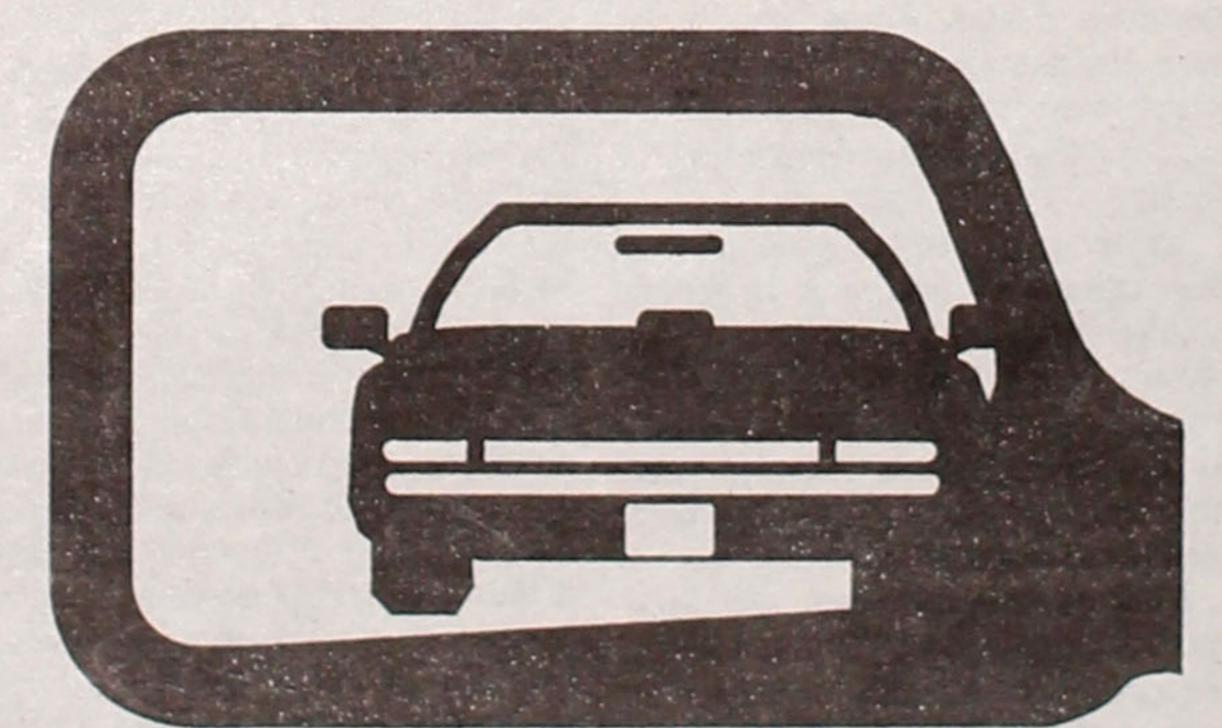
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• LOS ANGELES AREA

Present-July 22-West Coast premiere of "Winter Crane." Fountain Theatre, 5060 Fountain Ave., Hollywood, CA. Info: (213) 663-1525.

June 23—Orange County Sansei Singles softball and volleyball outing. Sat., 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at Liberty Park in Cerritos. Many other sporting and outdoor activities. Info: (both 213) 434-4689 or 926-3540.

June 23—Organization of Chinese American Women's public speaking seminar in Santa Monica, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon. Info: (213) 315-8223.

Point of View" at Orange County Performing Arts Ctr. Lecture/discussion about Japan's 400-year-old national theatre, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$5. Info: (714) 556-ARTS.

June 25-"Understanding Kabuki-A Western

June 25—Ceramic drum making demo by renowned Japanese artist Nobuho Nagasawa at UCLA Extension. Six-session classes and workshop taught in West Hollywood. Info: (213) 825-1901.

June 26-Aug. 2—12-session Aikido UCLA Extension course by 4th-degree black belt. For both men and women, no experience necessary. Info (213) 825-7093.

June 26—Japanese Style Management seminar 7:30 p.m. at West Los Angeles United Methodist Church. Free to public, sponsored by WLA JACL. Dr. Toru Iura featured speaker. Info: (213) 825-

June 28—Fourth Annual Real Estate Forum of the Asian Business League, with distinguished executives to discuss influence of Pac. Rim real estate investment in So. Cal. Info: (213) 809-4712.

June 30—Orange County Sansei Singles will sponsor part II of Man-Woman Talk at 7:30 p.m. at Hyatt Regency in Anaheim. Info: (714) 528-7837.

July 8—6th Annual Gardena 5K Run and Fun Walk, 8 a.m., special Kids' Half K Fun Run. Proceeds to benefit Gardena Keiro Nursing Home, Senior Day Care, Police Explorer Scouts and the city's Recreation and Human Services Programs. Info: (213) 323-0163.

July 12-15-L.A. County Com. for Women NACW 1990 Convention, "Strength in Diversity: Women of the Year 2000." Workshops, forums,

dignitaries and group discussions. Info: (213) 974-

MEXICO CITY

July 14—International PANA Karaoke Contest, Japanese School (Liceo Mexicano-Japonés) Auditorium. Info in U.S.: Miki Yamazaki, (213) 391-1556. (Visitors urged to stay at Nikko Hotel, Mexico City.)

• OGDEN, UTAH

Oct. 27—Reunion of all Japanese families who have resided in Box Elder County, UT. Sat., at Ogden Park Hotel, Ogden. Info: Don Tazoi, P.O. Box 324, Garland, UT 84312, (801) 257-7363.

• ORANGE COUNTY, CALIF.

July 6 & 7—The 1900 USJF Junior, Youth & Team National Judo Championships hosted by Nanka Judo Yudanshakai; Buena Park Hotel & Convention Center, 7675 Crescent Ave., Buena Park. Info: (both 714) Ted Okada, 821-5397 or Masaru Harada, 737-7913.

• PORTLAND, ORE.

Aug. 3-5-Greater Portland Nikkei Reunion, registration deadline: June 1; Red Lion Inn, Lloyd Center. Info: (503) 654-9437.

• SACRAMENTO

July 20—Ballroom Dinner Dance at Red Lion Hotel, 7-11 p.m. Prime rib and music by Henry & Peter. \$35 per person. Info: (916) 635-2815, 455-9131, or 427-2690.

• SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

July 1-Nisei Widowed Group's monthly meeting, 2-4 p.m. at home of Stella Takahashi. Info: (415) 221-0268

• SAN JOSE, CALIF.

Sept. 22-Third San Benito County reunion of former residents currently living in Southern California, at Gung Hay Restaurant in Gardena. Info: Sue Oshita, 13181 E. Lampson, No. 101, Garden Grove,

VENTURA COUNTY

July 14—Annual Obon Festival sponsored at Oxnard Buddhist Church, Sat. from 2-9 p.m. Food, dancing, games. Info: (805) 483-5948.

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PILGRIMAGE TO AMACHE—Thirty-seven Coloradoans and former Amache Camp internees gather at the Amache campsite memorial May 19 to dedicate two new headstones and maintain the cemetery grounds, a Denver Central Optimist Club project. The Revs. Eijun Kujo, Tri-State Buddhist Temple, and Jim Robertson, Simpson United Methodist Church, led in memorial prayers.

ORIGIN OF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE

Gamma Gobulin Patterns Peculiar to Mongolians and 'Jinnōki' of 2nd Century B.C. Presented

By James Oda

I Japanese in Japan is currently in focus, as South Korean President Roh Tae-woo paid a state visit to the Emtheir bitter past behind them. As if to coincide with this event, the Mainichi Shimbun printed an article on the origin of the Japanese people, which was reprinted in the Rafu Shimpo Japanese section April 24. It is appropriate at this time to introduce an English version of this article with my own comment.

The article is based on the interview of Dr. Hideo Matsumoto, chancellor of Osaka Medical College, who is a wellknown authority on the identification of genes in gamma globulin.

Dr. Matsumoto in 1966 discovered the combination pattern of genes peculiar to the Mongolian races—namely GMab³st. Since then in cooperation with scholars of other countries he compiled a huge collection of gene samples in Korea, China, Soviet Russia, Taiwan and southeast Asian countries. As a result he developed the following findings:

(1) The composition pattern of genes among Japanese is almost identical throughout Japan including Ainus and Okinawans.

(2) Ainu in the north and Okinawan in the south are more closely related.

(3) Koreans are generally identical with Japanese, but Chinese are less similar.

(4) Chinese are divided into two categories: northern and southern. The former is more closely identified with Japanese but the latter is identified with the Malaysian and Polynesian group.

(5) Most surprising is the fact that the Buryat inhabiting the Baykal Lake region and Yakutsk in Siberia are almost identical with Japanese.

From his data Dr. Matsumoto concluded that Ainu (in Siberia) moved eastward and came down along the Amur River to Sakhalin, southward to Hokkaido, Honshu, Kyushu and Okinawa, while other groups came directly southward to Manchuria and Korea. One group among the latter known as Fuyo in Japanese would like to think that Japan Manchuria and later as Kaya in Korea further migrated to Japan. They arrived in Japan much later than Ainu, but since they came en masse, they became the dominant group in the center of Japan.

same pattern of genes as the rest of Greek mythology is 3,500 years old. THE friction between Koreans and the Japanese. This goes to show that Buddha was born more than a millen-Ainu and Japanese have a common nium and Christ seven centuries before 6—For Sale ancestor. It proves that the color of the Kojiki. skin and other physical features peror Akihito with a view to putting change according to environment but the composition pattern of genes remains the same unless they marry outside the group.

> sidered the main stream of human history. Attila in the 5th century and Genghis Khan in the 13th century conquered the known world but did not build a metropolis like Rome. Attila and Genghis Kahn were nomads, hence they had no permanent home base or lasting culture. Nevertheless, they had a highly organized society. Their ancestors over 5,000 years ago were capable of producing bronze artifacts. They were the first humans who used horse and carriage.

Yet, much of their cultural attainment was lost during the continuous migration which was necessitated by changes in climate. The once verdant Central Asia was turned into the endless desert due to the lack of rainfall. They were constantly on the move in search of fertile land. Further- the Orient (Central Asia). more, while on the march they had to survive many wars—wars of attrition against other tribes.

By the time the ancestors of the Japanese reached the Japanese islands they had lost their own written language and the skill to produce bronze artifacts. Mongolians and Manchurians retained their own language because they decided to quit moving early on and settle down in their respective regions. The same is true with hundreds of tribes, large and small, who decided to settle down in their respective regions along the trek. But the homeland they selected was not blessed with natural resources. Today these Central Asian tribes find themselves under the domination of the Soviet Union.

R. Matsumoto's foregoing theory would necessitate a drastic change in the traditional interpretation of the ancient history of Japan. Some is a homogeneous nation of one "pure" race that has lived on their islands since the beginning of time. However, there is no scientific basis for their thinking.

was when Japan had no written lan- had ill-advised Emperor Showa before It is noteworthy that Ainu class- guage of their own and it also makes and during WWII. It is hoped the same ified as a white race possesses the, its mythology only 1,278 years old. error will not be repeated.

At that time China already had an advanced administrative system with uniform currency and weight measurements.

The Kojiki is written in the Japanese Graeco-Roman civilization is con- (Korean) conversational syllabary using Chinese characters as phonologic means. Its original form is illegible to Chinese or Japanese. To decipher it one has to know the spoken language used then and the phonetic sound of each Chinese character used.

> Aren't there any historical documents that may substantiate the correctness of Dr. Matsumoto's theory that the Japanese race originated from Central Asia? The answer is "yes." Defi-

> It is relatively unknown to western scholars that this document exists. It is called the "Jinnōki." It is written in excellent Chinese by Shie-fu [or Hsu-fu] 930 years before the Kojiki. It is the history of the Ugaya Kingdom that had existed for 3,000 years before the Emperor Jimmu, tracing back to the era of

The Jinnöki was found in the Miyashita family archive about 100 years ago and was first published by Yoshihiro Miwa in 1921. It created a sensation in academic circles but soon was condemned as an apocrypha (fake) by lackey official historians. But it was republished in 1981.

The Jinnöki is by no means an accurate history. (No history is absolutely accurate.) However, it opens up a new horizon for historical research, because there exist similar ancient documents in Korea, and there is an abundance of materials on history prior to the Greek civilization. It is said that scholars in Russia, Finland and India are deeply involved in this research.

The acceptance of the Jinnöki will not harm the position of the Imperial Family. On the contrary, it will undoubtedly enhance its prestige. Old guards in the Imperial Household Ministry (Kunaishō), which has become a gigantic roadblock in academic freedom, must be now contained—possibly by the Emperor Akihito himself.

It has been at times reported in the Japanese media that the advisers in the Kunaisho are over-coaching the West-The Kojiki was written in 712; that ern-educated Emperor. The militarists

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Fujimori has suggested the armed forces be put to improve Peru's infrastructure- roads and bridges, especially, in the Upper Huallaga Valley where most of the world's coca leaves are harvested to encourage the farmers there to grow legal crops. He told the American press he would travel this month to the U.S. to seek aid, emphasizing crop substitution over military repression although military involvement is necessary. He was not sure about signing a \$36 million agreement under which the U.S. would train and equip six battalions of Peruvian troops in the Upper Huallaga Valley.

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker III, appearing this past week at a House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing on U.S.-Soviet relations, also reminded that the U.S. is adhering to the Colombian anti-drug summit policy for a comprehensive approach to address the problem of drug-trafficking. Law must be restored in the area, Baker said and whether the Fujimori's proposal needs to be studied before a decision can be rendered.

From a PANA perspective, the basic philosophy of the inter-American Nikkei association espouses cultural values of duty & obligation to one's country (gimu) and perseverance (gambaru), which was first expressed at its inaugural convention in 1980: "(As Citizens) To Better Serve the Country of (Our) Birth."

Carlos Kasuga, PANA International president, has repeated the motto on his many trips in the Americas and similarly explained the role Nikkei in North and South America were playing of building cultural bridges along guidelines of the PANA motto before the Overseas Japanese Convention in Tokyo two years ago.

Festival Committee Seeks '51 Nisei Week Booklet

LOS ANGELES — The Nisei Week Japanese Festival Committee is seeking a copy of a 1951 Nisei Week booklet. To commemorate the 50th anniver-

sary of Nisei Week, the booklet committee has been trying to obtain a copy of each year, but 1951 is missing.

Frank Omatsu, Nisei Week Booklet Committee chair, said that if someone has a copy of 1951, the committee would like to borrow it.

Anyone able to help should call Omatsu at (213) 229-4000.

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JACL PULSE

■ CONTRA COSTA DIABLO VALLEY

Annual family BBQ picnic, Sun., June 24, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (Dinner 3 p.m.) at Pleasant Hill Park in Pleasant Hill, Site 3. Info: Yosh Tokiwa (415) 223-5463 or Dr. Elsie Baukol (415) 934-3702.

Contra Costa JACL will have a food concession at the El Cerrito Fourth of July Celebration at the Community Center on Moeser Lane.

■ FLORIN

Florin JACL will sponsor fall talent show; dancers, vocalists, pianists, instrumentalists, etc., are encouraged to participate. Info: Pearl Zarilla or Paul Takehara (both 916) at 635-2815 or 363-8800.

■ IDAHO FALLS

Family outing and cookout potluck, Blacktail Reservoir. Boating, swimming and fishing; July 20. Centennial Ethnic Heritage Festival on Aug. 4, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Foodbooths, displays and entertain-

■ JAPAN

The JACL Japan Chapter will host a charity fundraiser. "Call of the Islands-A Hawaiian Affair," on July 14, 2-4:30 p.m. at the Grand Tokyu Building.

■ MOUNT OLYMPUS

July 20: Jim Ushio Memorial Golf Tourney at Meadowbrook Golf Course; July 21: Annual Farmers' and Mt. Olympus chapter picnic with invitation to the Salt Lake Issei Center.

■ PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DC

A Northern Calif. contingent is expected to participate at the 39th annual JACL Nisei Relays on Sunday, June 24, at Rancho Santiago College, Santa Ana. Registration forms: JACL Regional Office, 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 507, Los Angeles, CA 90012, (213) 626-4471. Entry deadline is June 9.

BRIDGE

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ging, and Americans and Japanese must shore it up. Person-to-person diplomacy, not more high-level trade haggling, is in the best interests of both coun-

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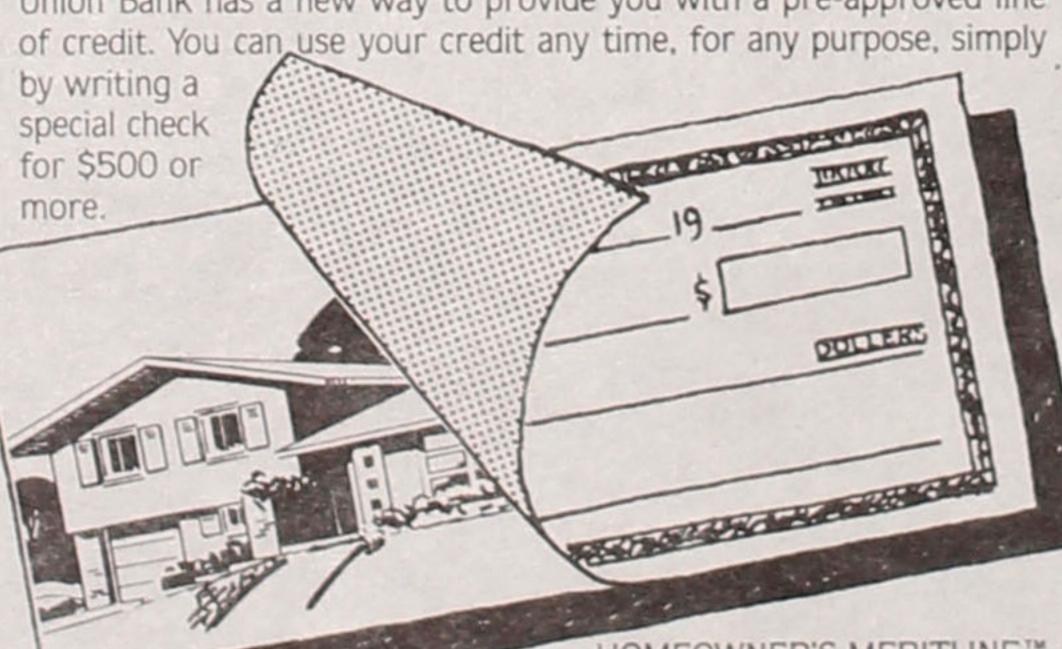
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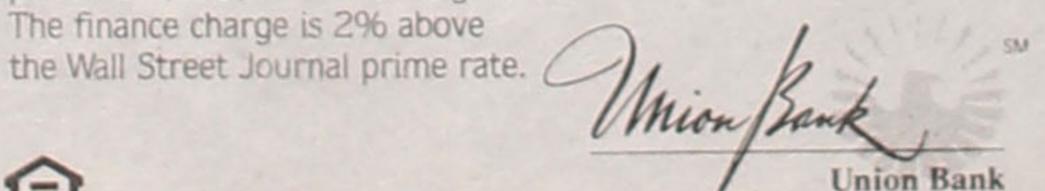
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■ SACRAMENTO

Annual JACL community picnic was postponed over Memorial Day weekend due to rain; now rescheduled for Sun., July 15. JACLers are asked to complete sale of raffle tickets and mail stubs and checks to JACL office at 2124 10th St., Sacramento, CA 95818. Grand prize is trip to Hawaii for two.

■ SALT LAKE CITY

July 24—Hosting luncheon, Jordan Peace Garden Park for Matsumoto City guests and families (Am. host families).

SAN DIEGO

"JACL: The Wave of the Future." the 31st Biennial JACL National Convention, June 17-23, San Diego Princess. Highlights: Business sessions, workshops, beach party, National Awards banquet, Masaoka Award dinner, Sayonara Ball, golf tournament, deep sea fishing, Tijuana trip, speech competition, Youth Conference, 1000 Club Wing Ding. Info: (619) 230-0314.

Scholarship dinner, Tom Ham's Restaurant, Harbor Island, 6 p.m., to honor 15 high school graduates. Dr. Kenji Ima will speak on relationship of Indochinese community to the Nikkei community. Tickets \$16. Info: (619) 230-0314 or Tets Kashima. (619) 271-7257.

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White Elephant Sale, Sat., July 14, at Issei Memorial Building parking lot from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Donated items are needed and most welcomed. Info: (408) 295-1250.

■ SNAKE RIVER

July 4-Food booth at Ontario Fourth of July Celebration, Lions Park, Ontario.

■ STOCKTON

Tomo No Kai Grand Canyon Tour, hosted by Stockton Buddhist Temple, Sept. 18-25, 1990; \$620 per person, double occupancy; additional \$165 supplement added for single accommodations. Info: (209) 982-0939.

■ WHITE RIVER VALLEY

60th anniversary bash, Sept. 15, at Senior Center in Auburn, WA, from 1-4 p.m. All former presidents and members 75 years and older will be honored. Pot-luck buffet. Please contact Mary Norikane (206) 833-2826 or Margaret Okitsu (206) 631-5124 for

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