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Five Elderly in Hawaii Handed Redress Checks

HONOLULU—Before the year is up, 25,000 of the 65,000 former internees eligible for reparations will receive their checks, Bob Bratt, Office of Redress Administrator, announced during the presentation of the first redress checks at the State Capitol Oct. 15.

The four elderly recipients receiving checks from James Turner, assistant attorney general, during the two hour program coordinated by the Honolulu JACL, were: Haru Tanaka, 98 (Crystal City); Otome Kishishita, 95; Katsuichi Satow, 93, and Ito Konno Kinase, 100. As each received the check, they responded—mostly in Nihongo, expressing happiness on the occasion. Only Satow commented in English: "I pray, God bless America!"

The check for the fifth recipient, Kaetsu Furuya, 94, was accepted by his daughter as he was departing the same day with a long-planned travel group to Japan. The prewar Koloa, Kauai, Gakuen principal was arrested by an apologetic police officer—who knew him by name—and an FBI agent on Dec. 7, sent to the Sand Island detention center outside Honolulu harbor, then to camps in Oklahoma (Fort Sill), Louisiana (Camp Livingston) and New Mexico and was returned in 1946.

Bratt said 274 more checks were in the mail to Hawaii. Of the 25,000 earmarked for 1990, there are 566 more internees living in Hawaii. Between 2,000 and 3,000 in Hawaii are among the eligible and all will be paid within three years.

Ernest Uno, whose late brother Edi-

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Photo by Shigeo Yokote, Sacramento

SACRAMENTO'S REDRESS RECIPIENTS—Presentation of redress checks and the letter of apology to five Sacramento area Issei (all standing from left) are: Shunichi Makishima, 92, Placer County; Masatoshi Abe, 94, Sacramento; Mitsuri Okidoi, 93, Marysville; Sadae Takizawa, 99, Sacramento; and Benji Takahashi, 92, Sacramento. Flanking them are Bob Bratt, ORA administrator (at left), and Asst. Attorney General James Turner.

'DEC. 7' FOR LILY AND PAT OKURA:

Years Late, U.S. Apology Is Still Sweet

WASHINGTON—K. Patrick and Lily Okura spent most of their first year of marriage in an internment camp—specifically, the horse stables at Santa Anita Assembly Center.

On the *Washington Post* Metro Section front page the week the first redress checks were disbursed is a big photograph of the well-known JACL couple, who related the hysteria and terror that gripped their lives the night of Dec. 7, 1941.

"The beam from the policeman's flashlight awakened K. Patrick Okura in his bedroom and made him realize on that December night 49 years ago, that his American citizenship meant nothing. His father was arrested that night; Okura and his new bride were spared," so read the opening lines of the story by reporter Carlos Sanchez. (The Okuras were then living in Wilmington, Calif.)

"It was terrifying," Okura said of the period being recalled as the U.S. government began fulfilling its commitment under the 1988 Civil Liberties Act to apologize to more than 60,000 surviving Japanese Americans who were interned during the war. As estimated 3,000 of the 5,000 Japanese Americans living in the Washington metropolitan area are believed to qualify for redress.

Okura recalled immediately after the Pearl Harbor attack the FBI, aided by federal deputies, arrested more than 2,000 community leaders of Japanese descent along the West Coast—including his father and father-in-law.

"Not only the authorities, but the public was unfriendly. Hostile. Nasty," he said.

Pat, now 79, then the highest-ranking Nisei civil service worker for the City of Los Angeles, was accused of plotting against the government. A syndicated columnist (Drew Pearson) said the American-born psychologist who earned a master's degree at UCLA was trying to pass as Irish by spelling his name "O'Kura," and that he recruited 50 Japanese Americans into city service to sabotage the city's water and power plants. Twice the mayor asked him to resign after the false allegation was published and twice he refused, Okura continued.

Years later, through the Freedom of Information Act, Okura found in his FBI file the mayor had labeled him the most dangerous Japanese in the city and ordered the police department to investigate him.

Okura and his family were among the first 7,000 Japanese Americans to receive notices from the War Department in early March, 1942, that they were being interned as threats to national security. They were ordered to report to Santa Anita for two-to-three

weeks stay until permanent facilities were built in remote sites in 11 states.

The young Okura couple, along with their mothers and the siblings whose fathers were to be separated from them for three years, lived in the horse stables for the next nine months.

They witnessed the arrival of 19,000 others at Santa Anita.

"It was a very sad time," Okura said,

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Census Bureau to Review Asian Undercount

WASHINGTON — Reps. Norman Y. Mineta, and Robert T. Matsui, said the Census Bureau has agreed to measure the undercount among Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in the Pacific Census region and in New York City.

The two California Democrats had severely criticized the bureau for its earlier refusal to measure the Asian Pacific undercount separately from other ethnic groups.

"I am greatly encouraged that the Census Bureau has decided to take this step. The action means that the Census Bureau has finally recognized the importance of the Asian Pacific communities, and the damage that an undercount in these communities would do to California and the entire Pacific region," Mineta said.

"This victory represents the overdue acknowledgement that an accurate count of Asian Americans is indeed important and crucial to an accurate national census," said Matsui.

The action by the bureau came last week (Oct. 18) after months of intense pressure from Asian-Pacific elected officials and community organizations. Both Matsui and Mineta praised United States Sen. Daniel Akaka of Hawaii for his role in resolving the dispute.

"By making the Bureau's treatment of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans an issue in Census Bureau Director Barbara Bryant's confirmation hearings, Sen. Akaka played a major role in bringing about today's decision. In the future, I hope that the Census Bureau will avoid controversies like this by routinely taking the concerns of the Asian Pacific community into account," Mineta stressed.

Previously, census officials ruled out a separate count, contending that any Asian undercount would not be detected because Asians constitute such a small percentage of the total U.S. population—about 3%, according to a 1985 estimate.

But after studying the matter more closely, census officials said they found that Asian populations in six states—California, New York, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington and Alaska—are actually large enough to allow the bureau to measure any undercount of Asians.

Asians constitute 9.5% of California's population, according to 1989 California Department of Finance estimates. Blacks make up 7.5%, and Latinos 24.2%.

The undercount controversy began in June when the Bureau announced that it would publish estimates of the 1990 census undercount for three categories of Americans: Black, Non-Black Hispanic, and All Other.

Although the Census Bureau did not initially believe that its Post-Enumeration Survey (PES) would detect a large enough sample of Asian and Pacific Islander households to accurately measure its group undercount, an examination of the actual results yielded a larger sample than had been predicted.

The results of the PES are a critical concern for all undercounted groups and communities, as they will be used by the Census Bureau to calculate a possible statistical adjustment to the 1990 Census. Under a court-ordered agreement, the Secretary of Commerce must make a decision on adjusting the 1990 census figures by July 15, 1991.

Bush Civil Rights Bill Veto Hurts Asian Americans; JACL Rejects Alternative

SAN FRANCISCO — The Japanese American Citizen League announced Tuesday, in response to President Bush's veto of the Civil Rights Act of 1990, that it cannot accept Administration counter-proposals and will work to win an override in the Congress.

"The Civil Rights Act of 1990 is a good and moderate bill designed to protect victims of employment discriminations," said Cressey Nakagawa, JACL National President.

"President Bush's veto of this bill is a rejection of our community's legitimate concerns over mounting anti-Asian prejudice. We cannot accept alternatives that do not treat women as equals, do not adequately protect against discriminatory height requirements or allow mere customer preference to justify hiring discrimination," Nakagawa said.

The alternative proposed by the Bush Administration would limit damages to \$150,000 for victims of gender, religious or ethnic discrimination. Racial discrimination would still be covered by existing laws providing damages. Jury trials would be prohibited in these cases under the Bush plan and a wider range of excuses for discriminatory practices, including customer relations and other factors not relevant to job success, would be allowed as a defense.

"Under President Bush's proposal, Arab Americans discriminated against due to rising Middle East tensions might not have equal remedies to victims of race discrimination. Jewish, Moslem or Buddhist Americans discriminated against because of their religion; women facing gender bias; and a Japanese American or Italian American facing discrimination due to his ethnicity as opposed to his race would all have more sharply limited rights than victims of racial

discrimination under the Administration's plan. The JACL cannot accept a law that goes so far in limiting the options for challenging certain types of discrimination," said Nakagawa.

"The Civil Rights Act of 1990 has been our top legislative priority in this session of Congress" said William Yoshino, JACL National Director. "The President's insensitivity to the concerns of women and minorities will cost him in the Asian American community. We will continue to fight to override his veto."

"There appears to be no substance to the President's 'quota' claim," said Nakagawa. "But what is more troubling is that this argument sets the interests of women and racial, ethnic and religious minorities against that of white Christian males," said Nakagawa. "We do not believe that a society that condemns discrimination does so at the expense of the interests of the majority. This creates divisions and worsens the already alarming state of American human relations."

"JACL is all too aware of rising prejudice against Asian and Japanese Americans ranging from outright violence to the 'glass ceiling' that denied us promotional opportunities," said Yoshino. "We must have a law that sends a message that this sort of prejudice is un-American and against the law of the land."

Mark Osaki Resigns as P.C. Editor-in-Chief

LOS ANGELES—The resignation of Mark Osaki as editor-in-chief was announced this past week by Lillian Kimura, P.C. Board chair. The day-to-day editorial activities will be handled by Harry K. Honda.



JOY MORIMOTO

Joy Morimoto Hired As Northern Cal Director

SAN FRANCISCO — Joy Morimoto, former staff writer with *Asian Week* has been hired as the JACL regional director for the Northern California Western Nevada Pacific Regional Office, it was announced this week.

In undertaking the position of JACL regional director, Morimoto stated, "There is a vital and continuing need today for an organization like the JACL because there is so much we take for granted. Our own history has shown that basic human and civil rights can be reduced to mere words." Morimoto added, "Today we find ourselves facing increasing challenges which threaten these rights. That's where the JACL has proven invaluable and has consistently been at the forefront, dealing

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Placer County JACL to Hold Its 50th Goodwill Dinner

PENRYN, Calif. — The Placer County JACL will hold its 50th annual Goodwill Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Placer Buddhist Church Hall, 3192 Boyington Rd. A no host cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7.

Dr. Darryl Inaba, Associate Clinical Professor, School of Pharmacy at UC San Francisco and the director of the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinics, Inc.; Drug Detoxification, Rehabilitation and After Care Project in San Francisco, will be the speaker.

According to chairman Hike Yego, district legislative representatives, county and civic leaders and the area's JACL national officers and neighboring chapter presidents have been invited.

Tickets (\$20) are available at: Auburn—Tsuda Grocery (823-9115), Hugo Nishimoto (885-2515); Penryn—Hike Yego (663-3730), Ellen Kubo (652-6658); and Loomis—Main Drug (652-7265). No tickets sold at the door.

JOHN KIKUCHI, M.D., THE BOXER:

Physician Finally Awarded His Varsity Jacket After 45 Years

CONCORD, Calif.—Surrounded by young college athletes, 73-year-old physician, Dr. John F. Kikuchi, was one of the stars honored recently at the San Francisco State University Athletes Honorary Dinner. He received his purple letterman jacket with the gold "SF" monogram, which would have been presented in 1942 for his prowess in boxing (lightweight division), except he missed it because of Evacuation. He and his family were temporarily interned at Tanforan and later sent to the Gila River, Ariz., relocation center.

The story begins when he was visiting the San Francisco State library and he came across a yearbook which contained a photograph of the 1942 boxing team. He showed it to the librarian and wondered aloud to her why he hadn't received his jacket. She said: "Well, we will have to do something about that," and proceeded to call the athletic



LETTERMAN SWEATER—John Kikuchi now wears his San Francisco State University letterman jacket that was due in 1942.

(Seattle), "Maxine Kingston," **Photography—Unlimited Subject Matter** Akira Suwa, Philadelphia Inquirer, drug bust; Michael Yamashita, National Geographic, Japanese garden.

Photography—Asian American Subjects Matthew J. Lee, The Tribune (Oakland, Calif.), China protest picture story; Dennis Oda, Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Hawaii children riding crowded subways in Japan.

Print—Unlimited Subject Matter Evelyn Iritani, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "The Three Chinas;" Asra Z. Nomani & Bridget O'Brian, The Wall Street Journal, "Winging It."

Print—Asian American Issues Les Suzukamo & Thomas J. Collins, St. Paul Pioneer Press, "Dreams in Exile: The Hmong in St. Paul;" Paula Bock, Lisa Rein, Eric Schwarz, Laura Yee, Mary Lee, Ken Brusie, The (Quincy, Mass.) Patriot Ledger, "The Asians: Quincy's Newest Immigrants."

Special Awards **Lifetime Achievement Award**—WILLIAM WOO, Asian Pacific American pioneer journalist, editor of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

Special Recognition Award—(Tie) HELEN ZIA and WILLIAM WONG (to individuals or groups that advance the goals of AAJA). Zia, managing editor of Ms. Magazine in New York, and Wong, associate editor and columnist for *The Tribune* in Oakland, were recognized for their work in ensuring that coverage of Asian Pacific American issues is fair, accurate and sensitive and in providing support for journalists.

The competition was coordinated by the New England AAJA Chapter under direction of chapter president Mary Sit, a business writer for the *Boston Globe*. The next competition will be held the beginning of next year. Winners will be announced in August at the 1991 convention in Seattle.

department and it was arranged. Receiving the jacket was "a long-awaited thrill," Kikuchi said. "I was aware I had earned the jacket but we were evacuated and put in an internment camp so I was not around to receive my award, and when I got out of camp I was too busy taking care of school (finishing his undergraduate studies at Drew University in New Jersey) and going to medical school at Stanford, so I didn't have the time to pursue getting the award."

During WWII, the Army told him he could not be drafted because he was considered an "undesirable alien (4-C)," he was required to serve as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force for two years after graduating from Stanford Medical School in 1952. He has been living and practicing medicine since in the Concord area for 33 years.

He is a 1000 Club life member of the Diablo Valley JACL chapter.

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House Approves Ability of Vietnamese Americans to Fish Off California Coast

WASHINGTON — The House has approved Rep. Norman Mineta's petition to allow Vietnamese American fishermen to own or pilot commercial fishing vessels off the California coast.

The petition, which Mineta introduced specifically on behalf of resident alien Vietnamese Americans, will also apply to all other legal aliens operating fishing vessels in excess of five net tons.

The petition, approved Oct. 1 as part of the Maritime Authorization Act for FY 1991, became necessary in 1989 after the U.S. Coast Guard had invoked a 200-year-old law which prohibits non-U.S. citizens from fishing commercially in U.S. coastal waters.

"Since a permanent resident alien must wait five years before applying for citizenship, and then another two years while a citizenship application is

processed, the Coast Guard has effectively tried to deny these Californians the ability to earn a living for seven years," Mineta explained.

"All previous attempts by the fisherman to resolve this issue have been rejected by the Coast Guard. That's when it clearly became necessary for Congress to act. That is why I am very pleased that the House has voted in favor of hardworking, taxpaying Americans who are pursuing their livelihood and supporting their families instead of forcing them onto welfare," Mineta concluded.

Turnout, Support Large for 'Assemblyman Pat Johnston for Senate'

SACRAMENTO — Close to a hundred people gathered at the Lina Fat residence on Sept. 25 to honor Assemblyman Pat Johnston at a gourmet buffet dinner, sponsored by Japanese Americans for Pat Johnston for the Senate. The assemblyman and his wife, Marggie, were on hand to greet and thank those who attended.

The large turnout and contributions were regarded as a tribute to Johnston's efforts on behalf of Japanese Americans the past ten years in the assembly. Notable among his legislative help have been the passage of the bill to award \$5,000 to each state employee who was fired in 1942 due to war hysteria and recently, his bill to exempt the Redress payment from state income tax.

—TOKO FUJII

'90 AAJA Award Winners Announced

SAN FRANCISCO — The Asian American Journalists' Association honored the winning entries in its second National Awards Competition at the 1990 convention held in New York. The winners are:

TV—Unlimited Subject Matter Robert Handa, formerly with KQED-TV (San Francisco) and now a reporter with KPIX-TV (San Francisco), "Forced From Home;" Dalton Tanonaka, KITV (Honolulu), "Webermeyer Prison Visit."

TV—Asian American Issues Sandra Gin Yee, KCRA-TV (Sacramento), "Desperate Measures;" Robert Handa, KQED-TV (San Francisco), "Payment Overdue."

Radio—Asian American Issues Holly Quan, KQED-FM (San Francisco), "Asian Aids;" Frank Abe, KIRO Newsradio

Panelists at AAJA Confab Air Japan-bashing in Media

NEW YORK — Panelists at the recent AAJA conference discussed the trends in the media on Japan-bashing, noting some of the "symbols" used by the U.S. media to effectively propel the emerging anti-Japanese attitude.

The panelists noted such symbols as the yellow peril, Pearl Harbor, kamikaze pilots, sumo wrestlers, the "invasion" of Hollywood by Sony, and Rockefeller Center by Mitsubishi.

Panelist Charles Bures, San Francisco Chronicle writer who often covers Japanese issues, noted: "Before Iraq, Japan was the nation that was OK to hate in this country."

Panelist William Wong, associate editor/columnist of the Oakland Tribune, said the term, "bashing," will invariably be attached to the verb, "invade," — reactions to Japanese power and suggesting Japanese investment in the U.S. is a threatening force.

Panelist Rep. Helen D. Bentley (R-Md.), a 25-year staffer at the Baltimore Sun, chair of the Federal Maritime Commission (1969-1975) and congresswoman since 1984 who smashed a Toshiba TV set, said the Japanese media are equally guilty of promoting anti-Japanese sentiment.

Panelist Colleen O'Conner of ACLU and a former Newsweek editor said racism and bigotry are also on the rise if one looks at the calls they have received lately—not just about Asians American, but anti-Semitism, the Black-White disputes and increasing hostility toward Arabs.

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SOUTHWEST SPECTATOR

Greeting the Veep

By Jimmy Tokeshi

TWO HELICOPTERS roared overhead as the red and blue lights from the motorcade led by a dozen motorcycles and several Secret Service patrol cars pulled up to Air Force Two. By the terminal in a remote section of Los Angeles International Airport, the view from the "pen" where the visitors stood was obscured by the guardians of the Vice President.

Representatives from JACL and NCRR stood on the tarmac by the entrance ramp waiting for Vice President Dan Quayle to emerge from the motorcade. Two of the five community representatives, Miyo Senzaki for JACL and Frank Emi for NCRR, looked on as several dozen uniformed and plainclothes agents and aides swarmed around the Vice President's limousine. Once the area was secured, he emerged and engaged his staff and the community representatives. Both former internees from America's concentration camps during World War II greeted the Vice President.

Emi told the Vice President, "Send our thanks to Congress and to the President for expeditiously handling the Redress payments. I hope the balance of the program will be handled in the same way. I thank your Administration for choosing such a capable and caring person as Bob Bratt to administer the program. He's doing a terrific job and our community thinks highly of him."

Senzaki said, "We've come a long way from the days in camp to be here today. Thank you for your Administration and the people in Congress for making justice prevail. Our dreams have finally come true. This is a great country to admit its wrong. I hope that we will uphold justice for all the generations to come."

Soon after the community representatives greeted the Vice President, he waved and gave a thumbs-up to the visitors from the entrance to Air Force Two. Minutes later, his plane roared off. I was happy to have the two representatives meet the Vice President. The quiet calm and their smiles as they met Quayle, as brief as it may have been, was entirely satisfying.

Emi said after meeting the Vice President, "The success of reparations have justified the struggles from our camp days." Senzaki concluded, "I feel I've completed the full circle from the days behind barbed wire. For the future I hope those that are receiving redress will stay healthy and see their day. It's been a long time coming."

Elderly Asian Care Forum

LOS ANGELES—Dr. Harry Kitano will keynote the one-day UCLA Extension forum, "Honor Thy Parents: An Asian American Dilemma," Nov. 10, 9 a.m., at UCLA Dodd Hall.

THE OKURAS

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describing the encampment where he and his wife lived in an 8-foot square tack room that smelled of horses. They considered themselves lucky because they had privacy.

Lily and Pat were allowed to leave when a Catholic priest (Fr. Edward Flanagan) in Omaha sponsored them and six other families for jobs at Boys Town. One of his younger brothers (Susumu) got out of camp by volunteering for the 442nd Infantry RCT and was killed in action.

Of the reparations program, Okura called this "a very significant historical event in our lives . . . a culmination of more than a dozen years of heated lobbying efforts." Okura and his wife said they intend to donate their \$40,000 to the Okura Trust Fund which he established with \$25,000 two years ago. The fund gives stipends to Asian Americans for leadership training in the human services field.

Despite the indignities he experienced, Okura said he is not bitter. "How one handles hardships make you a better person. You accept it and make the best of it."

20 Camp Survivors Refuse Reparations

SAN FRANCISCO—A total of 20 camp survivors have refused reparations without indicating why, Bob Bratt, Office of Redress Administration, indicated here during the regional presentation of the \$20,000 checks and letter of apology at Hinode Towers.

About 1,500 internees have died since the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 was signed by President Reagan in 1988.

Japanese Canadians to Rededicate War Memorial

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The Japanese Canadian War Memorial, erected in Stanley Park in 1920 bearing the names of WWI Issei servicemen who were killed in action, will be rededicated Nov. 11, 10:30 a.m.

Japan Apologizes for Minister Kajiyama's Anti-Black Remarks

TOKYO—The Sept. 22 weekend here rekindled the anger in America that was prompted by the latest series of gaffes by Japanese officials. A new Japanese Cabinet member had compared prostitutes in Japan to black Americans. "It's like in America when neighborhoods become mixed because blacks move in, and whites are forced out," he commented.

The statement, made by Minister Seiroku Kajiyama at a Friday (Sept. 21) news conference after observing a nighttime raid in the Shinjuku ward of Tokyo, was clarified by the ministry shortly after the conference. He meant to convey that people living in the Shinjuku felt insecure and had been complaining. "I intended to say that we must take measures to solve this problem. I did not mean to talk about racial issues."

Following a Cabinet meeting Tuesday (Sept. 25), he formally apologized to all concerned and retracted the remarks.

Despite prostitution being outlawed, it flourishes as the number of foreign prostitutes has increased along with the flood of foreign workers, legal and illegal.

Black Congressmen React

In Washington, Black members of Congress reacted angrily to the racial slurs in brief speeches before the House Sept. 26.

Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.) recalled earlier remarks by former Prime Minister Nakasone and former finance minister Michio Watanabe about American ethnic groups. Rep. Ronald Dellums (D-Calif.) said President Bush had a moral obligation to challenge "this most recent set of absurd ideas."

In 1986, Nakasone was referring to the skills of Americans, saying, "On the average, the United States is lower because of a considerable number of Blacks, Puerto Ricans and Mexicans." In 1988, Watanabe said Black Americans had few qualms about going bankrupt and implied that they walked away from their debts. Both later apologized for the remarks.

According to a Sept. 15 National

Policy Agency survey, there were 1.7 million crimes reported in 1989 in this nation of 120 million—most of them petty thefts. One of four assault victims reported the crime and fewer than one in 10 rape and sexual molestation victims told police, indicating many crimes are not being reported.

Cressey Nakagawa's Comment

In San Francisco, Cressey Nakagawa had called for "an explicit apology to African Americans, accompanied with a retraction of the remarks." Further, he wrote to Hon. Seiroku Kajiyama, minister of justice, that "a statement should be provided from the highest levels of the Japanese government expressing a condemnation of such views as an example that such attitudes will not be tolerated."

The Japanese government was reminded that America is a multi-racial society "with a sensitivity to the treatment of its ethnic minorities resulting from racism."

Nakagawa cited the effects of racism during World War II when Japanese Americans suffered. "The failure of the United States to consider us as full Americans despite the laws that promised us equal rights led to our internment during the war. Much progress has been made in the United States to make ours a more tolerant society where (such) remarks (of the Justice minister) are not only objectionable and unwise, but also unacceptable as well."

"Leadership and partnership among nations is not served by impertinent remarks, especially in a situation where there already exists an undesirable amount of negative sentiment as in the U.S. and Japan relations."



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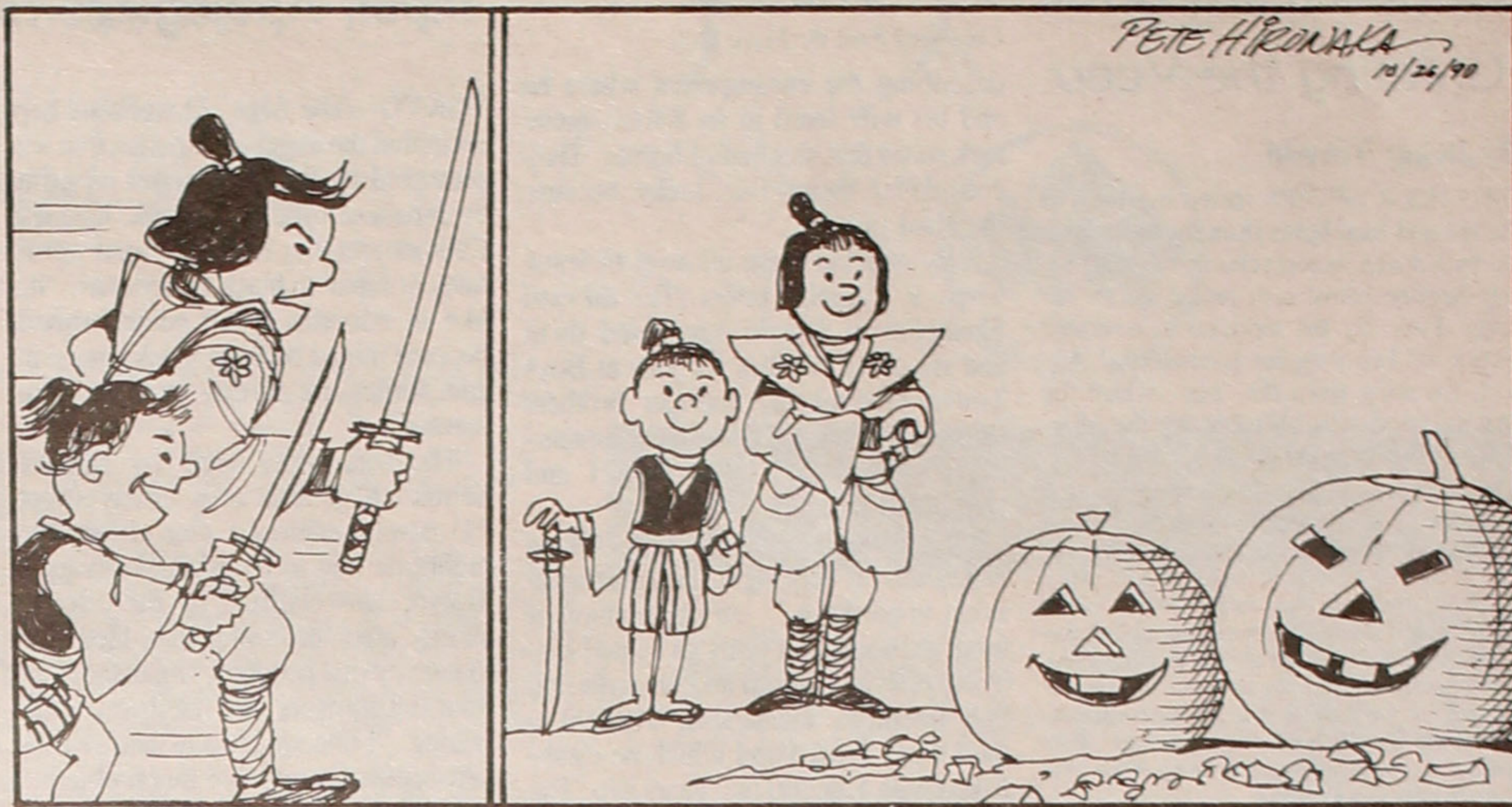
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Two Japanese Proverbs

Two Japanese proverbs come to mind *Makeru ga kachi*. To lose is to gain. *Oeru yori nabike*. Better to bend than to break.

On Oct. 9, in the Great Hall of the Department of Justice Building in Washington, D.C., the wisdom of the proverbs was realized. The attorney general of the United States, kneeling to reach the level of six frail elderly Japanese Americans in wheel chairs, apologized for the unjust imprisonment they and 115,000 others suffered during World War II at the government's hands.

Handing each a federal check for \$20,000, Richard Thornburgh said: "By finally admitting a wrong, a nation does not destroy its integrity but, rather, reinforces the sincerity of its commitment to the Constitution and hence to its people."

With the checks were a two-paragraph apology from President Bush. "We can never fully right the wrongs of the past," the President's statement said. "But we can take a clear stand for justice and recognize that serious injustices were done to Japanese Americans during World War II."

Makeru ga kachi. To lose is to gain. In 1942 Japanese Americans were a despised minority, stripped of even the basic rights guaranteed by the Constitution. Their very future in their homeland was in doubt. Yet they persevered. "Your efforts," the attorney general said, "have strengthened this nation's Constitution by reaffirming the inalienability of our civil rights."

Oeru yori nabike. Some have excoriated the Nisei for not resisting, even with violence, when their rights were suspended in the 1942 Evacuation. Better to bend than break. They accepted the wrong as a temporary aberration, then sprang back, resilient as bamboo, to stand tall and unbroken and win respect for their enduring faith. Would the President and his attorney general have apologized if Japanese Americans had resisted their government's orders, unjust as they were, with violence and bloodshed? That seems unlikely.

The ceremony in Washington was a symbolic beginning of the end of a black chapter in American history. That chapter will be closed when, perhaps three years from now, the last Redress check and apology are delivered. Somehow, it was appropriate that the audience concluded the event by singing, "God Bless America."

In the Pacific Citizen 45 Years Ago

VALE, Ore.—A teenager arrested in Texas for car theft was charged with the first degree murder of N. Kurisu, 61, of La Grande, Ore. According to District Attorney E. Otis Smith, the youth was carrying Kurisu's watch and other personal effects when picked up on auto theft charges.

WOOSTER, Ohio—Symon Satow, formerly of Pasadena, was elected president of Freshmen Forum at Wooster College here. The forum is considered the most important organization for first year students.

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Approximately 1000 returning Japanese Americans from relocation centers are being settled in this area, according to William A. Smith, chairman of the Board of Supervisors. He noted that 780 returnees were placed in the barracks at the Lomita Air Strip with about 170 more to arrive shortly.

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Kiyoshi Nakama, who was described by his Ohio State swim coach as "the greatest mile swimmer in the history of the game," left here for Hawaii where he will become the swimming and baseball coach at Farrington High School. When he finished his competitive swimming career he had six Big Ten crowns, four national collegiate championships and nine national AAU titles.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What's the Underlying Issue?

Shortly after the Pearl Harbor attack the draft status of American citizens of Japanese ancestry was changed without due process of law to 4C—the classification rendered solely to enemy aliens. Accordingly the 100th Infantry soldiers (then Hawaii National Guard) were disbanded, kept under surveillance, and finally shipped to the mainland. What a sorrowful journey it must have been for them.

Comparatively speaking, the state side MIS linguists were more fortunate: At least they were encouraged to serve. I, as a volunteer, remember the words of a recruiting officer who came to our internment camp: "I know you are not allowed to join the

Army. But we badly need translators overseas, and the Army decided to make an exception to the rule and offer you an opportunity to prove your loyalty." This happened about a year before the formation of the Nisei combat unit.

Volunteering for the Army from behind barbed wire at the concentration camp was not a popular thing to do at the time. Yoshiaki Hirabashi, one of the volunteers at Manzanar, had to spend a night at the MP headquarters to elude mob attacks by pro-Japan elements.

After we joined the Army we were subjected to lengthy security checks. It was

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FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

Dissipating a Myth About the Language School in Minnesota

Permit me one more mention of the deep, dark, so-called secrecy surrounding the inspiring story of Nisei linguists in World War II, and I promise to say no more about it.

Several weeks ago I expressed surprise that despite evidence to the contrary, some individuals still contend that military secrecy kept the publicity lid on these Nisei until relatively recently, thus denying them well-deserved recognition.

Since the Nisei, schooled to translate captured Japanese documents and interrogate prisoners, were called America's secret weapon, it is understandable that the government would want to keep them under wraps during the war. But that wasn't the case. Even Kai E. Rasmussen, the colonel who helped organize the Military Intelligence Language School and served as its first commandant, was blabbing to the press.

The proof is in a clipping from the *Minneapolis Morning Tribune* which Mas Imon of Los Angeles found among his souvenirs. Imon arrived at Camp Savage, a short distance outside Minneapolis, a few days before the article appeared. The clipping is dated May 26, 1942, and the story was splashed across the front page of the local news section. The headline, spread over five columns, read: Army School at Savage

to Teach Jap Language.

"One of the most unique and important units of the Army began operations at the former Homeless Men's camp southwest of Savage, Minn.," the story said. "It is an intelligence department Japanese language school . . ."

After reading the newspaper it didn't take a wizard to figure out that the U.S. Army was preparing men who could handle the Japanese language for intelligence work in the Pacific war.

About this time Colonel Rasmussen was also making the rounds of assembly centers and WRA camps, where Japanese Americans were confined because of the government's alleged inability to tell the "loyal" from the "disloyal," making no secret of the fact he was interviewing candidates for the language school.

So much for the language school being a top military secret.

Just for fun I checked some books in my library for mention of Nisei linguists in military service. The MILS Album, published in 1946, says the Nisei "translated the entire Japanese battle plans for the naval battle of the Philippines. These plans were captured from the commander in chief of the Combined Japanese Fleets when the plane in which he was hurrying to join his fleet made a forced landing in the Philippines . . . Likewise, the complete

Japanese plans for the defense of the Philippine Islands also were made known through the work of the language specialists from the school long before our forces had landed on Leyte."

Other references: Col. Sidney F. Mashbir, commander of the Allied Translator and Interpreter Service, lauds Nisei linguists highly in his autobiography, "I was an American Spy."

Allan R. Bosworth in his book "America's Concentration Camps" published in 1967.

Dillon S. Myer in his book "Uprooted Americans," published in 1971.

John K. Emmerson in his book "The Japanese Thread," published in 1978. Emmerson was with Nisei in Burma and China and writes in considerable detail about their activities.

Forrest E. LaViolette in his book "The Canadian Japanese and World War II," published in 1948, discusses the role of Canadian Nisei in military service and mentions U.S. "intelligence groups of Nisei which served in the Pacific area."

John A. Rademaker in his book "These Are Americans," published in 1951, largely about Hawaii, has a long section about Nisei in military intelligence illustrated with Army Signal Corps photos.

There are more. Mercifully we have run out of space.

EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

U.S. Geographical Names Issei-Style



I'D KNOWN that the U.S.A. was referred to in Japanese as *Amerikagasshu-koku* (literally "uniting, multitude, country") but I could never discover how America was also referred to as *bei-koku*, literally "country of rice." True, we grow an awful lot of rice in Texas, Arkansas and California and since rice is a staple of the Japanese diet, perhaps the name conveys the thought of cornucopia. Perhaps. I finally checked it in my (limited) *jiten* to no avail. But in the course of meandering, I stumbled across a number of Japanese names for some of our cities and a few landmarks.

CALIFORNIA, now the most populous state in the Union, is simply known as *Ka-shū*, undoubtedly an abbreviation for *Kariforuniya-shū*. Two *kanji* characters are phonetically used: *ka* ("kuwa-eru" meaning to "increase") and *shū* ("province"). California, the "increasing province;" aptly named, as things turned out. *Rosuanzeresu* is shortened to *Ra-fu*, composed of *ra* ("thin silk") and *fu* ("urban province") as in *Kyoto-fu* and *Osaka-fu*. Combining *ra*

with other *kanji* characters and other western names or words are created: combine it with *ten* (*as in jiten*) and I'll leave it to you to determine what "ra-ten" means.* Or attach *uma* ("horse") which has a Chinese reading of "ma," in which instance *ra* takes on the sound of "ro" — so that it comes out "ro-ma" and your guess is probably right on target.**

The change in pronunciation should

have taken place in referring to the city of Angels so instead of "Ra-fu" it would be "Ro-fu" which phonetically is closer to the name of the Los Angeles. But the ethnic vernacular has taken care of all that with the name "Ro-su."

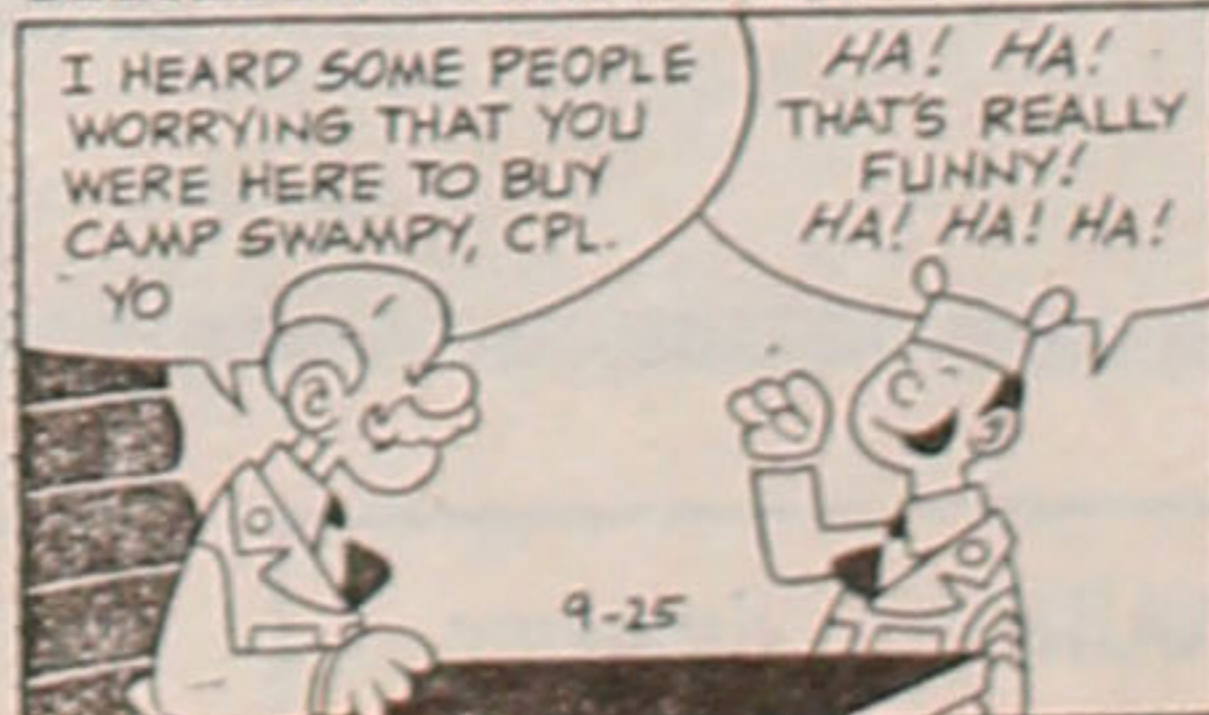
Oh, yes. "landmarks."

GOLDEN GATE is referred to as *kinmon-kaikyō* which literally means

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WINDOW IN WASHINGTON

PAUL IGASAKI

End-of-the-Session Blues

WASHINGTON
INDIAN Summer warmed Washington up. And even as the weather has begun to cool, no legislative arena remains hot. No doubt you've followed the tense negotiations between the White House and Congress as both parties work against the clock to avert a federal shutdown.

The date for Congressional adjournment keeps moving back, from Oct. 5 to Oct. 20 and now to Oct. 24, with rumors that it could be longer if there is no budget agreement. This is hard on Congresspeople who need to get back to run for reelection, but it is equally hard on lobbyists trying to advance their constituencies' interests in an environment of frenzied activity and closed-door negotiating sessions.

Much of the legislation that JACL has worked on in this session is up for final consideration in these, the final days of the 101st Congress. Complex issues and policies are being crushed together and compromises that have eluded parties for over a year are being forced to a head in the mad dash to the end of the session. One wonders whether this is a wise way to run a government.

While, as of this writing, much is not yet resolved, here is a summary on actions affecting JACL and other Asian Americans from our nation's capital.

Redress & the Budget

On Oct. 9, Attorney General Richard Thornburgh distributed the first redress payments to nine senior recipients in the great Hall of the U.S. Department of Justice. It was an historic moment and one, given the uncertainties of the budget crisis, that we were especially happy to see take place.

We have waited so long for this program to begin that it was hard to believe that it was really taking place. But I saw the White House letter with President Bush's apology and I saw the checks signed and prepared and presented to the nine recipients.

It was amazing to see and hear the eldest present, a minister (the Rev. Mamoru Eto), even give the invocation. He is 107 years old! Immediately following the event, eight local ceremonies, again focusing on the eldest recipients, were held beginning with Chicago and ending with Honolulu. At these events, Bob Bratt of ORA was joined by either Assistant Attorney General John Dunne or Deputy Assistant Attorney General Jim Turner.

There was uncertainty the weekend before the event due to the federal shutdown that took place after the President's veto of a continuing resolution and the failure of the initial budget deal. But Columbus Day provided sufficient time for an interim funding bill to be approved. While ORA was planning to move ahead in any case, it was fortunate that the crisis was temporarily averted both so that there would be federal employees on hand to organize the ceremony and because the negative publicity about our payments going out while federal workers were laid off and other programs shut down would not have helped.

Some 15,000 redress payments were sent out in the mail on the day following the ceremony. Many have already received their payments. Because of the budget uncertainty, however, the full 25,000 checks were and are not yet available.

It is still possible that a sequester under the Gramm-Rudman Deficit Reduction Act could occur. The way this law works is that if a budget is enacted that does not lower the deficit to levels specified in the Act, automatic and across-the-

board budget reductions kick in for all but specifically-exempted programs.

Redress was enacted after Gramm-Rudman and is thus not exempted. Cuts would be 32.4% for domestic programs and 35.3% in non-personnel defense programs. The 32.4% in redress funding would limit payments to some 16,900, according to the ORA. This would reach down to those whose birthdays were in 1917, the 73 year olds.

The 1,900 payments that have not yet been distributed are being held to cover senior recipients still being processed.

Because we are funded by entitlement, however, once there is a regular budget approved that does not activate the Gramm-Rudman reductions, the full \$500 million allocation will become available. Absent affirmative legislative action to eliminate redress, it becomes a part of any budget that is approved.

ORA informs us that current data indicates that the full 1990 payments to 25,000 recipients will reach down to those whose birthdays are June 30, 1920 or earlier.

ORA has worked expeditiously to get to where the program is now. As a former bureaucrat myself I am quite impressed with their work. It has been no small feat to find and process the number of recipients that they have reached to date and their efforts to get the checks out as quickly as possible knowing the community attrition rate reflects sensitivity and efficiency.

In any operation of this size there are glitches and I am sure that we can expect more. But considering what they are up against, ORA deserves a round of applause for what they have done so far.

The Civil Rights Act of 1990

The Civil Rights Act of 1990, landmark legislation designed to restore the rights of individuals suffering from employment discrimination taken away by a series of restrictive Supreme Court decisions, has passed the House and the Senate with substantial margins.

A new version, with seven additional weakening amendments designed to win over sufficient votes for a veto override or to dissuade President Bush from his threatened veto, was approved by the Conference Committee. (The bill was vetoed Oct. 21, and returned to the House.) With the addition of Hawaii Rep. Patsy Takemoto Mink to the 101st Congress, we came one vote closer to a veto override in the House in the vote to approve the Conference compromise.

We remained two votes shy of an override majority in the Senate. President Bush becomes only the third president in U.S. history to veto major, bipartisan civil rights legislation.

Some have speculated that the President is trying to appease the right wing by this hard line. What the bill would do is to provide some way to counter discriminatory rules or tests such as unnecessary height requirements that are designed to accomplish discriminatory ends through facially neutral means. Despite the high numbers in Congress for passing this bill (62 to 34 in the Senate and 273 to 154 in the House), chances for overcoming a Presidential veto now appear slim. So far, no compromises that would preserve the meat of this bill appear acceptable to the President. Maybe next year.

The President has clung to arguments that his bill would create "quotas" to justify his opposition. Members of his own Administration have worked with us to change his mind. There are no "quotas" in the bill. In fact, there have been provisions added that expressly state that the law cannot even be used to justify quota hiring.

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Immigration Reform

Legal Immigration reform remains a very hot topic in the final days of this Congress. H.R. 4300, a bill

with positive numbers for Asian Americans, passed the House Judiciary Committee and then the full House earlier this month. It goes to a Conference Committee to be reconciled with the much more restrictive Senate bill, commonly known as Kennedy/Simpson or S.358.

The problem appears to be Sen. Alan Simpson of Wyoming, a member of the Senate immigration subcommittee and a close ally of President Bush. Simpson has taken restricting immigration numbers as his personal cause. And he has threatened a filibuster on the appointment of conferees unless he can get a bill that is harsher on immigrants than either the House or Senate bill.

Substantial pressure on the White House by Asian groups and others has softened the President's initial opposition to the House version, which was a compromise for Asian American interests to begin with. Negotiations continue in an effort to obtain a bill that is satisfactory to all concerned. But with the clock ticking away, chances for a bill also are diminishing.

Votes earlier in this session demonstrate that the votes are there in the House and the Senate for a pro-family immigration bill. But Sen. Simpson's threats are especially powerful with the short amount of time to achieve a budget and all the other business of Congress.

JACL has long been an advocate for fairer immigration policies. In 1952 and 1965 we were the only Asian American group able to speak for fairer laws in Washington.

JACL is still one of only two Asian American advocacy groups with a Washington presence. We have worked closely with other Asian groups on the East and West coasts to lobby for fair laws.

We have met with White House representatives on numerous occasions, with many members of Congress including Senator Ted Kennedy and Rep. Howard Berman and with representatives of other groups such as the American Jewish Committee, U.S. Catholic Conference and the National Council of LaRaza to press Asian interests in this area.

Anti-immigrant groups, not unlike the English Only organizations, argue that there are too many Asians and Hispanics coming in and seek to harness nativist sentiments against especially new groups.

Justice David Souter

As a new member of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Executive Committee, I represented JACL interests on that body. While JACL was a founding member of LCCR back in the 1950s, we have not had a seat on the governing executive committee for some time. The committee sets issues to pursue and any member of it can veto LCCR involvement on an issue.

LCCR supported our redress bill as well as the Civil Rights Act of 1990. The first votes I have faced on the committee have related to the President's nomination of Judge David Souter to the Supreme Court.

While there is a startling lack of a judicial record to assess Judge Souter's positions, a few decisions as well as advice he gave as New Hampshire Attorney General raised questions about his position on abortion as well as suggested an insensitivity to minority civil rights concerns. But the same lack of a record provided little ammunition to those opposing his nomination. While I indicated our concern over the existing record, I did not vote for LCCR to oppose Souter's nomination.

There appeared very little chance that his nomination could be effectively challenged, there was very little evidence upon which to base opposition and it would take away vital lobbying resources that I felt should be devoted to the Civil Rights Act, immigration legislation and monitoring the redress process.

Given the strong position of women's organizations and the Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund, however, I did not exercise our veto power to block an eventual LCCR statement against Souter's nomination. Souter was confirmed with only a few votes in opposition.

Employer Sanctions

Civil rights groups concerned about the "widespread discrimination against Asian and Hispanics" found by the General Accounting Office to have been caused by the Employer Sanctions law have decided not to pursue a repeal bill in the 101st Congress.

Insufficient support for such a move indicates the need for more grassroots and national work to educate Congress and the community about the negative effects produced by this law.

Recently, the Department of Justice released a Task Force Report in response to the GAO findings. The report, which is based upon input gathered from civil rights groups including the JACL, calls for a number of stopgap measures which may help to some small degree but which are unlikely to have much impact on the job discrimination documented by the GAO. I testified for repeal before the Senate immigration subcommittee earlier in the session.

Vietnamese Fishermen

Working with the Asian Law Caucus, the ACLU and the Vietnamese Fishermen Association we have worked to reverse a law which has barred Vietnamese American permanent residents from fishing off the shores of California due to their lack of citizenship. The 200-year-old federal law is very similar to the California state law that JACL and others worked to overturn that was used against Issei fishermen.

In *Takahashi v. Calif. Fish & Game Commission* the state law was ruled unconstitutional. Rep. Norman Mineta has sponsored legislation, which JACL has helped shepherd through Congress that will provide relief to the Vietnamese fisherman, though the bill will sunset in ten years. Sen. Dan Inouye was helpful on the Senate side.

While not finalized as of this writing, prospects for passage appear quite good.

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JACL Legacy Fund Campaign Chair

October 9, 1990 becomes a red letter day in the history of Japanese Americans and the few surviving Issei pioneers who made America their home long ago. The United States Government offered its apology and the \$20,000 individual redress payment to nine elderly survivors of the tragic dislocation and incarceration of 1942. There were six who traveled to Washington in wheelchairs, representing the oldest survivors.

The Department of Justice and the Office of Redress Administration marked this event in the Great Hall of the U.S. Department of Justice as a celebration. The event which marked the first redress payment had the recipients waiting since 1988 when Redress became law. In the meantime, many of their peers passed away and, in some instances, their children died at younger ages without receiving the apology letter with the symbolic payment.

The emotional celebration brought forth tears of joy mixed with bittersweet feelings of sadness and regret for all the Issei who paid the major price. They were uprooted in the prime of their lives, many never to return to the point they attained through the years of struggle. The "don't give up" pioneers should have witnessed the victory for justice and fairness.

As I sat in the audience, certain letters I received from various individuals during my three-year stint in the Washington as the executive director for JACL-LEC came from the wellspring of memories connected with that period.

An Issei lady from Salinas wrote in Japanese saying she wanted to help with the redress effort. She apologized that she could only send \$20 because she was only scraping along. (She received her check this week.)

In another letter from an older Nisei, he said he is waiting for the bill to pass. He was ashamed that he had to place his father in a county home when he no longer could care for his father. After returning to the West Coast from camp, neither the he nor his father ever got back on their feet. (I wonder if this father was able to wait for his redress payment so that the father and son can do something special together.)

As the ceremony continued, I thought life has its unexpected turns. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, the White House cabinet level official, welcomed the audience. Those of us who lobbied for redress could not have agreed more with the Attorney General when he said, "Your efforts have strengthened the nation's Constitution by reaffirming the inalienability of our civil rights."

Americans of Japanese ancestry said the same words over and over as we lobbied legislators to support the redress bill. We wanted our fellow Americans to understand that redress was not a Japanese American issue but an American one.

The good fight for redress was based on our belief that the Constitution and the Bill of Rights were to apply to all Americans, not to a select few.

Not only have the representatives of our government and the many individuals who actively petitioned the government for redress speak the same language, but in the long process a more enduring goal was reached. Through the Commission on War-

time Relocation and Internment of Civilians, the Congressional hearings, the floor votes and debate recorded in the Congressional Record, newspaper and magazine articles and books, even movies, we have educated this nation about the events around Executive Order 9066 and the Japanese American experience.

Thornburgh added, "In forcing us to reexamine our history... all Americans are indebted to you."

Another irony was noted as Thornburgh closed his brief message with "I am not unmindful of the historic role this Department of Justice played in the internment. It is somehow entirely fitting that it is here where we celebrate redress."

I remember when we testified before the House Judiciary subcommittee with Chairman Barney Frank presiding, one of the major opposition against the legislation came from the Civil Rights Division. This person, at that time, was also speaking for the Administration.

The present head of the Civil Rights Division, Assistant Attorney General John R. Dunne who delivered the major address seems to be the kind of administrator who believes within himself about the public statements he makes. We could not find any contradiction in the role he has with his statements.

Dunne said that this Administration is committed "to protecting the fundamental principles of individual rights contained in the Constitution, in times of war as well as in times of peace."

He then discussed the harassment and violence against Americans of Arab ancestry today. The Department of Justice responded immediately on this matter rather than to ignore it.

Dunne also spoke of the "troubling phenomenon which the entire nation has been witnessing; a startling rise in the number of hate crimes..." He said, "We must work together toward a society protective of the constitutional rights of all of its people."

We agree totally. JACL joins in the concern of rising racism with violent acts against persons of Asian ancestry. This problem has now become JACL's highest priority issue.

To rid our society of bigotry is a goal yet to be achieved. With the same *gambatte* spirit we displayed during the ten years of commitment to redress, we can help eradicate anti-Asian violence. JACL has much unfinished business which should be everyone's business.

The inspiration to take the "Story of the Japanese American Experience" wherever asked and to find strength on many discouraging days in Washington I would turn to the words of Justice Charles Evans Hughes of the Supreme Court:

"You may think that the Constitution is your security—it is nothing but a piece of paper. You may think that the statutes are your security—they are nothing but words in a book. You may think that elaborate mechanism of government is your security—it is nothing at all, unless you have sound and uncorrupted public opinion to give life to your Constitution, to give vitality to your statutes, to make efficient your government machinery."

Through the work of JACL, a membership driven organization, we have the opportunity to work with all those organizations of like mind. These are the same organizations who came to our support with redress. We have a long history of 60 years as a civil and human rights organization, with an established network of 114 chapters. We can add our voice to the growing chorus of voices for "sound and uncorrupted public opinion."

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NISEI VETERANS—Leading in the Pledge of Allegiance opening the presentation ceremonies were Washington, D.C. JACLers (from left) Key Kobayashi, MIS; Ben Obata, MIS; Joe Ichiuji, 522nd Field Artillery; and Toro Hirose, 442nd Anti-Tank Co.

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evident that we were not trusted. There was a secret standing order overseas that any Nisei GI crossing over the front line to defect to the enemy Japanese would be summarily shot. No Nisei would have committed such an act, nevertheless that was the Army's policy.

Young Yonsei and Sansei readers must wonder what made the Nisei fight for America under these circumstances. There were several hundred Nisei, mostly with a pro-Japan leaning, who refused to serve when the draft system was reinstated for Nisei. They and their followers even today argue that Mike Masaoka and the wartime JACL sanctioned the mass slaughter of Japanese Americans by advocating the formation of the Nisei combat unit. They insist that we shouldn't have fought as we did when our constitutional rights were violated. Now that the U.S. government admitted its error and has made an official apology, they contend that the JACL should make an apology likewise for sacrificing Japanese American lives.

Many Sansei, particularly college graduates, are rallying behind this movement. Some JACL leaders and veterans are also joining in the retrospective condemnation. The whole issue is on the agenda at the forthcoming national convention at San Diego.

We Nisei veterans shed blood for America under adverse and dishonored circumstances but won for ourselves the following: high esteem from our countrymen, full-fledged citizenship, naturalization rights for Issei, Hawaii Statehood, outlawing of future concentration camps and finally passage of the redress legislation.

Had the opposition prevailed, where would we be today? Undoubtedly we would be scorned as a racial group with dubious loyalty who provided comfort to the enemy. Racial violence against us might be a common happening.

JAMES ODA
Northridge, Calif.

Anti-Asian Fliers Surface in Houston's Black Areas

HOUSTON — Anti-Asian Sentiment, sparked by the proliferation of Asian-owned businesses, is emerging in Houston's black communities in recent days.

One flier reading "Boycott—Stop The Asian Invasions" circulating through Acres Home, a predominantly black community 10 miles northwest of downtown Houston.

The anonymous flier ends with the question, "Will the Asians become our new slave masters?"

Other concerns are voiced by a black community newspaper editorial, which states: we as minorities, both black and Hispanic, know how it feels to see our business go under while Asian businesses thrive . . . How can you fight the so-called enemy when you bring him home with you and put him in business?"

UYEHARA

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That is why I feel a strong need for the establishment of the JACL Legacy Fund. JACL has the experience and the ability to influence public opinion because we are an established national organization. With a strong endowment fund, the Program for Action in the human and civil rights arena will have the much needed financial support to expand and to develop stronger coalitions.

Our legacy for the future is to see that all men and women are free to live in a harmonious society.

The Issei gave us the opportunity for our generation to get to where we are today, accomplishing so much living within an hostile environment. Their example and courage to make changes where we can is another legacy—a very worthwhile one.

I am thankful for the opportunity to witness on October 9, 1990, the strength and dignity of the Issei who made the long and tiring trip to Washington. We will not forget these people, nor what was taught us about responsibility and completing the tasks we have started. That is the legacy we pass on from one generation to the next.

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headon with issues which adversely impact all Americans."

In commenting on her motivations the Hawaiian-born UCLA graduate stated, "As a newcomer to JACL, I look forward to working on a variety of issues on behalf of the community and with diverse groups. For me, inspiration isn't hard to find. In working with different Nikkei communities, I have found many unsung 'heroes and heroines,' those who are always willing to give of themselves, to give something back to their communities."

"Joy is a valuable addition to our staff," indicated National Director Bill Yoshino. "Joy possesses many skills that will be valuable to the organization. She understands our priorities in moving the organization forward on issues and service to our members. We look forward to the contributions Joy will make and the manner in which she will work closely with our membership in Northern California."

Morimoto's duties as *Asian Week* included reporting on the activities of the Asian American community in the Bay Area.

EAST WIND

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"golden gate straits" or "channel." *Kin* ("gold") and *mon* ("gate") as in "Rashomon"). As for *kaikyō* it is used as in *Jiburaruru-kaikyō* as well as *Igirisu-kaikyō*. As for the "City by the Sea" itself, it is written in Japanese with two ideograms with Chinese reading of *sō-kō*, the *kō* having a Japanese reading of "minato" ("harbor"). The first ideogram, *sō* is "kuwa" in Japanese, meaning—now, get this—"mulberry." About a century or so ago, wasn't there something called Wakamatsu Colony not too far away where some daring Japanese settlers attempted to initiate a silkworm culture? Was the Japanese designation for the close large port as "mulberry" simply a coincidence?

My *jiten* gave no clue.

CALENDAR

FRESNO

Oct. 29—Special reception honors Congressman Robert Matsui, 5 - 8 p.m. Yoshino's Restaurant, 8228 No. Blackstone Ave. (corner Escalon Av) Cost \$250 couple, \$125 single. Make checks payable to Matsui for Congress Comm. I.D. No. 073571. Fed. laws prohibit corporate checks being accepted. Call Dr. Tim Baker for further information (209) 485-1850.

LOS ANGELES AREA

Present-Jan. 23—UCLA Extension classes on bonsai, ikebana. Japanese Language Institute of Sawtelle, 2110 Corinth Ave., West L.A. Info: (213) 825-8241.

Weekends through Oct. 28—Cold Tofu's "Tofu On the Rampage," satire and political sketches. L.A. Theater Center, 514 S. Spring St.; Fri 8 p.m., Sat & Sun 2 and 8 p.m., Info: (213) 661-9355.

Oct. 26-27—Redress and its meaning to our community will be theme of biennial convocation of the United Methodist Church to be held at Centenary Methodist Church in Little Tokyo. Call Haru Tamura (818) 884-1126.

Oct. 27-28—Annual East West Orchid Show, New Otani Hotel, 120 So. L.A. St., Lil' Tokyo. Info: (213) 937-0708.

Oct. 27—Pasadena Symphony opens 63rd season at Pasadena Civic Auditorium, violin concert featuring Kyoko Takezawa. Info: (213) 655-8926.

Oct. 27—Little Tokyo Health Fair. Wide variety of screening services for dental, vision, hearing, podiatry, blood pressure, free flu shots. Info: (213) 680-3729.

Nov. 1—USC Asn Pacific American Support Group award reception, 5:30-7:30 p.m., for new director Jeff Murakami, Religious Center Courtyard on campus; Info APASS: (213) 743-4999.

Nov. 3—Annual Friends of Little Tokyo Branch Library auction luncheon, \$10. Donation of food, auction items accepted. Info: (213) 625-6971 or (818) 363-5198.

Nov. 4-24—Calligraphy exhibit, sponsored by Beikoku Shodo Kemkyukai, at George J. Doizaki Gallery, 244 So. San Pedro St., L.A.

Nov. 7—Orange County Redress Workshop, sponsored by JACL-Selano and Orange County chapters, at Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, 13711 Fairview Ave., Garden Grove, 7 p.m. Robert Bratt, Executive Dir., Office of Redress Adm. featured speaker. Info: Ken Inouye (714) 968-0934, Frank Kawase 525-977 (w), Ruth Mizobe 529-8360.

Nov. 17—Visual Communications' 20th Anniversary Celebration, Japan America Theatre; "Hiroshima" and visual displays designed by local media artists.

Dec. 2—Radio Li'l Tokyo will be celebrating its 38th anniversary at 12:00 noon at the New Won Kok restaurant at 2411 No. Broadway. Further info; write Radio Li'l Tokyo, 320 E 2nd St., Suite 313, LA 90012. Karaoke contest to be held after the luncheon.

Dec. 22—Orange County Sansei Singles Christmas Dance, Holiday Inn. Info: Joy Murosako (213) 473-8908.

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.

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Nov. 17-18—Tacoma Buddhist Temple 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Dec. 9—Puyallup Valley JACL Chapter Mochi tsuki.

SACRAMENTO

Nov. 24—First Nikkei Black Tie Dinner Dance at Hyatt Regency, 6:30-12 a.m. Info: (916) 635-2815.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Present-Oct. 28—Asian American Film & Video Festival at A-M-C Kabuki Theatre. Info: (415) 922-8700.

Nov. 4—Nisei Widowed Group meeting from 2-4 at the home of Mr./Mrs Tom Sugihara. Info: Elsie Uyeda Chung (SF) 221-0268, Yuri Moriwaki (EB) 482-3280.

SAN LORENZO, CALIF.

Nov. 17, Italian Nite. Contact Don Akiyama other events (415) 317-9551.

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Present-Nov. 4—"Eternal Laughter: A 60 Year Retrospective by George Tsutakawa." Bellevue Art Museum, Bellevue Square, Museum hours. Adm: \$3 gen, \$2 sr/students. Info: (206) 454-6021.

Present-Nov. 6—John Takehara ceramics and an exhibit of Northwest printmakers including George Tsutakawa, Carolyn Staley Fine Prints, 313 First Ave. S., Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Info: (206) 621-1888.

Present to Nov. 11 "The Wash," Phillip Kan Gotanda's movie turned back into a play, Thurs.-Sat. after premiere, 8 p.m., Sun. matinees 2 p.m., Northwest Asian American Theatre, 409 7th Ave. S. Admission: \$12, \$9 seniors/students, group rates for 10 or more. Info: (206) 340-1445.

Present-Nov. 18—"The Art of Northwest Nikkei," second installation, art work by contributors to the Northwest Nikkei newspaper, Panko's Restaurant, 4850 Green Lake Way N., restaurant hours. Info: (206) 623-0100.

Present-Jan. 13—Works by Japanese Zen painters from Edo Period through 20th century, Seattle Art Museum, Volunteer Park. Info: (206) 625-8900.

WEST LOS ANGELES

Oct. 30—An Eyewitness Report: The Alberto Fujimori Presidency in Peru. Harry Honda, Senior Editor, Pacific Citizen, talks about his trip to Latin America and inauguration of Alberto Fujimori as President of Peru. Free to public, 7:30 p.m., WLA Buddhist Church, Corinth and La Grange. Sponsored by WLA JACL and Amerasia Journal. Info: Glenn Omatsu, (213) 825-3415.

Dec. 2—West L.A. JACL Installation Luncheon. Dick Osumi, Legal Staff, Dept. of Fair Employment & Housing, VP Japanese American Bar Assn. speaks on "The Glass Ceiling"? Promotion discrimination and Asian Americans. Holiday Inn, Bay View Plaza, Santa Monica, Luncheon tickets: \$18. Call Charles Inatomi (213) 822-3363.

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8. Encouraged the opening of immigration quotas for Asians.
9. Redress passed (1988).
- 10—Continuing public awareness of Japanese American civil an human rights.

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REDRESS CHECKS

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son helped ignite the reparations movement in 1972, described the hardship suffered by internees. "For me, it's far from a time of rejoicing. As a teenager in Los Angeles, I was branded an enemy alien by the faculty and forced to drop out of my senior year." At the same time, his father was arrested by the FBI, while Ernie volunteered for the U.S. Army and spent three years on the battlefields of Europe.

"No amount of government apology can erase the memory of my homecoming," he continued. "I met my parents behind barbed wire." Here he broke down and wept.

The Justice Department volunteer plaques were presented to:

Earl Nishimura, Franklin Odo, Ernest Uno, Roland Kotani (posthumous), Paul Yempuku, Arnold Hiura and William Kaneko.

OBITUARIES

Ellen W Franzen, 79, Helped Evacuees
PHILADELPHIA—A native of Hastings, Neb., and longtime Philadelphia JACL member, she helped run the hostel in Cleveland, Ohio, during WWII for Japanese coming out of camp, helping them to find jobs and housing. She passed away Sept. 11 at the Cadbury Health Center, Cherry Hill, N.J.; contributions in her memory may be made to the Philadelphia JACL (attn: Roy Kita, 2310 Lakeview Dr., Yardley, PA 19067.)

Teiko Maruyama, 88, Fujinkai Pioneer
SAPPORO, Hokkaido—Decorated by the Emperor of Japan in 1988 during the 90th anniversary celebration of Japanese immigration to Peru, the Kyoto-born pioneer taught Nihongo before the war in Peru, and after WWII was the first president of Japanese Peruvian Fujinkai in Lima. She passed away Oct. 19 in Hokkaido.

Hamamoto, Haruo, 74, San Gabriel, Sept. 20; Marysville-born WWII veteran, survived by w Masako, s Tadashi (Oceanside), Masaharu, d Ann H Arico (Oceanside), 3gc, br Fumio Takade, sis Tomoe Morimoto.

Hatakeyama, Chisato, 69, Monterey Park, Oct. 10; Torrance-born, survived by w Misao, d Grace Fujioka, 3gc, br Keizo, Fumio, Isao, in-law sis Mieko Iwamoto.

Hayashida, Kimiye, 75, Gardena, Oct. 11; San Francisco-born, survived by s Robert, Alan, d Yoshiko Hamada (San Bernardino), Maimie Mizukami (Sacramento), Ruth Toyoko Castellano, Cathy Wullschlegler, 13gc, 2ggc, m Tome Sawada (Jpn), in-law br Yoshisaburo Hayashida.

Hirai, Toyoko, 64, Chicago, Sept. 24; Hironaka, Isamu, 73, Sacramento, Oct. 1; Clarksburg-born, survived by w Michiko, s Bruce, John, d Marion Cowee, Audrey Toy, 6gc, br Masayuki, Shigemi, Shuji Fujinaka, Saburo (all Jpn).

Honda, Fujino, 86, Watsonville, Sept. 28; Kagoshima-born, survived by s Sunao, d Mary Kido, Haruyo Ishibashi, Tamiyo Mano, sis Kikue Nagai (Japan), gcn.

Hotta, Hideo, 89, Reedley, Sept. 29/ Hiroshima-born, survived by s Tom, Roy, d June and Michiko.

Horiuchi, Katsuo, 69, Los Angeles, Oct. 2; Los Angeles-born, survived by m Moriyu, br George, Katsuhiko, Katsuhide, sis Hanako Nakamoto, Katsuiye Tsuneishi, Suyeko Yusa, in-law br Isamu Kanashiro.

Horiuchi, Seiji H, 82, Los Angeles, Sept. 28; Japan-born U.S. naturalized citizen, survived by w Shizuyo, s Dr Haryard, d Sharlene Ono, Elaine Ishida, 6gc, br Tadaichi (Selma), sis Yoshiye Fujino (Walnut Creek), in-law sis Mieko Kubota (Fresno).

THE NEWSMAKERS



NOBU MCCARTHY

► CSU-Los Angeles' Asian Support Group honored actress **Nobu McCarthy** at its second annual Awards of Excellence dinner Oct. 9 in Little Tokyo. Currently artistic director at East-West Players, she has taught at CSU-LA, was artistic director at its Asian American Theater Arts Project and been acting in films, television and stage for 30 years. Her screen credits include *The Wash*, *Farewell to Manzanar*, on the stage in David Henry Wang's *As the Crow Flies* which earned the Dramalogue Award, and numerous roles on television.

► **Peggy Nagae Lum** of Seattle was named president of the Asian Bar Association of Washington.

► **Tsuguo "Ike" Ikeda**, the first Japanese American to administer a social service agency in King County, Seattle, received the David Skinner Community Service Award at a recent United Way kickoff function. Ikeda was executive director of the Atlantic Street Center for 33 years and retired in 1986. As a consultant, he continues to counsel and give leadership to individuals and groups providing health and human services.

► **Cory-Jeanne Houck-Murakami** was selected for the cover of the *New Perspec-*

tives Quarterly 1990 Summer/Fall Issue. The Ballerina was featured in her costume from Act I, "Issei," from the Ballet Theatre's original ballet, "Winter War." She recently choreographed and danced for Blair Murphy's new feature film, "The Light of Darkness" . . . Miss Murakami will perform the principal roles for Pacific American Ballet Theatre's "The Nutcracker," to be presented from Thanksgiving through Dec. 16. Gardena's Peary Jr. High School Auditorium on Thanksgiving weekend; Riverside Sherman Indian High School, Dec. 1 & 2; Oceanside and Ventura Dec. 8 & 9; and Santa Clarita with the Inland Symphony Dec. 15 and 16.

► **Marcia Choo** has been named the program director of the Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center of Los Angeles at 1010 So. Flower St., Suite 301, Los Angeles, Calif., as of Sept. 1. The center offers mediators who are bilingual and have been trained to be culturally sensitive to the immigrant clients. Choo, a Korean American, has background in public relations and marketing. She worked for the Imada Wong Park & Benoit-Marketing Communications Group and the Imada Schulte Group, where she received experience in public relations, marketing, public affairs consulting and fundraising.

► **Chris Warren** of Dallas is the Japan Cup pro bowling champion, beating out fellow American Dave Husted of Milwaukie, Ore., 226-163, in the final round held in Tokyo. Warren, 27, the ABC masters titlist this year, was accompanied by his mother, Mary, who was born and raised in Japan but had not been back since marrying and moving to the U.S. to raise her family.

► **Jeff Murakami**, recently appointed director at USC's Asian Pacific American Support Group, will be welcomed at a Nov. 1 reception at the USC Religious Center Courtyard. The group is raising a \$1-million for scholarship endowment to assist APA students at USC. Designated scholarships are set up in the names of M/M George Aratani, Soichi Fukui, M/M Edna and Yu-Shan Han, Carl Tamaki and Mary Shon.

WATSONVILLE JACLER: WILLIE YAHIRO

First Area Nikkei Candidate Bidding for Seat on Pajaro Valley School Board

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — William J. "Willie" Yahiro is the first Japanese American to run for public office in the City of Watsonville as candidate for the Board of Trustees of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District.

Willie is 49 years of age and a product of local schools, a member of the 1959 graduating class of Watsonville High School and in the first class at Cabrillo Community College.

He graduated from Fresno State College with a major in physical education and a general secondary teaching credential.

He began his teaching career at the Elkhorn Elementary School in north Monterey County (1963-65). Returning to Watsonville High, Willie taught physical education, driver's training and was a highly successful football, baseball, and wrestling coach.

Yahiro left teaching in 1978 to venture into the insurance business. As a member of the Watsonville JACL, he has served the local chapter administrator of the JACL Health Trust (Blue Cross), member of the chapter board



WILLIE YAHIRO

and youth activities director.

In 1988 Willie was the prime organizer and chairman of the first "Grad Nite" celebration for the graduating seniors at Watsonville High School. His ability to bring together people of all walks of life and different ethnic backgrounds made for an overwhelmingly successful event.

Married to the former Joanne Yamaguchi, also of Watsonville, they have two children: Jeff is in his third year at Long Beach State, and Joy is beginning her freshman year at UC Irvine. Contributions may be sent to:

The Committee to Elect William Yahiro, Trustee, (ID 902148), c/o Mas Hashimoto, Treasurer, 578 Vivienne Dr., Watsonville, CA 95078.

► **Hiroko Yamazaki**, an Osaka-born Columbia/UCLA graduate and filmmaker, has returned to Japan after 10 years in America with a prize-winning 30-minute black & white film, "Juxta," which she had written and produced while at UCLA. About a girl whose mother was a Japanese war bride married a *hakujin* GI, it won the best short film prize at the 1989 International Women in Film Festival at Los Angeles. She is working on two films: pollution of the ocean, and about a Japanese who offered shelter to Americans deserting the U.S. armed forces during the Vietnam War.

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