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PATRICIA SAIKI



**ELAINE CHAO** 

# Redress roles

Patricia Saiki and Elaine Chao are instrumental in many White House policies regarding Asian Americans—most recently the \$250 budget request for redress payment.

Special to the Pacific Citizen

WASHINGTON—Bush administration insiders give two Asian American women a large part of the credit for heightening White House concerns about Asian American issues, the latest being the \$250 million budget request for redress payments.

The two are Patricia Saiki, director of the Small Business Administration (SBA) and former Congresswoman from Hawaii, and Taiwan-born Elaine L. Chao, director of the Peace Corps. Chao is former chairwoman of the Federal Maritime Commission and former deputy secretary of the Department of Transportation.

In preparing its budget the Justice Department, responsible for the redress program, consulted Saiki. She confirmed that estimates of the number of surviving evacuees had been too low and as a matter of simple justice money was needed to complete redress

payments as quickly as possible. Despite heavy pressure to reduce government spending, the full request of \$250 million for redress payments was included in the \$1.5 trillion budget presented to Congress for the next fiscal year.

However, inclusion of an item in any administration's budget is only the first step toward an appropriation. Congress has the final word on what funds will be provided and observers are uncertain about the fate of the redress request.

Saiki is consulted regularly by the White House staff on Asian American matters. Last December she was in the presidential party with Bush on his Air Force One flight to the Pearl Harbor memorial ceremonies. Asked to review Bush's speeches before they were delivered in Hawaii, she was able to correct some unintended discrepancies.

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# DAYOFREMEMBRANCE

For the Japanese American community, 1992 marks the 50th anniversary of Executive Order 9066 that forced the relocation and internment of more than 120,000 Japanese Americans into camps across the country. To commemorate that event and the internment experience, JACL and other organizations have scheduled a variety of events, exhibits, symposia, entertainment, and other activities throughout the year. Pacific Citizen provides this partial calendar of the many Nikkei and non-Nikkei organizations sponsoring the various Day of Remembrance (DOR) programs.

Through Saturday, Feb.15

SANFRANCISCO—"Images Behind Barbed Wire" (camp art exhibit), JCCCNC, 1840 Sutter St. (415) 567-5505.

Monday, Feb. 10-Friday, Feb.21 SAN FRANCISCO—"Children of

Detention Camps 1942-46" (exhibit), City Hall. National Japanese American Historical Society, (415) 431-5007.

Friday, Feb. 14-Sunday, Feb.16 LA MIRADA, Calif.—42nd Annual Nisei VFW Reunion - DOR Program-Exhibit, Gateway Plaza Holiday Inn; Vince Okamoto, Saturday dinner speaker, (714) 457-3688, 992-5461.

ONTARIO, Ore.—Snake River Valley DOR display and cultural events, E.O. 9066, West Park Plaza, (503) 889-6493...

Saturday, Feb. 15

LOS ANGELES-Japanese American Internment D.o.R. program, Japan America Theatre: 10 a.m.-Interfaith Program, 11:30 a.m., NCRR Retrospective; 8 p.m., Cultural Tribute: Night of Remembrance, (musicians, artists, dancers, DOR Band) \$20 orchestra,

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HISTORY—Among the many events commemorating the internment experience will be the film 'Manzanar,' scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 16, and Saturday, Feb. 22, in Los Angeles.

## JACL nominations for offices open

SAN FRANCISCO-Looking ahead to Denver and its national convention, the JACL announced opening of nominations for national office positions.

Nominations are being accepted for the following elected positions: national president; vice president, general operations; vice president, public affairs; vice president, planning and development; vice president, membership services/1000 Club; and secretary/ treasurer. The national youth chair and national youth representative, elected by the National Youth Council at each biennial convention, also serve as national officers.

Elections will be held during the JACL national convention, scheduled Aug. 3-8, 1992, in Denver. Candidates for national office must attend the JACL national convention.

Official nomination forms and campaign guidelines are available through the national JACL headquarters. Forms must be completed and postmarked no later than May 1, 1992, and submitted to: Nominations Committee, c/o National JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA. 94115-3297.

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# 'Buy America' controversy hits San Francisco

SANFRANCISCO—AsinLos cars. Angeles, the "buy American" fervor has caught up with San Francisco's Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) rail system.

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, BART officials have to decide whether to favor the American company Morrison Knudsen over Japanese bidders. Morrison Knudsen was the only American bidder in the Los Angeles Transportation Commission's controversial decision to cancel the contract with Sumitomo Corp. of America to provide driverless

However, unlike in Los Angeles, because the BART cars will

be partially funded with federal money, 55 to 60 percent of each car has to be American-made, according to Richard White, BART deputy general manager.

BART wants to initially order 50 cars at a cost of more than \$2 million with an option to buy 200 more.

BART Director Michael Bernick said, "I am getting the same reaction from my constituents and labor leaders in San Francisco. They want to know

why we can't find an American firm." Bernick added that despite growing pressure to contract with an American company, BART's obligations are 'to get the best deal for the public, and this means the best rail cars in terms of reliability, safety, and price."

In March, the members of the BART board are expected to approve a company following secret bidding and based on recommendations by BART staff.

The two BART bidders from Japan are Kinki Shayro/Citoh and Kawasaki/Mitsui.

## Murders started out as military game, teen says

PHOENIX—The brutal slayings of nine people Aug. 10, 1991, at the Wat Promkunaram temple started as a game of military strategy, according to statements made to police by a 17-year-old charged with nine counts of first degree murder.

According to the Phoenix Gazette, the teen-ager, along with three other youths, went to the temple to try to breach the sensor security system. But robbery became a motive as the group,

clothed in paramilitary gear, rounded up the monks and ransacked the living quarters. The incident turned violent after one of the intruders was recognized by novice monk, Matthew Miller.

"It was supposed to be a joke... that went downhill," the teen reportedly told Maricopa County police during questioning into his

involvement. Court hearings began Jan. 27 to determine if the 17-year-old was to stand trial for the murders. Defense attorney Peter Balkan claims that the teen was coerced and given promises of confidentiality during interrogation.

A second youth, who is 16-yearsold, awaits determination whether he will stand trial on the charges. His hearing begins Feb. 25.

Earlier, the charges against four men arrested in the case were dismissed because of insufficient evidence. A number of them filed suits claiming that their confessions were coerced by the police.

# Study: Few tor minorities

Minorities, including Asians, are nearly invisible on television.

That's the conclusion of the Media Image Coalition of Minorities and Women (MIC) in its study evaluating the portrayal of minorities during one week of the current prime time network television season.

The MIC study, conducted the week of Oct. 28 through Nov. 3, found that Asians, Latinos, Arab Americans, Native Americans, people with physical and mental disabilities, gays and lesbians were extremely under-represented in TV programming.

At a scheduled announcement of the findings Feb. 7, MIC called on network executives and television producers to develop programs that better reflect the diversity of people who make up the American scene today.

The MIC is a coalition of professional media organizations, unions, civil rights groups, academicians and concerned individuals formed in association with the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations.

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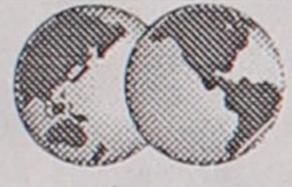
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## Calendar

## Colorado

#### Denver

Aug. 3-8, 1992—JACL's 32nd Biennial National Convention, "JACL: Solid as the Rockies," Denver. Information: 303/ 892-6003. San Francisco area

## Brighton

Feb. 1-Mar. 31—"Kenjiro Nomura: An Artist's View of the Japanese American Internment," will be at the Adams County Historical Society in Brighton. Catalog available. Information: Patricia Erger 303/659-7103.

## Utah

## Salt Lake City

Saturday, March 21, annual meeting of the National JACL Credit Union, 999 South Main, Salt Lake City, 6 p.m., cocktails, dinner, 6:30 p.m. Business meeting and elections. Tickets: \$10, advanced reservations, members; \$12, nonmembers; \$15 at the door. Information:801/355-8040;800/ 544-8828.

## Arizona

## Phoenix

Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 22-23-MATSURI-A Festival of Japan, Heritage Square, 11 am-4:30 pm, 7th St. and Monroe. Arts and crafts, food and performances. Free admission. Information: 602-534-3751.

Friday-Saturday, May 15-17, 53rd Infantry Association's 32nd annual reunion, Safari Resort, Scottsdale, Information: Joe Allman, 602/942-2832.

## California

## San Francisco Area

Tuesday, Feb. 14—Yu-Ai Kai's Nikkei Forum, 7:30 p.m., at Yu-Ai Kai 565 N. 5th St., San Jose, 95112. Forum will focus on memory loss. Information: 408/294-2505.

Sunday, Feb. 16—Peninsula Widowed Group meeting; speaker: Noell Kubota on "Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care; 2 p.m., San Mateo JACL Community Center, 415 South Claremont St., San Mateo. Information: 415/343-2793.

Saturday, Feb. 29—Crab and Spaghetti feast, Sequoia Chapter, JACL, 5 to 8 p.m., Palo Alto Buddhist Hall Gym, 2751 Louis Road, Pal Alto. Donation: \$15. Information: Tats Hori, 415/948-6575; Al Nakai, 415/322-6125; Aki Yamamoto, 415/ 965-0671.

Sunday, Mar. 1-The Nisei Widowed Group will hold its monthly meeting 2-4 pm. New members welcome. Information: Elsie Uyeda Chung (S.F.) 415/221-0268 or Yuri Moriwaki (E.B.) 510/482-3280.

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 4-6—All Topaz 50th Reunion, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Burlingame. Cost: \$100, \$115 for reservations after May 15. Information: Tomi Gyotoku, 826 38th Ave., San Francisco 94121.

Saturday, Feb. 15-Day of Remembrance, sponsored by National Coalition for Redress/ Reparations, 2-4 p.m., Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco. Speakers: Rep. Norm Mineta, ORA official; entertainment, exhibits. Information: 415/922-1534.

### San Jose

Sat.-Sun., Feb. 29-Mar. 1-West Valley JACL young group, "The Next Generation" is hosting a coed volleyball tournament at San Jose State University. Tournament is a benefit-fundraiser for the West Valley JACL Seniors Club. Cost: \$100 per team. JACL teams will have priority if registration received by Feb. 8. Tournament welcomes those with limited volleyball experience. Prizes awarded. Information: Mike Yoshida day: 415/ 691-6479, eve: 408/296-3211.

#### Fresno

Wednesday, Feb. 19-Dedication of California State Historical Landmark, Fresno District Fairgrounds. Landmark commemorates Fresno Assembly Center. Program and speakers. Information: Dale Ikeda, 209/226-6484, or Mas Masumoto, 209/834-

July 31-Aug. 2, 1992-50th Anniversary Canal Camp Reunion, Fresno, Calif. Information: James Yamamoto: 2253 S. Temperance, Fresno. 93725, 209/264-7924 or Yo Misaki, 8128 S. Bethel, Selma, Ca. 93662, 209/896-2605.

## Los Angeles

Sunday, Feb. 9-The Nikkei Widowed Group is having their annual Valentine Luncheon from 1:30 pm. at the JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 4B. Pot luck to be prepared by the men. New members welcome! Information: Jim Oka 213/ 327-8684 or Geri Oda 213/327-2280.

Saturday, Feb. 15—A candlelight memorial tribute to those incarcerated and those who passed away in camp will be held from 5 pm. to 6 pm. at JACCC Plaza. Ceremony will include a procession through Little Tokyo.

Monday, Feb. 10—The Japanese American Republicans is holding a general membership meeting with guest speaker Judge

Rafael Galceran at the NBC Seafood Restaurant 404-A S. Atlantic Blvd. in Monterey Park. Information: Alvin Kusumoto 310/ 428-5369 evening, Kay Higashi 818/ 337-5707, Norma Tazoi 714/532-2635.

Saturday, Feb. 22-Marina JACL is having a garage sale 6141 W. 76th St. L.A. in Westchester, 7 a.m.—2 p.m. Information: Alice Mito 310/324-0582.

Thursday, Feb. 27—The Asian Business League of Southern California will be holding its Winter Open House, 6:30 p.m., City Club on Bunker Hill, 333 S. Grand Ave., . Ste. 5450, Wells Fargo Center, Los Angeles 90071. Admission \$6 members, \$10 non-members. Information: Naomi Kuromoto 213/ 626-5837 or Bridget Chi 213/380-

Saturday, Feb. 29—Installation dinner, Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California, 6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, Torrance Gateway. Reservations: 310/326-0608.

Thursday, March 5-Marina JACL general meeting and potluck, 7:30 p.m., Burton Chace Park, • Marina Del Rey. Guest speaker: Isaac Hirano, "Investment Vehicles." Information: Alice Mito 310/324-0582.

Saturday, March 14—Improving planning and funding skills workshop for new and developingAsian non-profit organizations, sponsored by The Gast Company and the Asian . Pacific Planning Council, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; \$10 per person, including lunch, American Red Cross, 2700 WilshireBlvd, Information: 213/680-9956.

Sunday, March 29-E. San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center presents its 4th annual Spring Fling benefit dance, 7:30 p.m., E. San Gabriel Valley . Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina. Door prizes. Donation: \$10. Information: 818/960-2566 between 9 a.m.-noon Tues.-Fri. for table reservations (10 or more).

2nd and 4th Fridays, Every Month—The Legal Aid Foundation's legal clinic, Little Tokyo Service Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Suite 411, 4 to 6 p.m. Japanese language services available. Information: 213/680-3729.

### Orange County

Saturday, March 28, So-Phil of Orange County annual fashion show luncheon, Anaheim Hilton and Towers. Charity event features fashion consultant Lois O'Hern. Tickets: Arlene Ito, 714/531-2868.

## Sacramento

Saturday, Feb. 22-9th Annual Crab Feed, 7235 Pritchard Road, Florin Y.B.A. Hall \$20 per person, cocktails, 5 pm. Information: 916/ 383-1831.

## ROLES

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In his speech at the Arizona Memorial, Bush said he felt remorseful for those in America who were interned by their own country because of their Japanese ancestry and apologized for "the great injustice" done them.

However, Saiki credits Grant Ujifusa, Sansei senior editor at the Reader's Digest, for persuading Bush's speech writers to include recognition of Nisei in the U.S. military intelligence in the president's Punch Bowl National Cemetery speech.

Saiki's service in Congress also gives her access to decision-makers on the Hill. She is consulted regularly on Asian community affairs in the Domestic Policy

Council. In addition, administration leaders know that Saiki as director of the Small Business Administration is a conduit between the government and Asian American businessmen.

Chao is considered one of Washington's more remarkable women. She came to the United States at age 8, earned degrees from Mt. Holyoke College and Harvard Business School and was named a White House Fellow in 1983. She worked for Citicorp in New York and Bankamerica in San Francisco. In 1986 she was asked to return to Washington to serve as a financial troubleshooter in the Maritime Commission and her skills quickly became evident. She was named one of 10 Outstanding Women of America in

Her presence in the Bush ad-

ministration, Chao says, heightens the government's sensitivity to Asian American concerns. "I try to help behind the scenes on these issues," she told an interviewer. "I'm very much concerned with basic issues like equality and justice. Of course, I'm deeply interested in redress and my connections with the White House may result in the matters I support getting a little higher on the pile of business that needs to be addressed.

Chao urges Asian Americans, particularly women, to become involved in community affairs. "There are rich opportunities for service," she says, "and we have a responsibility to become more active.

## CONVENTION

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The following are a listing of awards to be handed out at the JACL National Convention:

 George J. Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award—Established in 1968 in honor of George Inagaki, a past National JACL president, the purpose of this award is to recognize JACL chapters that participate in social, civic, educational, environmental, or legislative activities, which result in the betterment of society as a whole.

The awards are as follows: \$800 to the winning chapter, and an honorable mention award of \$400. All chapters are encouraged to submit applications.

 Edison Uno Memorial Civil Rights Award—Named after the late Edison Uno, a strong and vocal advocate of human and civil rights, the civil rights award was established at the JACL 29th biennial National Convention. Pre-

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sented to a national civil rights organization or to individuals for outstanding activities or leadership in the field of civil rights, the 1990 recipient of this award was Ralph Neas, executive director of the Leadership Conference for Civil Rights, an umbrella civil rights group based in Washington, D.C.

Each JACL District Council, with input from its respective chapters, may nominate one candidate; the nomination, however is not limited to the geographical area of the District Council.

• JACL'ER of the Biennium— The recipient of this award is a JACL member who has done the most for the strength and growth of the national organization during the past biennium (1990-1992). The recipient receives an inscribed gold medallion and special scroll citiation.

While the National JACL Awards and Recognitions Committee makes recommendations for the award, the final selection is determined by the National JACL Board. Further, the Na-

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is a consideration, it is not the

on the following criteria:

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4. Any JACL chapter may submit more than one nominee at the district level. Each District Council may submit up to three nominees and a ranking of them, if so desired, to the National Awards/ Recognition Committee for final determination by the National Board.

5. Nominations shall be open to all JACL members, except for members of the National JACL Executive Committee (National President, National Vice Presidents, Secretary/ Treasurer, Governor's Caucus Chairperson and the National Youth Council Chair).

6. For the purposes of administrative action, nominations for this award must be postmarked no later than May 1, 1992.

 Japanese American of the Biennium—The Japanese American of the Biennium Award, the highest public award of the National JACL, is presented to individuals whose achievements in various fields of endeavor have received regional, national or international recognition, and whose contributions have added to the sum of human knowledge and/or enhanced the quality of life in our society.

Since 1950, the National JACL has recognized outstanding Americans of Japanese ancestry at each biennial national convention. An engraved gold medallion

and personalized scroll citation will be awarded to at least one, and up to three individuals, in recognition of distinguished achievement or community lead-

Candidates may be from any of the 50 states and its territories. A candidate need not be a member of the JACL. Key consideration will be given to the extent to which the candidate's contributions or achievments have made an impact upon society and/or influenced an area of American life.

Nominations may be submitted from chapters, districts or by an individual JACL member with appropriate documentation. Nominations should be accompanied by a statement, not more than one-typed page, from the nominator stating:

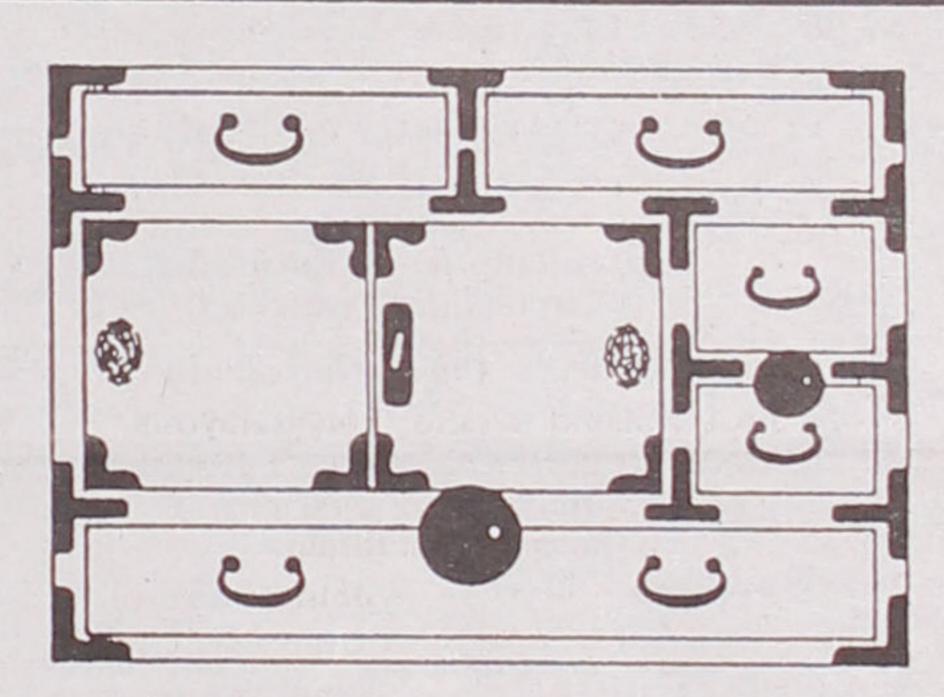
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2. Particular reference as to how the nominator feel the individual fulfilled the award criteria. There should be no more than five supporting letters. The nominee must be consulted prior to the submission of the nomination to avoid any withdrawals during the selection process. Past recipients include Daniel K. Inouye (1960), Ellison Onizuka (1986), and Prof. Ronald Takaki, Congressman Robert Matsui, and Steven Okazaki (1990).

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## Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

# Thousand Club 'Whing Dings'

rank Sakamoto, retired optometrist and JACL loyalist, was in town recently to enjoy the company of his grandchildren and to seek respite from the weather of Chicago where he lives. He succeeded in both, but he also had something

That would be the traditional Thousand Club Whing Ding. Sakamoto is making a

On the assumption that both Thousand Club and Whing Ding may not be familiar,

Back during the war, when JACL was much smaller and more hard up than it is now, there were times when Treasurer Hito Okada didn't know how he was going to pay the rent and phone bill, let alone what was

A call for help went out. About a hundred faithful members signed up for what was called the Buck a Month Club. They donated what they could, as little as 25 cents quarters afloat. The contribution of a quar-

I refer now to the book "JACL in Quest of Justice" to tell the story of the Thousand

"In 1950, about the time JACL was expe-\$25,000 for operating expenses."

2,700 members, and the minimum contri-

bution is \$60.

One benefit from membership was a party at national JACL conventions. These were fun affairs when serious concerns were set aside for an evening of good food and levity, mostly of the cornball variety. George Inagaki, as "Callahan," with phoney mustache, derby hat and arm garters, presided over a Thousand Club column in Pacific Citizen. Today, I'm afraid, someone would be offended by what would be criticized as insensitive stereotyping.

Harold Gordon, a Chicago attorney and JACL member who had served in naval intelligence during the war, is credited with naming the 1,000 Club party a Whing Ding. His banjo playing was a feature of Whing Dings for many years. I'm not sure how Whing Ding came to be spelled that way, but my Webster says a "wingding" is a wild or lively or lavish party.

were a welcome way to relax when Nisei were younger and livelier. I wish Frank Sakamoto much success in his campaign to restore Whing Dings to their one-time glory.

## Letters

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## Praise for Honor Roll

publication of 10 pages of approximately 13,000 Japanese American, Korean American and Caucasian names containing commingled living and deceased names and titled "Vets Honor Roll."

Today, thanks to the Pacific Citizen and the National Japanese American Citizens League, the 100th/442nd/MIS World War II Memorial Foundation (100/442nd/MISM.F.) concept is correctly and prominently titled as a "Vets Honor Roll."

The 100/442/MIS M.F. announces that it is a producer of projects, one of which is the aforementioned "Vets Honor Roll."

An Honor Roll is donated gratis by grateful citizens i.e. (group, city, county, state or nation) to honor its veterans, living and deceased. It is usually placed in a prominent place of honor, easily viewed by many but not to be confused with a memorial. The honorees (veterans) are not asked to solicit funds nor are they asked to contribute towards their shrine of honor. The veterans are not placed in a position of self-aggrandizement nor elitism. It is done for them by others who wish to bestow honor, praise and gratitude to the veterans. The loyalty, patriotism, and self-sacrifice for their fellow citizens as veterans, places one on the Honor Roll. Under these circumstances, perhaps many veterans will consent to have their names on this new "Vets Honor Roll," away from the First Street North Memorial Monument site reserved for those who made the supreme sacrifice.

The majority of Japanese American veterans prefer that the "Vets Honor Roll" be exhibited in the Japanese American National Museum (JANM). This can be a joint venture of all concerned. A photograph and military biography of each veteran as deemed by the JANM and veterans' organizations can be placed in a memory bank; easily retrieved by anyone on a computer screen. The Pacific Citizen and other media could help publicize such an endeavor.

We are most grateful to the Pacific Citizen, Editorial Board, for clarification, edification and publishing the "Vets Honor Roll."

It is truly a wonderful, compassionate compromise. We can now move forward as comrades and friends proceed forward on to other future projects.

Please join us in forming a coalition of organizations and individuals to develop funding and construction of a Japanese American Veterans' Memorial. We wish to cooperate with the City of Los Angeles, Barker-Patrinely Development Corporation and all others concerned witht he First Street North Plaza Project. We shall announce our first organizational meeting very

shortly. Robert Hayamizu Chairman, NVCC Memorial Committee

### Robert Wada

Chairman, Concerned JA Korean War Vets

## Sam Shimoguchi

President, Venice-Culver JACL

Editor's note: The 10 pages of veterans' names were paid for by the 100th/442nd MISMemorial Foundation.

## Defending Hosokawa

In your Jan. 24, 1992 issue of the PC, Paul H. Ito wrote a letter criticizing Bill Hosokawa for his PC column of Nov. 29, 1991 praising the U.S. Military Intelligence Language School launched 50 years ago by four Nisei instructors.

Writer Ito stated that Hosokawa had scoffed at the book Yankee Samurai written by the late Joe Harrington as analogous to a telephone book according to some veterans interviewed by Ito.

Hosokawa does not need any protectors but as one of the three national officers of the Pettigrew Press the publisher of the documentary book Yankee Samurai along with Harrington and Shig Kihara, former MIS instructor, we know that some readers had complained that the book contained too many names of people interviewed by Harrington. Unlike the well-known 442nd Regimental

You are to be highly commended for your

else on his mind.

pitch for giving it a prominent part in the national JACL convention to be held in Denver this coming summer.

let me give you some background.

laughingly referred to salaries.

a month, to help keep national JACL head-

ter made sense because postage was only 3 cents back then. The membership grew to several hundred, including many servicemen who set aside a dollar from their monthly \$21 checks.

Club:

riencing some of its greatest legislative triumphs, there wasn't enough money in the treasury to pay the staff. Paychecks hadn't been issued for three months. It was at a district convention in Pocatello that Hito Okada, by then national president, came up with the idea for what was to become the Thousand Club. The objective was to persuade each of 1,000 members to contribute \$25 annually, providing the national organization with a dependable

Good idea but philanthropists were hard to come by. It took nearly 10 years to sign up 1,000 members. Today there are more than

That's what Whing Dings were. They

## **Guest editorial**

## By YUKIO MATSUYAMA

## Freedom on trial

America's moral deterioration is a favorite topic in Japan. The author of this editorial, the former chairman of the editorial board of the Asahi Shimbun and a distinguished visiting fellow of Harvard university, describes the self-indulgence, declining standard of living and faltering work ethic of America.

American society is in trouble. That's my first impression as a visiting fellow at Harvard University, where I'm pondering changes in Japan-U.S. relations in the postwar era. Japan, plagued by financial scandals, is in pretty bad shape, too.

On a recent taxi ride from downtown Boston to the suburbs, I thought that the driver was going a bit fast and talking a bit much. When I paid the fare, I was shaken to smell liquor on his breath.

Having traveled across the Pacific dozens of times in the past 30 years, I considered myself fairly well-informed about the United States. But now that I am ensconced here again, I often feel that America is a less convenient and pleasant place to live than it used to be. Efficiency, service and courtesy have drastically declined.

Unemployment, homelessness, crime and drug use are rampant. In Cambridge many people ignore traffic signals, while in New York 6 percent of subway passengers reportedly jump the turnstiles and ride without paying.

A Massachusetts locksmith told me that the recession was keeping him so busy that he didn't have time to turn around. Companies change all their locks when they lay off workers, he said. "Otherwise, former employees would use their keys to sneak in."

There is something wrong with a country that extols "justice" in the Middle East and a "New World Order" but cannot maintain law and order within its own borders.

Despite victories in the Cold War and the Persian Gulf, Americans look dispirited and drawn. It's as if they had survived two serious operations but their blood pressure and cholesterol count were higher than ever. The national mood is a far cry from the exuberance I remember so well after the 1961 Cuban missile crisis.

Of course, the majority of Americans are cheerful, honest and open. They have many qualities worthy of emulation. But I can't understand how these wonderful people have let their country go to the dogs.

The American ideal of freedom has been perverted into "me-ism." Freedom can degenerate into irresponsibility and self-indulgence. Aware of this danger, Benjamin Franklin preached the virtues of diligence and discipline. "Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise," he wrote.

Former New York Times columnist James Reston recently said he had come to appreciate the word "modesty." He seemed to be expressing the second thoughts many Americans are having about the excesses of

their society. Triumphant over fascism and communism, the United States has yet to find the happy medium at home between individual rights and the public interest. A kind of Gresham's Law seems to be at work: the bad money of me-ism is driving out the good currency of freedom.

To prevent liberty from turning into license, Americans must at least restrict gun ownership and curb drug use. Surely Miss Liberty wouldn't object.

Japanese have no grounds for smug complacency, either. Although American managers envy the educational level and skills of our work force, there are ominous signs of trouble ahead. The younger generation, for example, turn up their noses at bluecollar

The endless scandals of recent years show that Japanese politicians and businessmen

See FREEDOM/page 6



# B.B. Chung King—risin' and rockin'

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA Special to the Pacific Citzen

As usual, B.B. Chung King and the Screaming Buddah Heads (BBCK & SBH) played to a standing-room-only crowd at the Roxy, and no matter how many times you hear them play, their act jumps straight at you with high rolling intensity. Each song is attacked with a fresh approach, and the band only gets better and tighter.

Not only are fans flocking to their jam sessions, but so are an array of celebrities ranging from members of Guns N' Roses, Toto, Poison, Utopia, and most recently Hurricane. Hmmm... you wonder why the music executives haven't clued into this talent that's rippin' up Southern California.

Currently, they just finished a new video for their song, "Little Miss Lover," with a cameo appearance by Lou Diamond Phillips. This spring another of B.B.'s songs, "Keep It To Yourself," will be featured in a Paramount Pictures' release "My Cousin Vinnie," starring Joe Pesci and Ralph Macchio.

A short film, "Face Off," which is now under consideration for an Academy Award, features three of B.B.'s songs. The script evolved after the producer heard B.B.'s "Oneday This World Will Be Kind," and the film is based around this simple yet powerfully inspirational song.

When asked how Alan Miri-

WEST COVINA, Calif. — Two

personalities long associated with

the San Gabriel Valley Japanese

American community, Hazel Rob-

erts and Kinu Yamashita, were

sentimental favorites of Nisei pio-

neer Yoshio Sogioka of Chino, in

his reflections of the Nikkei story

covering the eastern side of Los

Angeles County. He and Chiye

Taniguchi of West Covina spoke

of the 1920-'30s era and the role of

Baldwin Park Japanese Language

School at the annual installation

dinner of East San Gabriel Valley

Japanese Community Center Jan.

chair, said, "The time has come

for the Nisei to pass on their

stories to the younger Sansei and

And reflecting on the recent

years, Fred Oda and Paul Imahara

focused on how the center was

established prewar at Sunset and

Service Ave., adjacent to the San

Bernardino Freeway in what is

today the West Covina Mall area.

Issei had raised funds in 1936 to

erect a school house on a plot of

farmland donated by Eijiro

Sogioka recalled that Hazel

Roberts, who founded the Cherry

Blossoms Girls Reserves in the

late 1920s, was a staunch hakujin

friend of the Nikkei during the

School intact. The school was

leased to the West Covina school

district during WWII to assure

Sogioka added, "The center

could not have been revived with-

out Hazel. She was like our sec-

ond mother. During the war, she

Lillian Nishihara, program

11 at Reuben's Restaurant.

Yonsei generations."

Machida.

Agenda

By HARRY HONDA

**Editor emeritus** 



Photo by Jerry Weisbaum

**ALAN MIRIKITANI** Rockin' at the Roxy

kitani, the lead vocalist/guitarist/ songwriter of the band creates his music, he replied "I write what I feel and from my experience." One particular song, "Government Man," relates to his Japanese American heritage and the injustices of the internment camps during World War II.

As with many Nisei people, questions that the Nisei probably never had a chance to ask openly and that the Sansei must pursue because, as he adds, "It could happen again."

Has B.B. ever been discouraged because he is one of the few, if not the only, lead Asian American blues/rock n' roller currently in existence? As B.B. puts it, "If you believe in what you do and work hard at it, it'll happen."

A word of advice B.B. gives to Asian Americans and to everyone in general pursuing music or other forms of art is "Do what you feel and be who you are. Have your culture and appreciate your background, but if you like rock music, play rock music. If you like blues, play the blues. If you like country western, play country western. Just keep at it." And as their song says, "oneday this world will be

BBCK & SBH are Alan Mirikitani, lead vocals and guitar; Bobby Schneck, guitar and vocals; Mike Stover, bass; Ray Hernandez, drums; and Kellie Cotton, harmonica and vocals.

WHAT: Bud Dry Concert Series. WHO: B.B. Chung King and the Screaming Buddah Heads. WHEN: Saturday, February 22, 1992 (3rd year anniversary as a

WHERE: FM Station, 11702 Victory Blvd., No. Hollywood, Calif. INFORMATION: FM Station, 818/

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them down.

band.)

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B.B.'s parents did not want to talk about their experiences in the internment camps. His father's response was that it happened, they dealt with it, and it's time to move on. Never satisfied with such an answer, B.B. wrote "Government Man" which is a song that asks

Nikkei story unfolds at San Gabriel Center meeting

was called a 'Jap-lover,' even by

A Plague for Benefactors

Yamashita, the Pomona Issei pio-

neer who taught at the gakuen,

should be emblazened in a proper

way as benefactors at the center,

Sogioka suggested. Both are resi-

dents at the La Verne Convales-

this point were the nearby Santa

Anita and Pomona Race Tracks,

which were used as a first-stage

internment center for persons of

Japanese ancestry in 1942. The

new daily publication for thor-

oughbred racing, Racing Times,

recalled in its Dec. 7, 1991, issue

with historic photos that "Racing

went to war, too, 50 years ago."

And a history professor in Okla-

homa is writing a book on the

Nikkei who went to Pomona As-

The Racing Times writer Jay

Hovdey dovetails an interview

with Sumiko (Sao) Seki of Long

Beach, who was 16 years old at

the time from San Pedro. She re-

members being in Barn 88 and

relates her family "slept in

Between April and October,

1942, there were as many as, at

one point, more than 18,000 in-

terned there as a result of Execu-

tive Order 9066. The track was

then turned over to the Army for

the duration as a testing ground

What might have been noted at

The names of Roberts and

her friends at church."

cent Home.

sembly Center.

Seabiscuit's stall."

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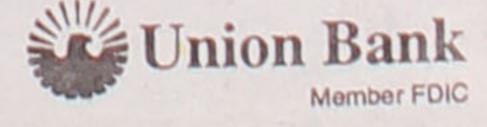
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war years. She was entrusted with for military vehicles. a power of attorney to keep the Santa Anita Revisited Baldwin Park Japanese Language

Seki returned to Santa Anita with other representatives from a Japanese American group campaigning for redress, requesting a race be named in their honor as part of a day of remembrance in connection with Feb. 19, 1942, the day E.O. 9066 was promulgated.

"We like to disassociate Santa

The management politely turned

Anita Park from all that, only because we think it was a sad thing that happened, but also because it had nothing to with the racetrack," Jane Goldstein, Santa Anita director of corporate communications, explained. "It was taken out of our hands."

Seki smiled and whispered to herself, "Shikataganai. I understood. But we tried, and then we went home."

Postwar, Chiye Hashimoto Taniguchi and Nobuo Sera, original grantees of the Sunset property, deeded the land to the ESGV Japanese American Association, reactivated under the leadership of Kim Hatakeyama, Frank Konno and Sogioka. By Feb. 6, 1951, the association was chartered as a nonprofit corporation to administer the property.

In the face of West Covina's redevelopment in 1966, the center was moved to its present site at 1203 W. Puente Ave., where a social hall for the Lutheran Church was converted to house a Japanese language school. In 1972, through a building project chaired by Henry Miyata, three major buildings were constructed, including a gym. An annex was later added to the social hall.

#### Future of JCC

The outgoing 1989-91 president Dr. Roy Takemura stressed, "The center needs more room, more parking space and more community liaison as the Nikkei population increases in San Gabriel Valley." He raised the ever-present question: "Where are we going?" Incoming president Raymond Takai responded by assuring the question will be seriously studied during his term of office.

by Gwen Muranaka

## Small kid time

against vandalism.



## DOR

#### (Continued from page 1)

\$15 balcony, (213) 680-3700 tickets. JACCC Conference Rooms—Camp Experience Presentations, Session I, 2 p.m.; Session II, 3:30 p.m. JACCC Plaza, 5 p.m., candlelight procession, (213) 626-4471, ext 13.

SAN FRANCISCO—DOR., "50 Years: From Internment to Redress and Beyond"; Rep. Norman Mineta, keynote speaker; JCCCNC, 1840 Sutter St., 2-4 p.m., (415) 922-1534.

Saturday, Feb. 15-Sunday, Feb.16

LOS ANGELES-Internment Experience Microfilm Research Project, JACCC North Gallery, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

#### Saturday, Feb. 15 Sunday, March

LOS ANGELES-Two Views of J.A. Internment, Calif. Historical Society's "EO 9066" and Ansel Adam's "Manzanar," UCLA Wight Art Gal-

Saturday, Feb. 15-Sunday, March 22

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## Saturday, Feb. 15-Saturday, May

SACRAMENTO—"Continuing Traditions-Japanese Americans: Story of a People 1869-1992, "History Museum, Stanford Building., Old Sacramento.

Sunday, Feb. 16 HONOLULU—DOR, Dale Minami, speaker; Ala Moana Hotel, 1-2:30 p.m.

LOS ANGELES—Japanese American Internment DOR Program, WWII Vets Film Series: "Nisei Soldier, Color of Honor, Go For Broke," 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Japan America Theatre, \$7, \$5 group sales, \$3 seniors, students & children; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., children's workshop, Union Church, E. 3rd and S. San Pedro Sts.; 1-2:30 p.m., JACCC Family Plaza, musical and Japanese folk dances; 7 p.m., Glen Horiuchi's "Little Tokyo Suite," Harbor College Recital Hall,

"E.O. 9066: The Internment Experience on Film," 2-day retrospective of films by Japanese Americans, Japan America, 244 S. San Pedro St., Sunday, Feb. 16, noon and 4 p.m.; also Saturday, Feb. 22, 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. \$7 general admission; \$5, JACCC members and group sales; \$3 children, students, seniors; family days passes at \$25. Information: Visual Communications, 213/680-4462; Japan America Theatre, 213/680-3700.

SANTA BARBARA—Panel discussion featuring Cressey Nakagawa and Fred Korematsu, El Presidio Chapel, 129 E. Canon, Perdido St., Santa Barbara, 1 p.m. Co-sponsored by the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation and the Santa Barbara JACL. Suggested donation: \$4. Information: 805/965-0093.

SAN JOSE-Nihonmachi Candlelight Procession, Passing the Torch of Justice, Rep. Norman Mineta, speaker, Buddhist Church gym, 6:30 p.m. (408) 287-9710, 292-6938.

SEATTLE—University of Puget Sound's Remembrance of J.A. Internment: Sunday Night Jazz with Deems Tsutakawa and showing of Roger Shimamura's "Suite of Lithographers," 6 p.m., Rasmussen Rotunda, Student Union (206) 756-3360.

Monday, Feb. 17 SEATTLE—University of Puget Sound's DOR Opening Program: Gordon Hirabayashi, speaker, 7 p.m., Kilworth Memorial Chapel.

Tuesday, Feb. 18 SEATTLE—University of Puget Sound's DOR Lectures: Shigeo Wakamatsu'42, Miyo Uchiyama, Robert Mizukami, Judge William Marutani, 4 p.m., Murray Board Room, Student Union; 8 p.m., Prof. Ronald Takaki, keynote speaker, Rasmussen Rotunda.

Tuesday, Feb. 18-Wednesday, Feb. 19 RIVERSIDE—DOR programs, UC Riverside campus, 12-1 p.m. (art-photo display, panels), Wed. evening dinner, \$8.

Tuesday, Feb. 18-Sunday, Feb.23 DAVIS-Asian Pacific Culture Week programs, UC Davis campus, 12-1 p.m., 7-9 p.m. (916) 758-1975.

Tuesday, Feb. 18-Sunday, March 15 SAN FRANCISCO—"Fifty Years since Infamy "(exhibit), San Francisco State University Library, 1600 Holloway St. (415) 338-1693. Wednesday, Feb. 19

CHICAGO—JACL-JASC DOR Program: In Memory of Internees and Veterans, JASC, 4427 N. Clark St.,

#### Joe Minoru Migaki Age 71

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DENVER-Mile-Hi JACL DOR Program, 7 p.m. (place TBA), (303)

237-3041.

FRESNO-State Historical Landmark Dedication Ceremony for Fresno Assembly Center, noon, Fresno District Fairgrounds, Chance Ave. entrance, (209) 834-3648, (209) 226-6484.

ONTARIO, Ore.—Western Treasure Valley Cultural Center groundbreaking, 5 p.m., TVCC, John J. Easly Memorial Gymnasium, (503) 889-6493.

SAN DIEGO-E.O. 9066 Program, Poston Internment slide presentation, UC San Diego.

SEATTLE—University of Puget Sound's DOR seminar: "Legal Remedies: Coram Nobis, Redress through Legislation and Redress through Civil Action," panelists: Rodney Kawakami, Cherry Kinoshita, William Hohri, 4 p.m., Murray Board Room, Student Union; 'Future of Civil Liberties in the Context of Japanese American Experience: Could It Happen Again?," panelists: Dr. Peter Irons, Peggy Nagai Lum, Prof. Michael McCann; Gordon Hirabayashi, speaker, 7 p.m., Kilworth Memorial Chapel.

POMONA, Calif.—"A Half-Century Later: Executive Order 9066, noon, Wednesday,s through March 11, Cal Poly Pomona campus, 3801 West Temple Ave. Free. Information: 714/

869-3567.

Wednesday, Feb. 19-Sunday, Aug. 30 SEATTLE-"E.O. 9066 Exhibit: 50 Years Before and 50 Years After" (100year history of Japanese in state of Washington), Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407-7th Ave. South, \$2.50, \$1 students & seniors, 50 cents, children, (206) 623-5124.

Thursday, Feb. 20

WASHINGTON—American Ballet Theatre of Los Angeles performance, "Winter War," story & choreography by Cory-Jeanne Murakami, Baird Auditorium, National Museum of American History, Constitution Ave. at 10th St. NW, 7:30 p.m. (free), (202) 357-2700 voice, 357-1729 TDD.

Friday, Feb. 21-Saturday, Feb.22 WASHINGTON-Smithsonian Institution symposium, "J.A.s and E.O. 9066 - Fifty Years After," (two-days in conjunction with opening of new part of "A More Perfect Union, Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution"), National Museum of American History, Carmichael Auditorium, Friday session, I-1:15 p.m., "The EO 9066-The Torn American Social Fabric" (panelists: Roger Daniels, Yuji Ichioka, William Marutani, Grayce Uyehara); Session II, 3:15 p.m., "Redress and the Mending Process" (panelists: Asst. Atty. Gen. John Dunne, William Hohri, Philip Tajitsu Nash, Amy Iwasaki Mass); Saturday Session I,10:15 a.m., Still Visible, Still Vulnerable? (panelists: Thomas P. Farner, Dennis Hayashi, Mari Matsuda, Setsuko Matsunaga Nishi), 1:30-4:30 p.m., Films (Anderson/de Graff's "Visible Target, 1986" Visual Communication's "Hito Hata: Raise the Banner, 1980" and Griffin's "Without Due Process, 1990").

Saturday, Feb. 22 LOS ANGELES—Japanese American Interment DOR Program, Camps Film Series: "Hito Hata," "Conversations Before the War, After the War," Days of Waiting," "Manzanar," "I Told You So, 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Japan America Theatre, \$7, \$5 group sales, \$3, seniors, students & children; 2 p.m., UCLA DOR opening ceremonies,

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In Sacramento, died December 7, 1991. Dearly beloved husband of Amy Miyai. Beloved father of Wesley Miyai, Clifford Miyai and Barbara Tahara. Father-in-law of Kenneth Tahara. Loving brother of Janette Kobayashi, Hannah Mori and the late George and Ben Miyai. Survived by 3 grandchildren. A native of Stockton, CA, aged 77 years. Funeral services were held Thursday December 12, 1991 at the Northern Calif. Koyasan Buddhist Church, Sacramento, Calif. (GEORGE L. KLUMPP SERVICE.)



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Claire Kohatsu, student keynote.

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Saturday, Feb. 29

Sunday, Feb. 23

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LOS ANGELES—UCLA Nikkei Student Union presentation, "Walking Against the Wind," Wadsworth Theater; dates to be set-presentation of Wakako Yamauchi's play "12-1-A," Interethnic Relations campus program.

Wednesday, March 4

POMONA—"Japanese and American Cultures: Search for Synthesis and Reconciliation"—Cal Poly Pomona forum, artist Hiro Kosaka, noon Union Lecture Room.

Saturday, March 7

LOS ANGELES—Civil Rights Conference, UCLA, Ackerman Union Grand Ballroom, (3 panels:" Summary of Redress Movement, Broader Implications of Redress, Theory and Practice in Civil Rights Movements").

MOUNTAIN VIEW-No. Cal.J.A. Senior Centers, Shinnenkai, noon, (510) 276-1842.

Sunday, March 8

OAKLAND—"International Implications: A Review of the Japanese Peruvian, Canadian Japanese and Aleut Indian World War II Experiences and Their Struggle for Redress"; James Moore Theater, Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak St., 1-5 p.m. (415) 431-5007.

Wednesday, March 11

POMONA—Cal Poly Pomona forum: "Reparations: How Does a Democratic Society Recompense Its Victims?," Alan Nishio, CSU Long Beach, noon, Union Lecture Room.

Saturday, March 14 SAN FRANCISCO—Bill of Rights and Japanese American Internment Cases, (High school teachers to present lesson plans), UC Hastings College of Law, 198 McAllister St., 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (415) 431-5007.

Saturday, March 14-Sunday, March 15 BERKELEY-50th Western Young Buddhist League conference.

Sunday, March 15 SAN FRANCISCO—Asian American 1992 International Film Showcase, (Rea Tajiri's "History and Memory, "John DeGraaf's "A Personal Matter: Gordon Hirabayashi vs. U.S.") Kabuki 8 Theaters, 1881 Post St., 3 p.m. (415) 863-0814.

Friday, March 27-Saturday, March 28 NEW HAVEN, Conn.—"Undo Process: Legacy of J.A. Internment," Yale University D.o.R. (two-day program featuring Hisaye Yamamoto, Don Nakanishi, Sue Embrey, Bert Nakano, Bill & Yuri Kochiyama, Grayce Uyehara and others TBA) (203) 436-0861, 436-1154.

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## FREEDOM

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respect only the freedom to make money and care nothing about social justice. Townsend Harris, the first U.S. consul general in Japan, wrote in his diary that Japan was more like the golden age of simplicity and honesty than I have ever seen in any other country." Today, that seemslike a fairy tale.

Like Reston, I want to advocate "modesty" for Japanese, too. But in Japan, individual liberty is often sacrificed to group interests. Virtues like restraint and moderation may simply play into the hands of authority.

other countries often accuse us of national me-ism. Japan must See FREEDOM/page 7

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Also the MISers were attached individually or to teams assigned to various military units covering the entire Pacific theater of war. Working on a publishing deadline and limited number of pages, Harrington obviously did not have the time or data to organize the book into the various theaters of operation as was described at a panel of the MIS 50th Anniversary Reunion at San Francisco last October.

To my knowledge Hosokawa served as a war correspondent during World War II and before John Aiso passed away Hosokawa had previously interviewed him in detail and also had agreed to work on a Japanese American Research Project (JARP) chaired by Shig Wakamatsu to collaborate with John Aiso on a book on the MIS. Unfortunately, because of lack of financial resources and the untimely passing of John Aiso the project did not materialize.

## Arthur 7. Morimitsu

Chicago-Nisei Post No. 1183 Chicago, Ill.

## FREEDOM

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strike the right balance between national identity and internation-

Totalitarianism has been discredited, but freedom, too, is on trial in both Japan and the United States. If we don't make it work again soon, the victims of excessive liberty may embrace repressive ideologies.

I'm often asked to speak to American groups. At this crucial turning point in history, unraveling the factional feuds in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party or the recent financial scandals seems trivial. Explaining our historical amnesia about the Pacific War is also a thankless task.

But if Japan is to be a truly free and democratic nation, we must admit candidly that our political and economic institutions are ailing. We also have to schedule them for major surgery before it's too

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By TYLER TANAKA

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The entertainment is superb. Unlike other

lines whose live entertainment consists of the same revue each evening, the Crystal features talented performers in a variety of programs. There is also a comfortable theater featuring the latest films.

Other activities abound. If you wish rest and quiet, there is a 1500 volume library. They also have the latest videos which you can run on your television in the privacy of your cabin. Plus, regularly scheduled on television are the latest movies, information programs, plus several channels showing the view from the ship. So, you don't even have to look out of your huge window or go on deck to watch when arriving at a port or when going through the Panama Canal. Just lay in your comfortable king-size bed and click the remote control.

The food is outstanding. In addition to the usual four major meals all cruise ships serve, Crystal offers extras. One favorite for most is the grill close to the swimming pool where you can order hot dogs and hamburgers at just about any time during the day. My favorite was the ice cream bar. But, by far the best was the option to take dinner at Kyoto, the Japanese dining room, or at Prego, the Italian dining room. When I was aboard, the Japanese chef was away, but you would not know it. The food was superb. The setting excellent. The only improvement would be to have Japanese waitresses. The Italian dining room was likewise great. So good that we ate there twice.

Not all is perfect. But, Crystal is working on making changes where required. The bathrooms are very small. To get into the tub for a

bath or shower, requires a real athletic feat. There is some vibration when the ship is running at top speed. It was enough to wake me up, and that is saying something. And, lastly, the bulkheads and decks creak when your neighbor above or on the side of you moves around. It is just loud enough to be annoying. But, there has to be a few glitches in a brand new venture and I was assured that these shortcomings will be corrected the next time the ship is dry-docked.

So, if you haven't tried cruising yet, 1992 will be the year to treat yourself. All cruise lines will be offering discounts which your travel agent will be able to arrange for you. This type of bargain does not come around very often. Start studying brochures. You can't go wrong on Crystal Cruises or aboard my most favorite,

Holland-America Lines.

Should you have some questions, drop me a line at Pacific Citizen. As I am not in the business of selling you a ticket, the answer will be objective.

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Wednesday, April 8

SAN FRANCISCO—"Civil Liberties Act of 1988: Its Significance Beyond the Japanese American Community" (panelists: Michael Omi, Paul Igasaki, Dean Ito Taylor), USF McLaren Center, 250 Golden Gate (Masonic & Parker), 7:30 p.m., (415) 641-1697.

Saturday, April 25 LOS ANGELES-24th annual Manzanar Pilgrimage, Sue Embrey (213)662-5102.

Thursday, April 30 LOS ANGELES—Grand Opening National Japanese American National

Museum, E. 1st & N. Central, (213) 625-0414; gala dinner, Saturday, May

LOS ANGELES-Framed in Celluloid: Film Festival on J.A. Internment, UCLA (date-place TBA). Saturday, May 9

SAN FRANCISCO-"Impact of Camps on Family Life" (panel), Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St., 1-4 p.m., (510) 233-9595. [Not wheelchair accessible.]

Friday, May 22-Monday, May25 SACRAMENTO-Tule Lake Reunion. Saturday, May 23

DENVER—Annual trip to Amache

Internment Camp site. Sunday, May 24 DENVER-Memorial Day obser-

vance and Tribute to Colorado Gov. Ralph Carr, Fairmount Cemetery. Tuesday, May 26-Wednesday, May

ROHWER-JEROME, Ark. -- Monument dedication and camp visitations. (May 26: reception at Little Rock; May 27: luncheon at McGehee). Tour Arrangements from LAX: West L.A. Travel, (310) 820-3451.

Thursday, May 28-Saturday, May 30 MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL-MISLS Sentimental Journey: Camp Savage-Fort Snelling Reunion, Thu. dinner, Raddison Ballroom, Friday lunch, Normandale Japanese Garden, (310) 820-5250.

Friday, July 31-Sunday, Aug. 2 FRESNO-Gila River (Canal) Reunion, (209) 264-7924, (209) 896-2605. Friday, Aug. 7-Sunday, Aug. 9

FLORIN-Florin-Elk Grove J.A. Reunion; James Abe (916) 363-1520. TACOMA—Tacoma Area J.A. Reunion.

Wednesday, Sept. 2-Friday, Sept. 4 SAN FRANCISCO-Topaz Reunion, Hyatt at Burlingame; Mas Kawaguchi (415) 731-2658.

Friday, Sept. 4-Monday, Sept.7 STOCKTON—Stockton Assembly Center Golden Anniversary reunion, (408) 758-3642.

Friday, Sept. 11-Sunday, Sept. 13 SEATTLE-Heart Mountain Reunion VI, Sea-Tac Red Lions Hotel,

 $(206)\ 364-3594.$ 

Thursday, Sept. 24-Sunday, Sept. 27 SAN FRANCISCO—"West Coast Sweep" (dance recital), Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida St., \$12 advance, \$15 door, (415) 552-8980. Fall Quarter

ANGELES-Wakako LOS Yamauchi's play: 12-1-A, East West Players, UCLA; Internment Literature lectures with Prof. King-Kok Cheung, coordinator, UCLA. October

LOS ANGELES-Future of Nikkei Community Conference, (213) 626-4471 ext. 13.

Saturday, Oct. 3-Friday, Oct.23 SANFRANCISCO—'Enemy Alien" (Japantown Art & Media Workshop exhibit based on Kiyo Hirano's book), JCCCNC, 1840 Sutter St., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, (415) 922-8700. Friday, Oct. 9-Sunday, Oct.11

LOS ANGELES-First Poston I Camp reunion, Torrance Marriott Hotel, (818) 337-5707.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—National Association of Japanese Canadians' HomeComing '92, Hotel Vancouver, 900 W. Georgia St.; contact NAJC, 782 Corydon Ave., Winnepeg, Man. R5M 0Y1, (604) 681-5222. Saturday, Oct. 11-December

LOS ANGELES—National Exhibition of Art Produced in the Camps, UCLA Wight Art Gallery.

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