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Bush signing of Manzanar bill anticipated

Staff reports

The Manzanar Relocation Center could soon become an official part of the American landscape and history.

H.R. 543, designating the center as a national historic site, was passed 400-13 by the House of Representatives Wednesday, Feb. 19. It now awaits President Bush's signature.

Sue Embrey, chairwoman of the Manzanar Committee, told *Pacific Citizen* Feb. 25 that the committee and community is hopeful for some kind of presidential ceremony for the signing. "It was sent to Bush for his signature yesterday, but he was in L.A. for a fund-raiser. He will sign it. It's just that his campaign schedule is pretty full. He has 10 days from the day the bill reaches his desk to sign it. We're hoping for a Rose Garden ceremony but there are several primaries coming up."

Embrey also reports that the excitement is high not only in the Japanese community but in the Manzanar area of Inyo County as well.

"Inyo County is excited, so are the Death Valley Monument people, and local Native Americans," Embrey said. At this point, an advisory committee is



SUE KUNITOMI EMBREY
Hopes for ceremony

planned to provide input to the National Parks Service. The aim is to tell the

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Reaction to passage

With the Feb. 19 House of Representatives passage of H.R. 543, the bill that would designate the Manzanar Relocation Center as a national historic site, those who worked on the legislation marked the event as a significant measure for the Japanese American community and the country as well.

The bill was introduced by Rep. Mel Levine, and co-authored by Reps. Norman Mineta, Robert Matsui, and William Thomas. Also supporting the bill were Reps.

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MANZANAR: The bill

Here are the key points of H.R. 543:

● The Manzanar Relocation Center would be designated a national historic site. The site would be acquired through donation or by exchange with the city of Los Angeles.

● An 11-member advisory commission made up of former Manzanar internees, local residents, Native Americans, and the general public would be established to help develop, manage, and interpret the history of Manzanar.

● The Secretary of the Interior will conduct a study of key sites that illustrate the period in American history from 1941 to 1946 when Ameri-

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On top of the world



Kristi Yamaguchi won the gold medal in women's figure skating Feb. 21 in Albertville, France. The 20-year-old Yonsei skating star from Fremont, Calif., is the daughter of Jim and Carole Yamaguchi of the Fremont, Calif. chapter. PC columnist Bill Hosokawa writes about her triumphs/page 4.

Report on anti-Asian violence is published

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Reporting on anti-Asian violence, the Organization of Chinese Americans' (OCA) Anti-Asian Violence Task Force is releasing "In Pursuit of Justice." The report includes a history of OCA's work with the issue of anti-Asian violence, the Hate Crimes Statistics Act of 1990 and ways of dealing with hate crimes at the government and individual level.

Andrew Chen, chair of OCA's Anti-Asian Violence Task Force, said, "Interracial violence and hate crimes have reached a crisis stage. It is urgent we must take immediate action to educate, monitor, prevent, and reduce these senseless crimes."

Ten thousand copies of the report are scheduled to be distributed throughout Asian American communities across the country to inform people what to do when victimized and encourage more reporting of anti-Asian violence. OCA is also including an initial reporting form in the report that will be used to create a hate crimes database at OCA national headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Copies of "In Pursuit of Justice" may be purchased by sending \$3 per copy (checks payable to OCA) to OCA, 2025 Eye St., NW, Suite 926, Washington, D.C., 20006. For bulk orders, call: 202/223-5500.

2 Japanese murdered

Camarillo, Calif.:
businessman stabbed

Boston: University
president is shot

A Japanese businessman was stabbed to death Feb. 24 after receiving anti-Japanese death threats two weeks earlier. Yasuo Kato, 49, was found dead in the garage of his home by his housekeeper at 10 a.m. with multiple stab wounds in the chest.

According to police reports, Kato was stabbed repeatedly as he unloaded groceries sometime between 9:30 p.m. and midnight. At the scene, an eight-inch hunting knife covered in dried blood was discovered.

According to Commander Vincent France of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department, Kato was confronted Feb. 9 by two bikers who tried to extort money from him. The commander described the men as Caucasian. One was wearing a motorcycle helmet and the other was six foot two inches with light brown hair. The incident was not reported at the time, according to France.

Speaking to the *Los Angeles Times*, the victim's son, Toshiyuki Kato, recalled the incident saying, "He told my father, 'I know you're Japanese, and I think we have a right to take money from you because our economy is hurting from your people.'"

"After my father pushed him out, the guy started kicking the door screaming, 'I'm going to kill you, I'm going to get you, I know where you live,'" said the son.

Kato, a Japanese national, was a developer and investment counselor who moved to California from Japan in 1988. His company, Y & M Corp., was in the midst of developing residential projects in the Palmdale and Lancaster area.

"There's no obvious motive, robbery is possible," said Commander France. Referring to the two bikers, the commander said, "We have no other leads at this time."

"We've got several options, hate crimes is one of them," said Commander France. Asked whether he saw any connection with recent Japan

Iwao Matsuda, president of Chukyo University in Nagoya, Japan, was shot and killed Feb. 18 in his Boston hotel room, according to a U.S.A. Today report.

Matsuda, 72, was in the city to celebrate a sister school agreement with the University of Massachusetts, Boston. He was to sign the agreement on Feb. 19.

According to police reports, when Matsuda's wife answered the door of their room a masked man entered the room and shot her husband in the lower back.

Police said they had no motive for the murder.

bashing, Commander France said, "Based on what we've seen so far, it doesn't appear on the surface to be related to that. We're not ruling out that possibility." at initial stages of investigation

According to the *Times*, the housekeeper asserted that Kato was in fear of his life after the incident with the two bikers and warned her to keep the doors locked.

"The man told Mr. Kato he wanted money because the American economy is going down and American people are losing jobs because of Japanese people," said the housekeeper.

Reacting to the incident, Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, said, "If it is possible that it may have been racially motivated we encourage the Ventura County Sheriff's Department to look into any possible leads. They should treat this as a hate crime."

Morris Abe, Ventura County JACL board member and Camarillo resident, expressed his shock and dismay at the incident. "It's unfortunate, I think it has something to do with Japan bashing, or hate crime." Abe characterized Camarillo as a small residential town of 50,000 people. "(It's) unfortunate, because he probably couldn't even defend himself," said Abe.

Buddhist temple slayings

17-year-old suspect to face trial as an adult

Jonathan A. Doody, the 17-year-old suspect in the Buddhist temple slayings near Phoenix, will stand trial as an adult, according to the Feb. 7 edition of the *Phoenix Gazette*.

Doody and a 16-year-old co-defendant have been linked to the case by statements both made regarding the murders and by the murder weapon. Judge James McDougall of the Maricopa County Superior Court said the evidence and testimony in the case "raises more questions than it answers" but that there was enough evidence linking Doody to the Aug. 10, 1991 murders of nine people.

The teen-ager's attorney, Peter Balkan, ar-

gued against probable cause for the decision and revealed that new supportive evidence may be forthcoming.

The *Gazette* reported that at least three people testified that Doody told them he participated in the temple slayings that may have begun as war games.

Balkan maintains that Doody may have been "fooled into making certain admissions," the *Gazette* said.

Doody is charged with nine counts of first-degree murder, nine counts of armed robbery, one count of burglary and one count of conspiracy.

Nakasone: A call for new global roles

LOS ANGELES—Former Prime Minister of Japan, Yasuhiro Nakasone, speaking at a Feb. 19 dinner held in his honor, reminisced fondly about the Ron-Yasu days of U.S.-Japan relations. Speaking about former President Ronald Reagan, the Prime Minister said, "(I was) asked why I like Reagan so much, and I answered because I like John Wayne."

Nakasone in his speech to a gathering, co-sponsored by the Los Angeles Times and the Japan America Society of Southern California, discussed the global implications of the end of the Cold War. Calling for a successful conclu-

sion to the Uruguay round of the GATT talks (General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs) Nakasone said, "a battle against protectionism and tendencies toward forming economic blocs is raging."

While drawing a golf analogy, Nakasone conceded that Japan had certain "handicaps" which have enabled



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Seattle

Saturday, March 7— 6th annual Sukiyaki Dinner, Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, 4 to 7 p.m., 3001 - 24th Avenue S. Tickets: \$6.50, adults; \$4.50, seniors 70 and over, children 11 and under. Information: 206/723-1536.

Colorado

Denver

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

Brighton

Through 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—The National JACL Credit Union's annual meeting, 6 p.m., Clarion Hotel, 999 S. Main, Salt Lake City. Cost: \$10 member advance reservations. \$12 nonmembers with reservations. \$15 at the door. Two positions on the board of directors are up for election. Nominations for the positions must be in the credit union by Mar. 14. Brief resume required. Information: 801/355-8040 or 1-800-544-8828.

Arizona

Phoenix

Through Friday, March 6—Japan Week 92, series of trade, cultural, and sports event promoting the economic and cultural ties between Phoenix and Japan, Phoenix metropolitan area. 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

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

Mayor running for California assembly

By **HARRY K. HONDA**
Editor emeritus

OXNARD, Calif.—Oxnard Mayor Nao Takasugi, owner-operator of Asahi Market since the mid-'50s and in public life since 1974, is seeking the Republican nomination for the 37th State Assembly. If elected, he would be the third Japanese American elected to the state legislature. He would follow Paul Bannai of Gardena and Floyd Mori, now of Salt Lake City and National JACL vice president-public affairs, who served in the 1970s.

The race is crowded for the June 2 primaries with nine Republicans and three Democrats having declared their intention by Feb. 19 to run for the seat being vacated by Assemblyman Tom McClintock (R-Thousand Oaks). The two-county district encompasses Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, Camarillo, Oxnard and Port Hueneme: 161,261 voters in Ventura county and 175,947 in Los Angeles county.

In running for the state assembly, Takasugi says the biggest challenge for California is jobs, education and cutting government spending. He blames the legisla-

Saturday, March 7— 11th Annual Shinnenkai, Northern California Japanese American Senior Center, at Mountain View Buddhist Temple; entertainment, crafts, food. Information: Julie Hatta, 415/931-2294.

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.

San Jose

Saturday, March 7—Yu-Ai Kai, Japanese American Community Center's Shinnenkai, at Mountain View, leaving Yu-Ai Kai at 10 a.m., 565 N. 5th St. Information: 408/294-2505.

Sat.-Sun., April 11, 12—West Valley JACL youth 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 March 14. Tournament welcomes those with limited volleyball experience. Prizes awarded. Information: Daniel Yoshikawa (day) 415/573-6222 (eve) 415/571-8049.

Fresno

Sunday, March 1, to Saturday, March 7—Amerasia Week, California State University, Fresno: "I'm on a Mission from Buddha," actor Lane Nishikawa, 7 p.m., March 2, Satellite College Union; "Writing About the Valley's Asian Experience," Dave Mas Masumoto, noon, March 3, Madden Library, Rm. 1209; "Tampopo," film directed by Juzo Itami, 7 p.m., March 4, Satellite College Union; festival night, various Asian entertainment, 7 p.m., March 7, Satellite College Union. Information: 209/278-3002.

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, March 1—The New Otani Hotel & Garden's Hina Doll Festival, 1:30 p.m., at the hotel's Japanese Roof garden, 120 S. Los Angeles St. Admission: Free. Information: Yoko Sugi 213/629-1200 or 213/253-9295.

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 7—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).

Saturday, March 7—Del Amo Optimist Club's Las Vegas Night, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Nisei Veterans Memorial Post 1961, 1964 W. 162nd St. (at Gramercy), Gardena. Donation: \$10. Information: 310/326-0540.

Sunday, March 8—Nikkei Widowed group, annual installation lunch, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Almansor Court, Salon 1, 700 South Almansor St., Alhambra. Cost: \$19 (send checks to Ben Morishita, 4145 Tracy St., Los Angeles, 90027. Information: Jim Oka, 310/327-8684, or Geri Okda, 310/327-2280.

Friday, March 13—Greater Los Angeles Singles Chapter, AADAP talk on drug abuse in Asian American community, 8:30 p.m., Founders Savings & Loan, Gramercy & Redondo Beach Blvd., Gardena. Information: June Furuta, 213/323-2783.

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

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

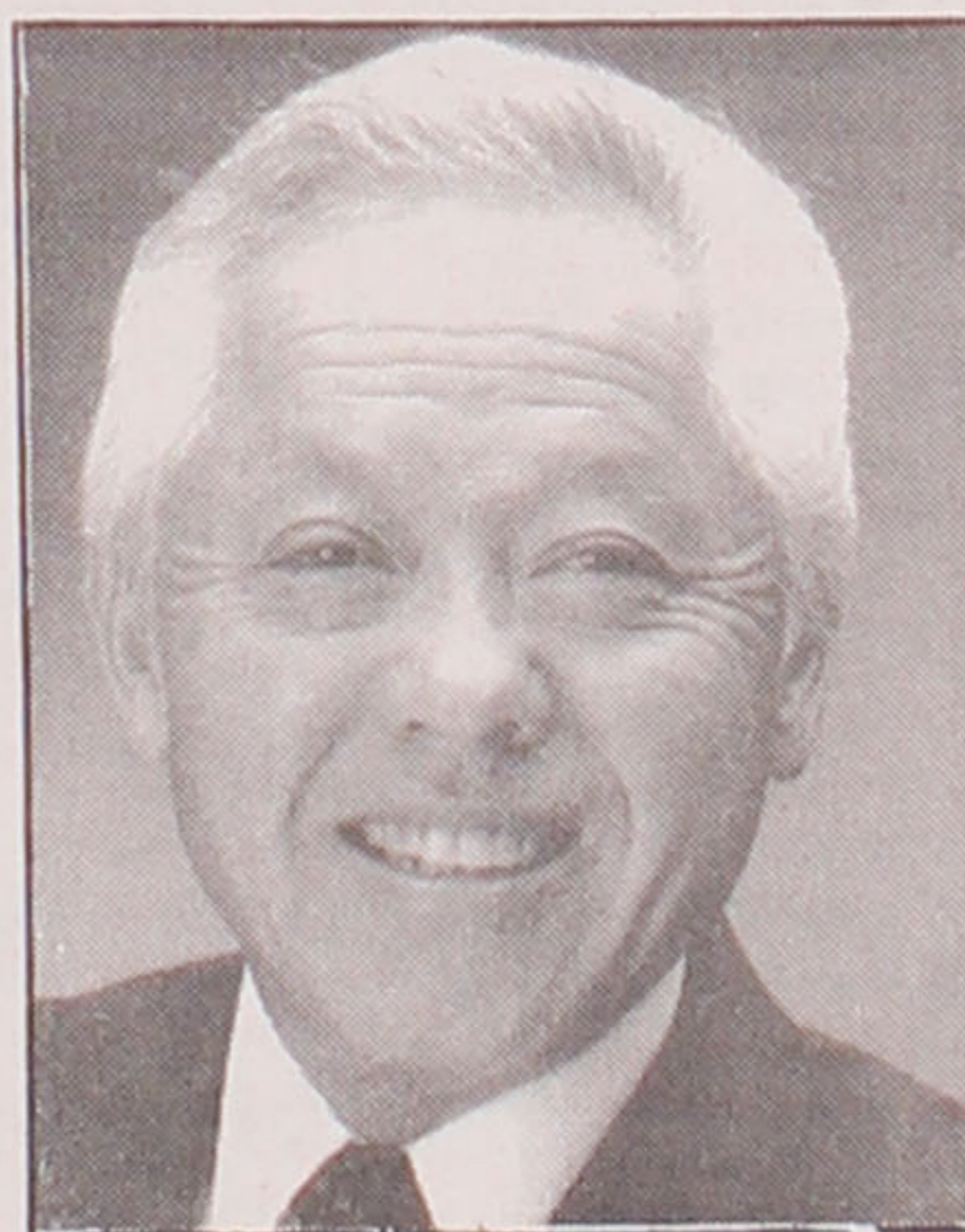
Saturday, March 28, So-Phil of Orange County annual fashion show luncheon, Anaheim Hilton and Towers. Charity event features fashion consultant Lois O'Hern. Tickets: Arlene Ito, 714/531-2868.

Sacramento

Saturday, March 14—The Sacramento Tsubaki Dance Club is sponsoring its Spring Dance from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Florin Buddhist Church, 7235 Pritchard Rd. Admission: \$10. Information: 916/481-5403.

Saturday, March 14—Jan Ken Po Gakko's annual Children's Day Session—arts, crafts, music and games, from 9 a.m. Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church, 6929 Franklin Blvd. Sacramento. Open to children preschool to 6th grade. Cost: \$2.50. Information: Yumiko Kitade 916/428-6737 or Fran Nishio 916/782-3374.

Calendar items must be submitted at least THREE WEEKS in advance of the day of event. Include day or night phone numbers for further information.



NAO TAKASUGI
In the running

tive "mess" of increased fees and taxes on employers for chasing jobs out of the state. He supports a "a strong reinvestment in education to give our kids the best start possible." To attract better and better teachers, "the best teachers deserve the best pay," Takasugi added.

"State government has reached into the pockets of local taxpayers and forced them to pay more for

less," he explained.

In Takasugi's political arsenal is his wide experience in local and county government, in economic development, redevelopment, housing, sanitation, transportation and more recently as chair of the Ventura County task force on the homeless.

As mayor for the past decade (elected in 1982), Takasugi has seen his city "through a period of unprecedented rejuvenation," quoting his characterization of a community that has become the county's biggest city. When he was appointed to the city planning commission in 1974, he saw businesses fleeing with jobs from his hometown, tax revenues declining and no new housing starts. Two years later, he was elected to the city council.

A native son of Oxnard, he was valedictorian of his 1939 Oxnard High class, was evacuated to Gila River, Ariz., in 1942, earned his B.A. in accounting at Temple University in 1945 and MBA from the Wharton School of Business and Finance at the University of Pennsylvania, 1946.

He and his wife Judy have five children.

Nikkei named to justice board

Rose Ochi, director of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley's Criminal Justice Planning Office, has been appointed by Assembly Speaker Willie Brown to the California Council on Criminal Justice Board, the primary advisory board to the governor and legislature on criminal justice issues and policies for the state of California.

Among her credentials: She is the first Asian American to sit on the board of trustees of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, served as presi-

dential appointee on the National Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy, was the vice chair of the U.S. Department of Justice, Advisory Council on Criminal Justice, and served as Los Angeles Community College Personnel Commissioner.



OCHI

JACL on TV talkshow

SAN FRANCISCO—Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, will appear on the Oprah Winfrey Show Tuesday March 10 to discuss recent anti-Japanese American sentiment.

Part of a week-long series on racism, the show is titled "Discrimination against Japanese Americans." Other guests on the show include: hate crime victim Tak Furumoto, James Mukoyama, cross-cultural expert Harvey Shoemack, and Daniel and Jeni Porter.

Check local listings for time and channel in your area. The Oprah Winfrey Show is a nationally syndicated afternoon talkshow originating from Chicago.

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it to become an economic giant. "Japan, for one, is endeavoring to give up all its 'handicaps' in the economic game, following the examples of Britain and the United States. Japan, having progressed rapidly to the ranks of a developed economy, can make significant contributions to multilateral economic coordination by applying its own experience."

The former prime minister called for a larger international role for Japan. He encouraged the inclusion of Japan and Germany into the U.N. Security Council and noted how the newly formed Commonwealth nations are likely to adopt the Japanese model of a developmental market economy. Speculating about the economic role of the newly developed de-

mocracies in the former Soviet bloc, Nakasone said they are, "likely to adopt measures to develop their infant industries with subsidies, promote exports, and regulate imports under government guidance in order to catch up."

Nakasone praised proposals for strategic nuclear arms reduction by President Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin calling nuclear weapons the "scourge of modern civilization."

"Japan should be the initiating force in Soviet nuclear disarmament, especially considering its economic and technologic strength and the common wish for nuclear disarmament on the part of its people. Japan should take positive steps to promote international cooperation in disposing of nuclear weapons," said Nakasone.

In a brief question and answer period, Nakasone, through an in-

terpreter, discussed recent remarks made by Japanese officials about American workers. "I very much regret the inadvertent remarks by Japanese leaders. Some of these remarks have been careless... (showed) some lack of information."

Asked what America should do about its problems, Nakasone said, "It's up to the voters. I can't tell you what to do. Whenever I come to the United States I become confounded. Why (is) the U.S. so pessimistic about its own future? It should have greater self confidence."

Referring to his time as prime minister of Japan, Nakasone said, "I hope... that the U.S. will remain strong. I said to Reagan, 'You be the pitcher and I'll be the catcher, but sometimes, the pitcher has to listen to the catcher.'"

REACTION

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George Miller and Robert Lagomarsino.

Commenting on the passage, Levine said, "Today, 50 years after the signing of Executive Order 9066, it is appropriate that Congress should designate the first and best known of the internment camps as a lasting reminder of one of the most egregious mass violations of civil liberties in American history."

Mineta expressed similar sentiments: "By voting to designate Manzanar as a National Historic Site, Congress has again said that the honor and dignity of those who were interned must be restored in full. The Manzanar National Historic site will stand as a reminder of the racism, wartime hysteria and weak political leadership that denied 120,000 loyal Americans their constitutional freedoms."

Matsui commented: "Fifty years ago, Americans of Japanese ancestry were pulled from their homes and confined at Manzanar. Now the walls and barbed wire have been dismantled, but the equally restrictive walls of racism and hate-mongering still have to be razed. Without question, Manzanar is hallowed ground for both those who remember the injustice of 50 years ago, and those that fight today to protect our liberties and rightful place as Americans."

Reaction from the national headquarters of JACL joined in the feeling that this was a momentous occasion. "It is so apt and fitting that this bill was passed on

the day of the 50th anniversary commemoration of Executive Order 9066," said Dennis Hayashi, executive director. "The intent of this legislation was to recognize the historic importance of the camps as a reminder of the need to be forever vigilant in protecting one's constitutional rights. It is equally appropriate that this bill was passed during the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. Now that Congress has acted, we urge President Bush to sign H.R. 543."

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cans of Japanese ancestry were ordered to be detained, relocated, or excluded, and report on their suitability for future national landmark designation.

- The sites under study include former internment camps at Tule Lake, Calif.; Rowher, Ark.; Gila River, Ariz.; Poston, Ariz.; Granada, Colo.; Jerome, Ark.; Heart Mountain, Wyo.; Minidoka, Idaho; and Topaz, Utah.

- The sites of former temporary detention camps would be included in the study. They are located in Pomona, Santa Anita, Fresno, Pinedale, San Bruno, Sacramento, Salinas, Turlock, Merced, Stockton, and Tulare, California; Mayer, Ariz.; Puyallup, Wash.; and Portland, Ore.

- Also to be included in the study are Angel Island, Calif., port of entry for many Issei; Camp Shelby, Miss., training ground for the 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team; Camp Savage and Fort Snelling, Minn., locations of the Military Intelligence Service

Language School where Americans of Japanese ancestry received Japanese language instruction; Camp McCoy, Wis., where the 100th Infantry Battalion was trained; Terminal Island, Calif., the first location from which Japanese Americans were forced to evacuate; Bainbridge Island, Wash., where Japanese Americans were evacuated pursuant to Exclusion Order Number 1; Immigration and Naturalization Service internment camps at Crystal City, Kennedy, and Seagoville, Texas; Missoula, Mont., and Bismarck, N.D.

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stories and history of Native Americans and local pioneers as well as the Japanese American internment experience. The committee will likely include members of the Japanese American community, Native Americans, and residents from Inyo County.

The site will feature no new buildings except for restrooms, parking facilities, and daytime picnic shelters. No overnight camping will be allowed. It is also expected that a temporary trailer will be soon set up in Manzanar as a security measure now that the area will become a national historic site.

Another part of the celebration of the bill is the growing interest in this year's Manzanar pilgrimage, Embrey said. Nine busloads of people are scheduled at this point but more are expected with the planning of a ceremony at the park site during the April 25 event.

Small kid time

by Gwen Muranaka



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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Yamaguchi: An American name

Make no mistake, Yamaguchi is an American name. Not Japanese, Chinese or anything else, American. A wisp of a girl with a radiant smile, first name Kristi, made Yamaguchi a part of the American language and sports history with a Gold Medal performance at the XVI Winter Olympics.

"Yamaguchi proves good as gold," the headlines proclaimed. One reporter wrote: "At last, America has another ice queen. On a night when pressure wilted every challenger, Kristi Yamaguchi became the first American woman to win a Winter Olympic figure skating gold medal since 1976."

So the band played the *Star-Spangled Banner* and the Stars and Stripes were flown in her honor and there was no doubt that she was an American despite the contours of her girlish face and the color of her skin. Did anyone stop to ask whether she was a "real" American? Not on your life.

To confound matters the skater who placed second, Midori Ito, was of the identical ethnic background, but she was not American. And the young black girl wasn't African, but French.

All this may be confusing but it's very simple if you understand the global nature of the world.

Americans who consider it unpatriotic to buy automobiles with Japanese names are discovering that many of them are built in American factories by Americans. And cars with familiar old American names are being assembled outside the United States or else they contain so many foreign-made parts that they cannot be considered American. What is a good old-fashioned bigot to believe?

If memory serves correctly, some politician rose before the Tolan Committee hearings just prior to the Evacuation in 1942 to urge that Italian aliens be treated differently from Japanese.

As proof of the loyalty of Italian aliens, he said, there was one named DiMaggio in San Francisco who had the good fortune to have three sons so skilled at baseball that they played in the Major Leagues. And one of them was named Joe who was the great Yankee Clipper who patrolled center field for the New York Yankees. How could one suspect the Mr. DiMaggio, the proud father of three baseball stars, might be disloyal to the United States?

That seemed to make sense back then, and it was our misfortune that we had nobody named Joe Yamamoto playing right field for the Yankees. Now, we have Kristi.

God forbid that we should go through another such time. But now, if it should come to that, we can point to Kristi Yamaguchi, a certified American heroine, and bask in the glow of her Gold Medal and cite it as proof that her people are indeed Americans.

A few news stories out of Albertville, France, pointed out that Kristi's father, Jim, who grew up to be a dentist, was imprisoned at Poston, Ariz., as a boy in World War II because he was a Japanese American. And her mother, Carole, was born in one of the camps. (Carole's parents, George and Katherine Doi of Gardena, were evacuated to Amache, Colo. George later served in the U.S. Army in Germany. Dr. Jim served with the U.S. Air Force in Okinawa in the early '60s.)

I think it's great that this sad part of our history is dredged up again as a reminder of what was, and even better it be known that such people can give birth to, bring up, educate and support a daughter who became the best in the world at what she does.

The Gold Medal attests to Kristi's skating artistry, but even more, it attests unmistakably to the confirmation of Yamaguchi as an American name. (C)

Letters

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Stop the bashing on both sides, he says

I believe that most of our American workers are the most productive workers in the world. With the 3% of our labor forces in agriculture, we can feed nearly all of the people in our world. With proper incentives and working conditions, our labor forces can out-produce any other workers in the world with high quality products. For instance, the Toyota automobiles produced in Fremont are judged to be as good quality or better than that which is made in Japan. The bashing of the American workers is nonsense.

Likewise Japan-bashing doesn't make sense either. It is so easy to blame our economic slump on someone else like the Japanese. The truth is that our recession is basically our own doing. Every prominent economist will state that even if all of the Japanese trade barriers were lifted, it will not cure our recession and remedy our trade imbalance with Japan.

One of the leading causes of our economic slump is our huge national deficit, as the result of years of overspending by our federal government. Although our political leaders promise a balanced budget, there is rarely a year when we have a balanced budget. We're also spending too much on the individual level because an average American saves only 3% of his income.

Both American bashing and Japan bashing are ridiculous. Both countries are so closely interdependent economically that a major trade war would have catastrophic economic consequences for both countries and to the entire world. If we should suddenly erect huge tariff barriers for Japanese cars, this would cause a sudden downturn of Japan's economy. Japan is the major supplier in financing our national deficit, since the saving rate of our population is so low. The slump in the Japanese economy will mean that they will sharply reduce their investment in our federal bond market in order to prop up their economy. The result of this will mean that we will be faced with a rising interest rate and a huge increase in inflation.

The relationship between the United States and Japan is like being married to a foreign bride. Both sides have to work at it harder to make it succeed, but the rewards of success are indeed great.

Ben Hashimoto
Merced, Calif.

Why are we picking on the Japanese?

We are told the Japanese have caused our trade deficit, are "buying" America, are getting ahead at our expense, and it's time we stood up to them.

Let's see now: their high school students study so much they sleep less than 6 hours a day. Ours average that for TV. Their dropout rate is 1 percent; ours is 30 percent. Theirs graduate with three more years of schooling than ours; 1/3 of ours graduate functionally illiterate. The adults work 6 weeks more per year than us. They save; we spend. They produce; we consume. They have a surplus; we have a deficit. They have little crime; we have a lot. They study our language; we don't study theirs. We condemn their trade surplus, but not ours with other countries. They have the best manners. They buy our failing companies, save them, and hire workers. Their cars have caused a big rise in the quality of ours. Their competition has caused us to make better products and become more efficient. They are first in foreign aid, first in technology, and chief creditor. All this, yes our problems are their fault. Hmmm.

When the English bought Holiday Inn, no one cared; but when they Japanese invest here, we resent it.

We don't resent lobbyists from other countries, but we resent those from Japan.

Other countries have conducted hostile takeovers; the Japanese have not.

The Dutch own about as much of the American assets as the Japanese; no one complains about them. The British own twice as many and no one complains.

Any foreigner can buy here, and they have to conform to our laws. When the Japanese

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'We're not cows or sows'

By Fumiko Kometani

Pacific Citizen again offers more views of and from Japan through the Asian Foundation Translation Service Center.

In this editorial that appeared in the Kobe Shimbun, Fumiko Kometani, an award-winning novelist, addresses the issue of Japan's declining birth rate.

Faced with this problem but unwilling to admit large numbers of unskilled foreign workers, the government has introduced monthly allowances for children up to age three to induce women to have more babies.

Former Finance Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto has complained that because more women are going on to college, Japan's birth rate is declining, and that the drop threatens the nation's economic survival.

By 1998, there will be more people over 65 than youngsters below 14. Alarmed by the prospect of a shrinking work force, the government has instituted a special monthly allowance to encourage more births: \$40 per child below the age of three.

Women are being treated like cows or sows, valued only for their ability to breed. The allowance stirs unpleasant memories of the militarist era, when women were exhorted to have more babies for the na-

tion.

Why can't politicians advocate alternatives like raising the retirement age by 10 years, to 70? Today, average life expectancy in Japan is 82 for women and 78 for men, much longer than the 55 years of just a few decades ago. Then people died during their prime working years; now many are still going strong in their 70s.

Older workers know their jobs inside out and have the seasoning and wisdom that comes with experience. Nevertheless, companies want them to retire because wages are based mainly on seniority. Why not change the compensation system so that employees over 60 are paid a few hundred dollars less per month? With their children grown up and gone, longtime staff members should need less money to live on.

Rather than worry about how much education women are getting, the authorities should consider a period of mandatory public service for men after high school—some kind of regimen that would mature them.

Most male college graduates these days are limp noodles who refuse jobs where they would get their hands dirty. Old-fashioned physical labor might toughen up these sad specimens of masculinity.

According to forecasts, Japan's population will peak in 2010. But by the time it

declines significantly, the world's population will have doubled, there will be acute shortages of food and housing in many countries, and the earth's atmosphere will be heavily polluted. In a global context, fewer births here would be a good thing.

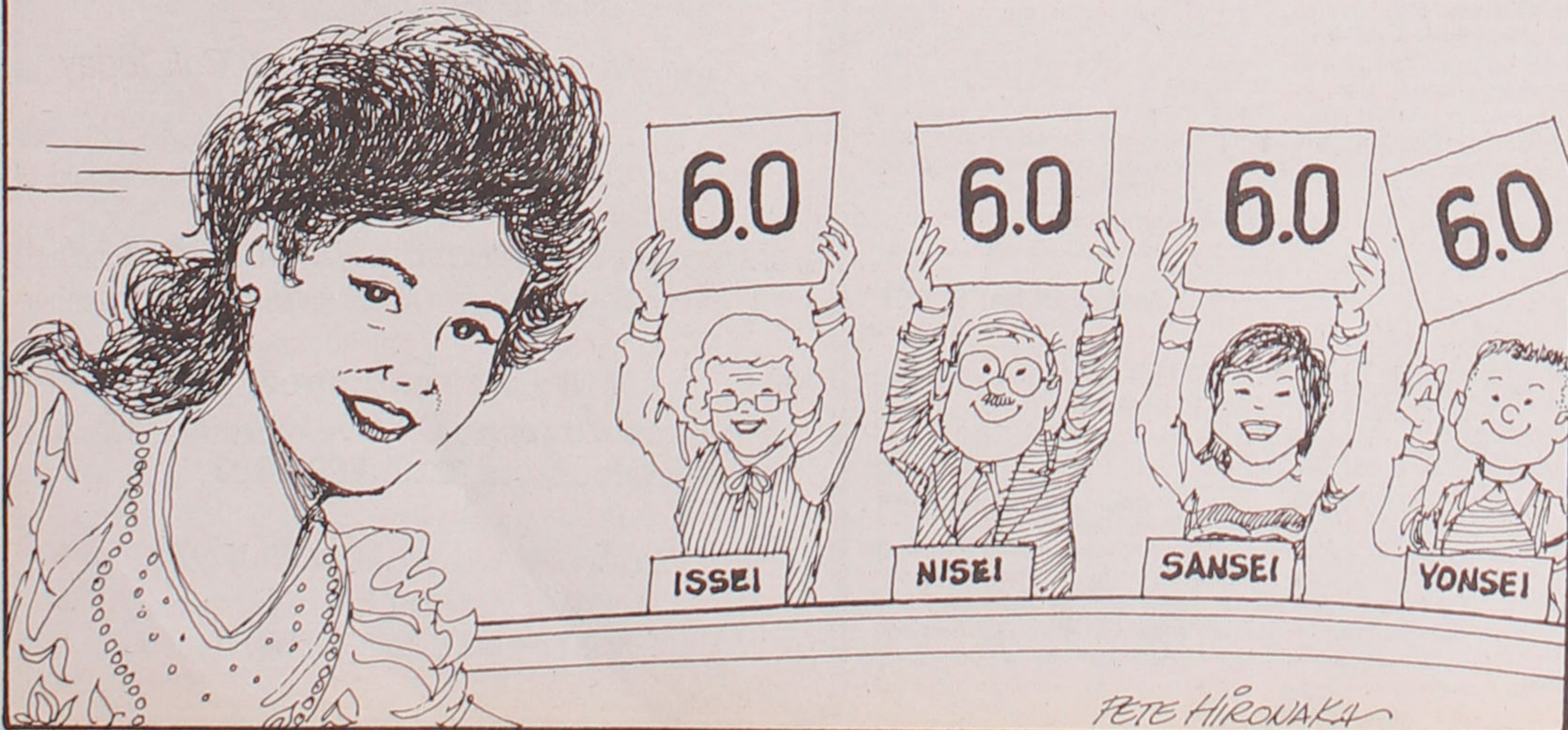
A more logical solution to any labor shortage would be to hire workers from other Asian countries and elsewhere who desperately want to work here.

Japan's insensitivity to women's right is not an isolated phenomenon. The U.S. Supreme Court, for example, has ruled that public funds can't be used to counsel about abortions. (What right do male officials—judges, politicians, or religious leaders—anywhere have to dictate the fate of women's bodies?)

Reproductive decisions belong to the individual Japanese woman and her alone. Because even if the government induces here to have the baby, it eschews future responsibilities. Except in wartime. Then, of course, it likes to claim that the baby, having somehow reached maturity, belongs to the nation.

Translated from the Japanese newspaper Kobe Shimbun by the Asia Foundation's Translation Service Center.

KRISTI'S BIASED JUDGES



PETE HIROUAKA

50 years ago

Feb. 21, 1942: Tolan committee debates evacuation

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

FIFTY YEARS ago this week, after Executive Order 9066 was promulgated, the House Select Committee Investigating National Defense Migrations chaired by Oakland Democrat Rep. John H. Tolan, opened its hearings on Saturday, Feb. 21, in San Francisco. The committee carried on in Portland, Seattle, Los Angeles and back to San Francisco 20 days later. Its proceedings summoned a rich cross-section of opinions from a multitude who wanted a "Jap-free" West Coast, a few who called for fair play and defended Japanese Americans as well as Nisei from the community.

Those who spoke for evacuation of Japanese ("put them in concentration camps!") were called first, including Attorney General Earl Warren and San Francisco Mayor Angelo Rossi. On Monday, more mayors and police chiefs demanded removal of Japanese only. Then the first Nisei speaker followed: Mike Masaoka for JACL. Saburo Kido as National JACL president would have submitted the testimony but he had an impacted tooth removed that day and had Mike deliver the statement and respond to the congressmen. (Wartime mayor Harry P. Cain of Tacoma was the only public official on the West Coast condemning the evacuation. As U.S. senator he led in override of Truman's veto of the Issei naturalization bill.)

IT IS WELL to recall here that the National JACL Convention in 1940 affirmed allegiance without reservation to the U.S. Constitution, its ideals and institutions.

national defense, fair employment practices, non-discrimination in the armed forces (Japanese Americans were barred from enlisting in the Navy), social and political organizations and for universal registration of all U.S. residents. [At this convention, the motion to change the name of this newspaper to "American Citizen" was defeated.]

As U.S.-Japan relations became hectic and Nisei as a whole came in for vicious criticism for being anti-American and on charges that the Japanese government was "conscripting" Nisei in Hawaii and the West Coast for espionage, the National JACL Board in September, 1941, issued "a declaration of policy" summarizing the basic stand to be maintained on issues of justice, Americanism, anti-discrimination, citizenship and loyalty. The declaration was widely disseminated—to all members of Congress, the President, army and navy intelligence, the media and to the chapters for local distribution.

IN THE WEEKS after Pearl Harbor, JACL Headquarters found itself called upon more and more to combat the vicious rumors about espionage and sabotage being committed by persons of Japanese ancestry and being spread by propaganda leaflets and racist groups. Unfounded stories stood unchallenged from responsible officials and the few voices in protest were stifled by banner headline-bred hysteria and racist ranting.

When the idea first surfaced that American citizens of Japanese ancestry be evacuated along with their enemy alien Issei parents, JACLers considered the

move as fantastic and unimaginable.

But Headquarters also worried about the argument for evacuation. The racists played up the few attacks against persons of Japanese ancestry, by Filipinos in particular, that evacuation was necessary for the safety of persons of Japanese ancestry.


Rumors about JACL were of two kinds: (1) that JACL was not cooperating with legal authorities charged with U.S. internal security; and (2) JACL leaders were cooperating to save their own necks and to enhance their own position in the community by turning in names of Issei leaders for internment. Research conducted in 1949-50 found no evidence in support of either type of rumor.

WIRES AND PHONE calls to and from JACL Headquarters were numerous—tracing down and denying various rumors and stories. One Utah scholar in race relations pictured JACL's efforts as "a voice crying in the wilderness."

With all this in mind, JACL sought hearings be held at strategic points for the purpose of getting the truth of the various rumors concerning persons of Japanese ancestry. Thus, the Tolan hearings came into being.

As it turned out, the Tolan Committee hearings were substantially public forums for race baiters. The U.S. government had already established its policy to evacuate the designated areas to prosecute the war even before JACL's position was ever asked. JACL's position concerning Evacuation follows:

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Vet news

KIA-MIA memorial group organized

LOS ANGELES — Veterans and a coalition of citizens who seek to dedicate a memorial to all Japanese American war dead and missing-in-action recently held organizational dinner meeting at a Little Tokyo restaurant and selected a steering committee comprised of:

Mas Dobashi, Harold Harada, Robert Hayamizu, Fred Hoshiyama, Joe Kawata, Mits Kunihiro, George Nishinaka, George Matsumoto, Lance Matsushita and George Yoshinaga; Arthur Snyder and Mark Kiguchi, counselors.

Statements of support for the memorial were presented by Robert Wada (Korean War Veterans), Sam Shimoguchi (Venice-Culver JACL), Herbert Kawahara, Lt. Bruce Unoura, Minoru Tonai, Rick Yoshizawa, Snyder, and Matsumoto.

At another meeting, Nishinaka's motion on behalf of the 100th/442nd Veterans Association to dissolve the Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council's formation of a "Nisei Veterans Memorial Committee" (now known as the memo-

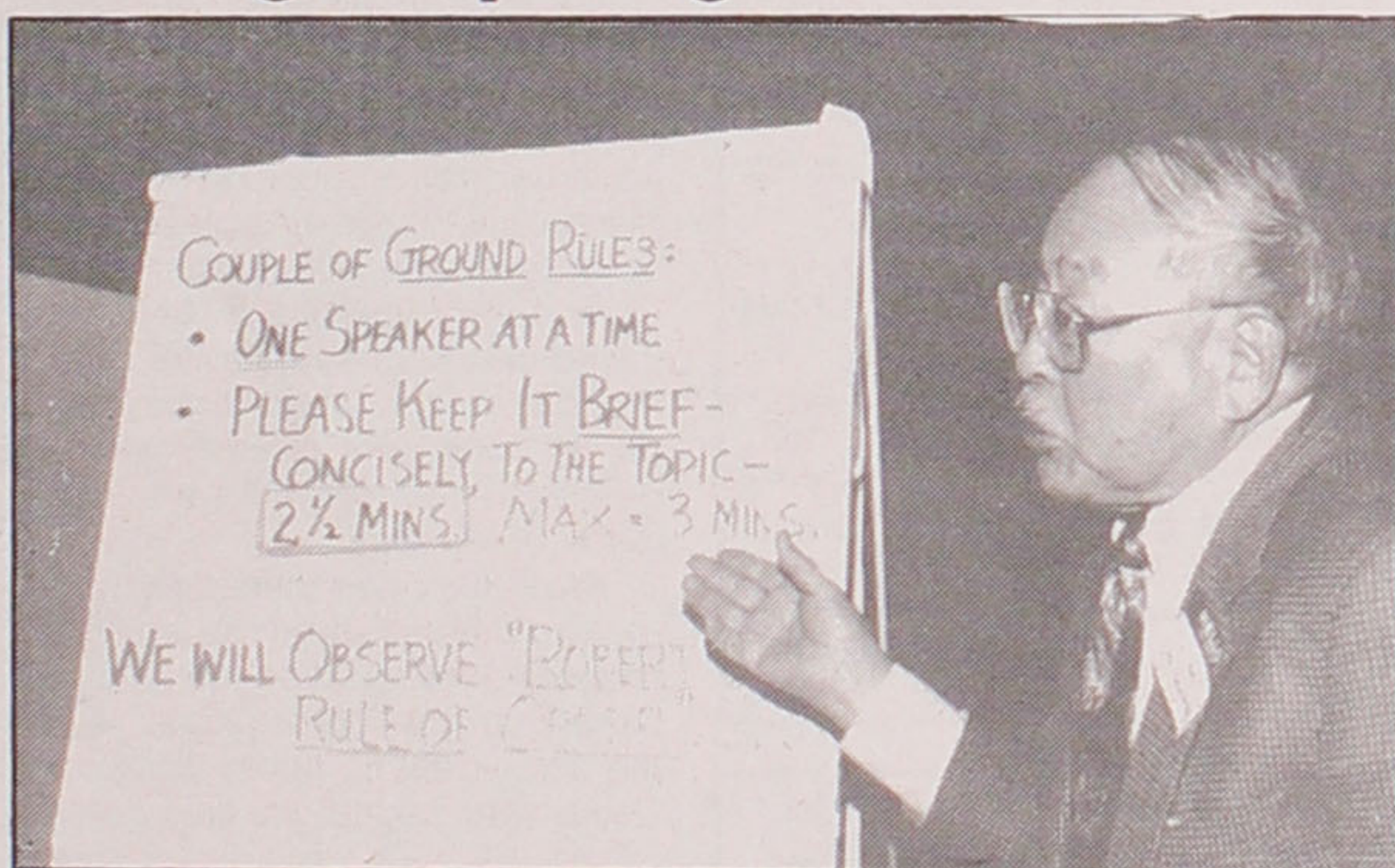


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ALL-NIKKEI KIA-MIA MEMORIAL—Fred Hoshiyama, Venice-Culver JACL leader, points to directions for participants present at a recent organizational dinner meeting to discuss merits of a Little Tokyo memorial for all Japanese American war dead and missing-in-action GIs.

rial monument committee) was tabled.

Later, Nishinaka explained the NVCC is a coordinating body for the annual Memorial Day service, installation of its officers and other projects that "all of its [11-] member organizations can agree and

mutually support it." As a member of NVCC, the 100/442nd Veterans Association, at a recent board meeting, contended the NVCC memorial monument committee lacks "adequate organizational representation" and should be dissolved.

profit over growth, with a greater priority on domestic lending," said Jack Rodman, director of the firm's Pacific Rim practice.

• **BETTER BUSINESS**—Two-day workshops for minority and women business owners will be held Thursday, March 12, through Wednesday, March 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Los Angeles Airport Sheraton, 6101 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles. Cost is \$45 per person each day (includes lunch and workshop materials). Topics: basic principles of a cost-control system; how to develop and implement a system; the critical role job cost control plays in the total company operation; how to monitor

cash flow; and controlling the need for financing. Information: 310/419-8003.

• **TRADE SHOW**—The 9th annual Minority Business Development Seminar and Trade Show is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, through Thursday, May 14, at the New Orleans Hilton, New Orleans, La. The event, sponsored by the Edison Electric Institute, will focus on trends and strategies to expand opportunities for minority-owned businesses with the electric utility industry. Registration fee, including trade show space, is \$325 per person. Information: Alex Wilson, 202/508-5585.

Biz notes

• **GOING DOWN**—The Japanese invested \$5 billion in U.S. real estate last year, the lowest level since 1985, according to a study released by the accounting firm of Kenneth Leventhal & Company.

According to the study, Japanese investment was held back by the country's lending restrictions, declining stock values, and a faltering U.S. real estate market.

Japanese investors have poured \$76 billion into U.S. real estate since the mid-1980s.

The drop in investing, however, is not a sign of the Japanese pulling out. "The Japanese financial system is now focusing on

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Book review
50 years later: Tales of poignancy

by HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

After a half dozen books and a couple of films about the exploits of all-Nisei 100th/442nd Infantry, one would think the subject was sated, especially after 50 years—but we stand corrected and happily so with Thelma Chang's "I Can Never Forget: Men of the 100th/442nd" (Sigi Productions, P.O. Box 26390, Honolulu, HI 96825, 202 pp., illus., color, \$34.95—includes shipping priority air mail to Mainland from Hawaii).

Here are stories, told by men nearly 50 years later, that are as poignant and lively as the day they happened. Prof. Franklin Odo, ethnic studies director of the University of Hawaii, observes the Nisei GIs, perhaps, are likely to express their feelings "more freely" to Asian American women of another generation, and perhaps, it took this long to make the feelings public.

Here are stories in greater detail—of the 552nd at Dachau (which the public learned for the first time this year), of Nisei GIs who were in German POW camps (the first we've encountered in print), and of being mistaken often for Chinese (Col. Young Oak Kim, ret., remembers the 100th being greeted that way on entering Rome in June, 1944). Kim also relates the disappointment of the 100th in not rolling into Rome

first as they deserved because the armored division that got the honor had to rely on the 100th to first remove the Nazi obstructions several times enroute.

Images of racism in Hawaii on the Mainland are not overlooked either—which renders the story of the Nisei soldiers during World War II with a very haunting quality. Like parents calling the Nisei who enlisted from inside the concentration camps "bakatare-stupid" since they were locked up by the U.S. government George O'iye (from Montana) of the 442nd told the author: "We've been criticized for the fact that Japanese Americans haven't told certain things, and I think that's a wrong criticism because it isn't that we haven't told; it's that people weren't ready to hear it. I'm absolutely sure of that. And right now, they're ready to hear it, they want to know. And because they're asking questions, we're giving answers."

There are a few untold MIS stories, too—of the Nisei GIs ordered to dress up in Japanese uniforms and use Japanese weapons in training Caucasian soldiers—a sample of racism in the War Department. Which leads one to wonder if the author, a journalism graduate from the University of Hawaii, is ready to tackle another "Wasurarenai—I Can Never Forget" volume for the Nisei in Military Intelligence Service.

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JACL's Statement Before the Tolan Committee, San Francisco, Feb. 23, 1942, Submitted by Mike Masaoka

On behalf of the 20,000 American citizen members of the 62 chapters of the Japanese American Citizens League in some 300 communities throughout the United States, I wish to thank the Tolan committee for the opportunity given me to appear at this hearing. The fair and impartial presentation of all aspects of a problem is a democratic procedure which we deeply appreciate. That this procedure is being followed in the present matter, which is of particularly vital significance to us, we look upon as a heartening demonstration of the American tradition of fair play.

We have been invited by you to make clear our stand regarding the proposed evacuation of all Japanese from the West Coast. When the President's recent Executive Order was issued, we welcomed it

as definitely centralizing and coordinating defense efforts relative to the evacuation problem. Later interpretations of the order, however, seem to indicate that it is aimed primarily at the Japanese American citizens as well as alien nationals. As your committee continues its investigations in this and subsequent hearings, we hope and trust that you will recommend to the proper authorities that no undue discrimination be shown to American citizens of Japanese descent.

Our frank and reasoned opinion on the matter of evacuation revolves around certain considerations of which we feel both your committee and the general public should be apprised. With any policy of evacuation definitely arising from reasons of military necessity and national safety, we are in complete agreement. As American citizens, we cannot and should not take any other stand. But, also, as American citizens believing in the integrity of our citizenship, we feel that any evacuation enforced on grounds violating that integrity should be

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Obituaries

Fujii, James, Gardena, Dec. 27 (funeral); Montebello-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Irene, sons Dave, Allen, 3 grandchildren, sister Marian Fujimoto, brother-in-law Bill Matsushima, sister-in-law Sue Matsushima.

Fujii, Tadasu Tommy, 60, Los Angeles, Nov. 14; Pasadena-born Korean Conflict veteran, survived by brother Hiroshi, sister-in-law Masako Fujii.

Fujimura, Fujie, 94, Gardena, Dec. 30; Hyogo-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sons Toshio, Henry, daughters Tsuyako Takeuchi, Mary Fukushima, 9 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren.

Fukumoto, Yumi, 83, Oxnard, Jan. 19; Kagoshima-born, survived by son Hayao, 4 grandchildren, great-grandchildren.

Fukutomi, Michiko, 82, Concord, Dec. 28; Ehime-born, survived by daughter Junko Fukuchi, granddaughter Margaret Manibusan, 2 great-grandchildren.

Hamada, Takako, 75, Santa Monica, Jan. 2; Santa Monica-born, survived by son Aki, daughter Sumiye Hamada, sister Chiyoko Watanabe (Jpn).

Hamaguchi, Miyoko, 75, Cerritos, Jan. 15; Seattle-born, survived by son Kenneth, daughter Miyuki Iwasaki, 4 grandchildren, 4 brothers Takao, Mutsuo, Tadao and Sachio Shintani,

sister Ryiuko Hamaguchi, Nanac Kohigashi.

Kawabe, Chitose, 77, Monterey Park, Dec. 27; Los Angeles-born, survived by son Dr. Dennis, daughter Arlene Porter (Flagstaff), 5 grandchildren.

Kawamoto, Roy Kenji, 68, Cupertino, Jan. 4; Santa Clara-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Frances, sons Jim, Ken, daughters Kathie, Judy, Diane, brother David, sisters Esther Sera and Frances Sera.

Kawauchi, Masao Roy, 91, San Jose, Jan. 18 (funeral); Fukuoka-born, survived by sam Sam, 4 daughters Alice (Jpn), Masako Larson, Hideko Hall, Keiko Miyamoto, son-in-law Paul Kimoto, grandchildren.

Kimura, Kazuyoshi, 73, Los Angeles, Jan. 19; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Yukiko, sons Norihiko, Terumi, daughter Yuriko Nakajima, 3 grandchildren, great-grandson, brothers Tomoyoshi and Haruichi Kishi (both Jpn).

Kitahara, Takako, 90, San Jose, Dec. 27; survived by sons Yukio, George, Michio, Junki.

Kobata, Torakusu, 89, Campbell, Jan. 12; survived by wife Kimiyo, 4 sons Toshio, Minoru, Susumu, Arata, daughter Hiroko Hirata, 9 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren.

Kobayashi, Charles K., 74, National City, Jan. 1; Maui-born, sur-

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opposed. If, in the judgment of military and Federal authorities, evacuation of Japanese residents from the West Coast is a primary step toward assuring the safety of this nation, we will have no hesitation in complying with the necessities implicit in that judgment.

But, if, on the other hand, such evacuation is primarily a measure whose surface urgency cloaks the desires of political or other pressure groups who want us to leave merely from motives of self-interest, we feel that we have every right to protest and to demand equitable judgment on our merits as American citizens. (Emphasis added.)

In any case, we feel that the whole problem of evacuation, once its necessity is militarily established, should be met strictly according to that need. Only these areas, in which strategic and military considerations make the removal of Japanese residents necessary, should be evacuated. Regarding policy and procedure in such areas, we submit the following recommendations:

1. That the actual evacuation from designated areas be conducted by military authorities in a manner

which is consistent with the requirements of national defense, human welfare, and constructive community relations in the future;

2. That, in view of the alarming developments in Tulare County and other communities against incoming Japanese evacuees all plans for voluntary evacuations be discouraged;

3. That transportation, food, and shelter be provided for all evacuees from prohibited areas, as provided in the Presidential order;

4. That thoroughly competent, responsible and bonded property custodians be appointed and their services made available immediately to all Japanese whose business and property interests are affected by orders and regulations;

5. That all problems incidental to resettlement be administered by a special board created for this purpose under the direction of the Federal Security Agencies;

6. That the resettlement of evacuees from prohibited areas should be within the State in which they now reside;

7. That ample protection against mob violence be given to the evacuees both in transit and in the new communities to which they are assigned;

8. That effort be made to provide

suitable and productive work for all evacuees;

9. That resettlement aims be directed toward the restoration, as far as possible, of normal community life in the future when we have won the war;

10. That competent tribunals be created to deal with the so-called hardship cases and that flexible policies be applicable to such cases.

Although these suggestions seem to include only the Japanese, may I urge that these same recommendations be adapted to the needs of other nationals and citizens who may be similarly affected.

I now make an earnest plea that you seriously consider and recognize our American citizenship status which we have been taught to cherish as our most priceless heritage.

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Personally speaking

• **Diamond Bar (Calif.) Mayor Jay Kim** is running for Congress in the June 2 Republican primaries for the proposed tri-county 41st District seat, one of the additional California spots in wake of the 1990 Census. "It is wide open and there is no incumbent," Kim said of the contest. "It's only once in 10 years you have that opportunity." Under review of the state supreme court, the area covers the southeastern portion of San Gabriel Valley and adjoining areas of Orange and San Bernardino counties.... Earlier this year, Calif. Assemblyman Charles Quackenbush (R-Cupertino) planned to run for the seat being vacated by Rep. Tom Campbell (R-Stanford, Calif.), but with the court-drawn redistricting, he would be running against nine-term incumbent Rep. **Norman Mineta** (D-San Jose) and on Dec. 20 Quackenbush said he would seek reelection to the Assembly instead.

• **Matt Matsunaga**, son of the late Sen. Spark Matsunaga, of Honolulu is considering running for a state senate seat next year, eyeing the 9th District where he was born and raised and where his father started his political career.... On the Big Island, **Mayor Lorraine Inouye** (of Filipino ancestry) is finishing out the two-year vacancy left by the late Bernard Akana and has announced her intention to seek re-election. She expected to be challenged by former county council chairman **Steve Yamashiro** whom she edged by 76 votes in the 1990 eight-candidate Democratic primary election.... Two candidacies were reported in recent months for the U.S. Senate seat held by **Daniel K. Inouye** since 1962. On the Republican side is state Senator Rick Reed; his longtime friend **Wayne Nishiki**, Maui County councilman, announced as a Democratic candidate.... Monterey Park city council member **Judy Chu** is seeking her second term on the city council. She was mayor between April 1990-February 1991. She is a professor

of psychology at East Los Angeles College.

• **Dr. Roger M. Wakimoto**, associate professor of meteorology at UCLA, received the 1991 American Meteorological Society's Clarence Leroy Meisinger Award for his significant contributions to "the understanding of mesoscale phenomena through insightful and detailed analysis of observations." Preference is given to young, promising atmospheric scientists, the Boston-based society explained. A 1976 graduate from San Jose State, he received his Ph.D. in geophysical sciences from the University of Chicago in 1981, and began teaching at UCLA in 1983.

• University of California Regent **Yori Wada** was honored Dec. 7 by the San Francisco Korean Center for community service and was introduced by Korean Center executive director **Dr. Youn Chey** as one who works "on behalf of people of all colors and backgrounds" and a recognition long overdue — not because of oversight but that he has turned down the center's wish to honor him. Wada was also accorded the coveted St. Francis of Assisi Award, a crystal figurine of the city's patron saint, from the City of San Francisco from Mayor Art Agnos.

• Having completed a five-year residency in general surgery and two years in plastic surgery at the University of Utah Medical Center and a fellowship in craniofacial reconstructive plastic surgery at Harvard Medical School, **Dr. David Motoki** of Salt Lake City recently was certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery. He also presented scientific papers to the Third International Congress of Craniofacial Surgery (1991) at Santiago de Compostela, Spain. He and his wife (**Janis Mitsui**) have three children; he has been in practice at the Primary Children's Medical Center and Institute of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery. His parents, **Shigeru and Mariya Motoki**, are longtime Mt. Olympus JACLers.

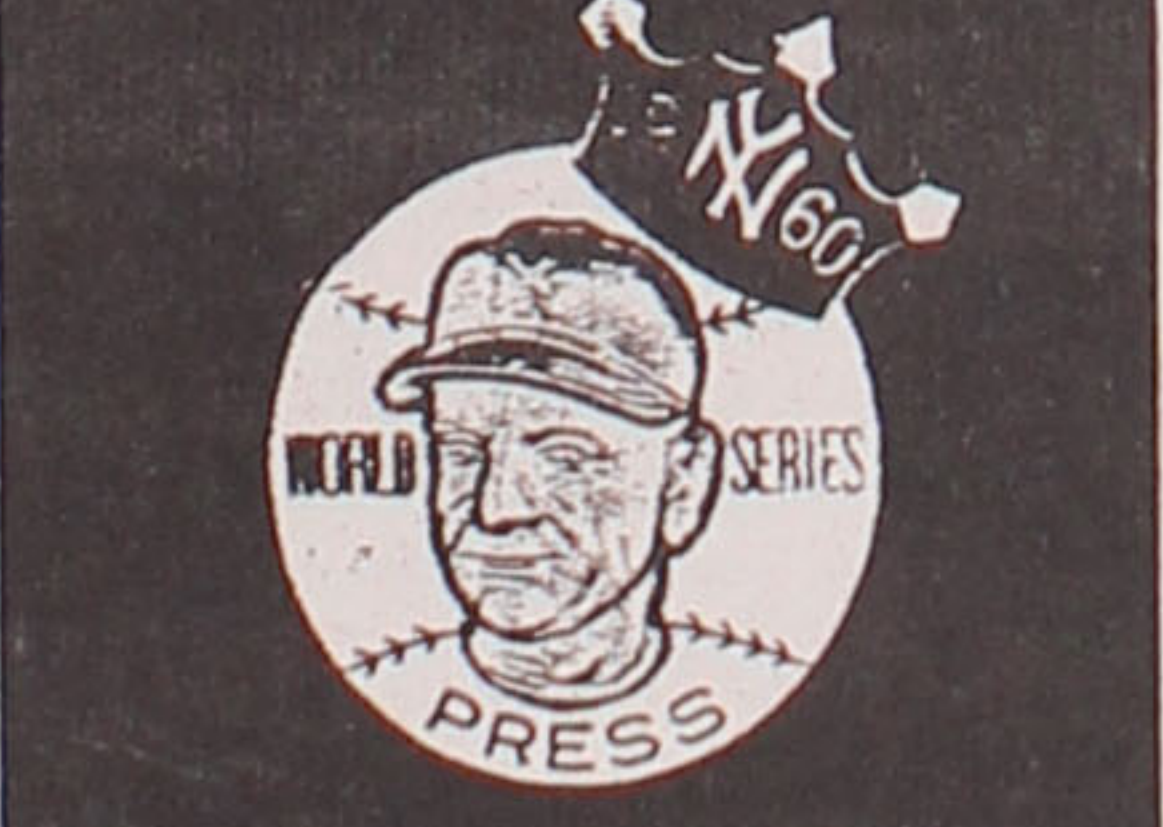
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vived by sons Milt (New York), Lance, sister Florence Taniguchi (Hawaii).
Nishio, Kazuo, 71, Chicago, Dec. 26; Arizona-born, survived by wife Ikuo, daughters Chie Santos, Junko Otte, Mitsuko.
Nishioka, Taira, 63, San Jose, Dec. 21; survived by brothers Hiroshi and Tamotsu.
Noguchi, Ichi, 88, Anaheim, Dec. 30; Hilo-born, survived by her sons Ben, Shig, daughters Kiyome Honda, Kyoko Rose, Aiko Tanouye, 12 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, brother Yuki Morooka (Chicago), sisters Shigeo Ikegami (San Jose), Tomeko Takeshita (Hayward), sister-in-law Peggy Nakamura (Oregon).

Oda, Kosumi, 93, Fresno, Jan. 7; Hiroshima-born, survived by her son Norman, 2 grandchildren.
Ono, Kimie, 74, San Francisco, Jan. 6; San Francisco-born, survived by 4 sons Stanley, Gary, Victor, Guy, 6 daughters Sandi Matoba, Lynda Unger, Jo-Ann Wong, Judy Akiyama, Naomi Sato, Teresa Iyemura, 15 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchildren, brother Hirofumi Okamura, sister Yuki Masuoka, Dorothy Ono.
Oshimo, Shizuo, 80, Los Angeles, Jan. 17; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Tomiko, son Shigeru, daughter Sachiko Matsuda, 1 grandchild, sister Yukiko Paguio.
Otani, Ryuzo, 88, San Jose, Dec. 22; survived by wife Kotoyo, sons Bob, Ron, 5 grandchildren.
Saito, Tamaye, 89, Los Angeles, Jan. 10; Honolulu-born, survived by sons Hiroshi, Tsugio, George, daughters Fujio Ueda, Amy, 10 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren.
Sakuda, Tadashi, 63, Gardena, Jan. 1; San Fernando-born, survived by wife Shizuko, daughters Naomi Uruguchi, Joyce Wakatani, 2 grandchildren, sister Kazuye Sasaki (Jpn), brother-in-law Teruo Mayemura.
Sasaki, Harry H., 62, Torrance, Dec. 28; Redondo Beach-born, survived by wife Emiko, son Dexter, daughter Keiko Novoa, Eiko, Aiko Mansour (San Diego), 5 grandchildren, sisters Fumiko Takano, Satoko Oribe (both Jpn) and Hayami Fukino.
Sano, Umeji, 90, Berkeley, Dec. 30; survived by 5 sons Minoru, Yukio, Hisanori, Tatsuo, Toshio, 9 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren.
Shimizu, Shigeru, 101, Los Angeles, Jan. 4; Hiroshima-born, survived by her daughters Mari Shimizu, Toshi Ashikaga.
Yabe, Yoshio, 95, Concord, Dec. 25; Hiroshima-born, survived by her son Hideo (Tokyo), daughters Kiyoko Watanabe (Osaka), Shizuko Tamori, 3 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild.
Yamamoto, Hama, 102, Los Angeles, Jan. 12; Shiga-born, survived by son Kazuo, 3 daughters Kimiko Misumi, Chiyoko Maeda, Miyeko Wakatani, 5 grandchildren, brother Masajiro Nakagawa (Canada).

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