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JANICE UGAKI  
Oxford-bound

## Even at Oxford she'll remember her Idaho roots

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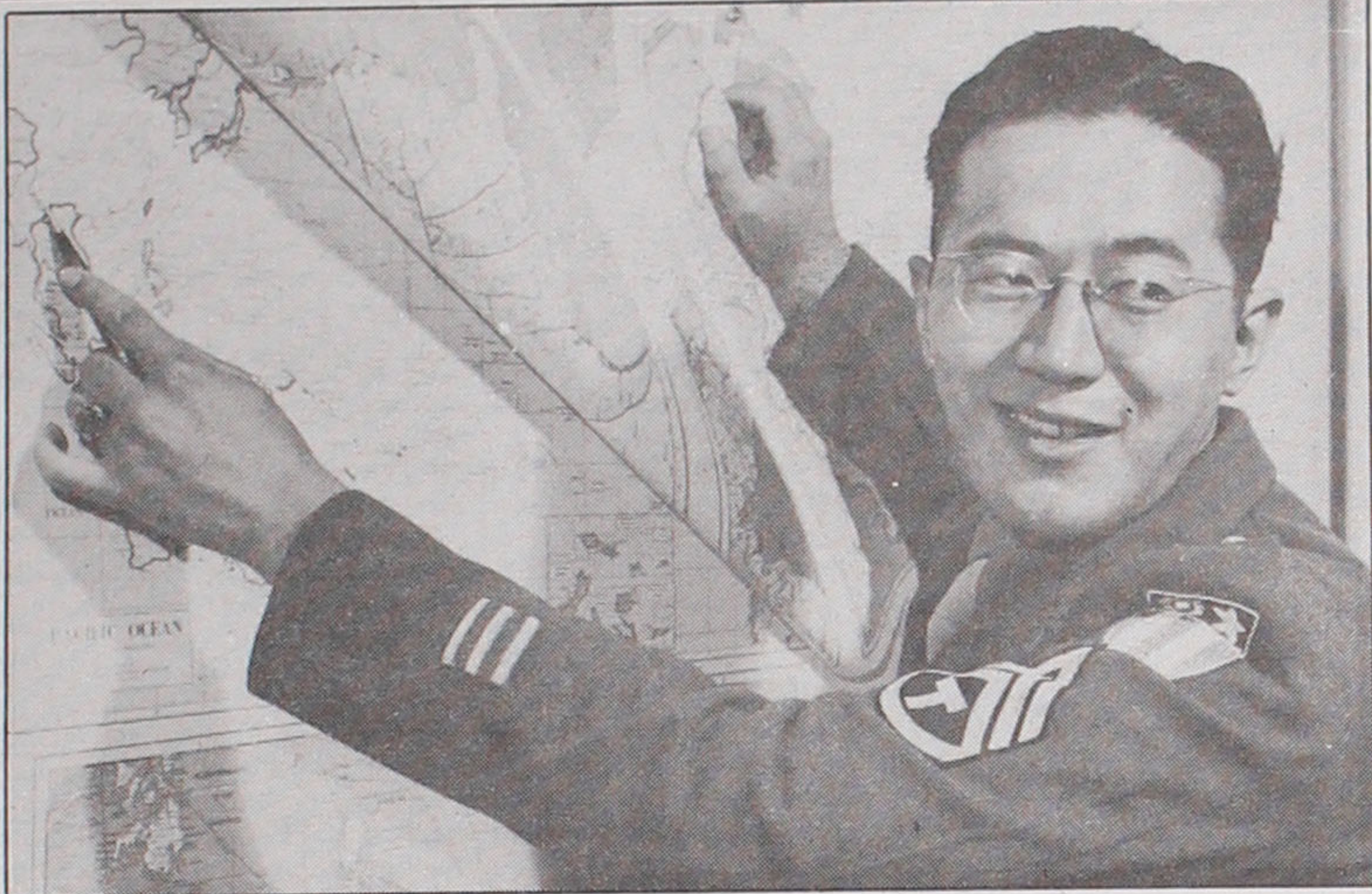
From Blackfoot, Idaho to Harvard to the Rhodes scholarship, Janice Ugaki, now finds the world at her feet, but she has never forgotten where she came from. "I grew up going to JACL picnics, carnivals and chow mein dinners," said Ugaki whose parents, Yuzo and Waka Ugaki are members of the Pocatello-Blackfoot Chapter, JACL. "Although we may not have a large population, it's very close knit. I've always received incredible support from the chapter, they've really helped me so much," said Ugaki.

Ugaki beat out students from seven states in the northwest region and will begin studies at Oxford in the fall. "I was so thrilled, shocked," said Ugaki, recalling when she first found out she had won early in December.

Talking about her parents' reaction to the news, Ugaki said, "They were really excited, pretty speechless, but a bit ambivalent. They're excited I won, thrilled at the opportunity; yet at the same time, England sounds so far away from Idaho. But it's a great opportunity to come visit me."

The Rhodes scholar did her undergraduate work at the University of Utah where she graduated summa cum laude with a degree in political science. In 1990 she won the Truman Scholarship, and she has served public internships in the Utah Supreme Court, office of the governor and the department of state. Also active in the community, Ugaki

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'HORIZONTAL HANK'—Henry Goshō, pictured above in 1945 after a distinguished Army service with Merrill's Marauders, recently died of cancer. Below, right, is a recent photo.

## In memoriam

# War hero Henry Goshō dies at 71

Nisei was known for WWII exploits and government and JACL service

By CLIFFORD UYEDA

Special to the Pacific Citizen  
SAN FRANCISCO — Henry Hiroharu Goshō, 71, retired State Department intelligence specialist and MIS combat infantryman-interpreter with Merrill's Marauders, died Dec. 28 of cancer at his home in Belmont.

How Goshō became known as "Horizontal Hank" is recounted by Akiji Yoshimura in the 1959 P.C. Holiday Issue. Goshō won the nickname because of his "being pinned down so many times by enemy fire while on intelligence reconnaissance missions .... interpreting oral commands, pin-pointing the area of attack, thereby making it possible for the Marauders to anticipate and shift its firepower to meet the onslaught."

Prior to retirement while with the State Department in Washington, he served on the local JACL chapter board. The Seattle-born Nisei retired from government service in 1976, was active with the Military Intelligence Service Club of Northern California, serving as president during the MIS 40th anniversary reunion in 1981 at San Fran-

cisco and again as panel discussion chairman at the MIS 50th anniversary reunion in 1991 at San Francisco.

During the 1985 visit of Emperor Hirohito to the United States, Goshō was in charge of liaison with the U.S. and Japanese media.

Goshō, son of an Issei pharmacist, was evacuated after Pearl Harbor to the Minidoka detention camp, then volunteered in November, 1942, for the Army MIS language school at Camp Savage, Minn. [The doctors at his induction physical declared he had flat feet and was not fit for combat. Yet he wore out four pairs of shoes, marched some 1,000 miles in the Burma campaign and was sent home in 1945 to convalesce at Denver's Fitzsimons Army Hospital from 15 attacks of

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MORE TRIBUTES—PC columnist Bill Hosokawa and PC editor emeritus Harry Honda recall Goshō's many achievements—page 8.



## Manzanar plan now underway

A plan for to create Manzanar as a national historic site is now being developed by the National Parks Service (NPS), according to Ed Rothfuss, superintendent of Death Valley National Monument.

In November, 1992, NPS approved a request by Rothfuss for a challenge cost-share grant, in collaboration with the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). Eight members of the ASLA, all of Japanese ancestry and former internees, have volunteered their time and expertise to assist the NPS in making a site analysis and preparing preliminary design concepts. These concepts will be considered in drafting alternatives for the general management plan.

The \$9,000 matching grant will pay for three meetings of the group, Rothfuss said.

The anticipated donated services of the eight landscape architects is estimated at about \$85,000. The first meeting has been tentatively scheduled to take place around the 24th annual pilgrimage to Manzanar on April 23, 1993. At that meeting, ideas will be presented to the public and input from former internees will be heard.

According to Sue Embrey, chairwoman of the Manzanar Committee, Congress, in

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## Teen admits to role in murders

In a plea bargain to avoid the death penalty, Alessandro "Alex" Garcia, 17, pled guilty Jan. 7 to nine counts of first degree murder and one count of burglary for his role in the Aug. '91 slayings of nine people at a Thai Buddhist temple near Phoenix, according to an *Arizona Republic* report.

Garcia, in a plea agreement with the Maricopa County attorney's office, has agreed to testify against Johnathan Doody, 18, whom Garcia implicated as the triggerman in the murders. Reading from a three-page handwritten statement, Garcia said, "Johnathan (Doody) and I committed these crimes ourselves. For this I am sorry."

The teenager also exonerated four Tucson men earlier arrested in connection with the slaying, saying that he and Doody acted alone. Garcia insists that Doody was the one who killed the nine people execution style to avoid witnesses after robbing the temple.

With his guilty plea, Garcia faces a maximum term of nine life terms plus 21 years, without eligibility for parole for 239 years. The Maricopa County attorney's office has agreed to not seek the death penalty in exchange for Garcia's cooperation. Doody's trial date has not been scheduled, prosecutors are planning to seek the death penalty. (PC)

## This voter gives pause to officials

Sam Kuwamura was registered to vote Republican in the Nov. 3 elections in Los Angeles, much to the surprise of Kenji Kuwamura. You see Sam is three-years-old. Also a dog.

Los Angeles County election officials say Sam is one of perhaps hundreds of fraudulent voter registrations submitted in the south-central county area where campaign workers were paid as much as \$5 for each voter they signed up.

The phony registrations and other regularities—including how Sam was signed up—are now under investigation by the district attorney's office. Owner Kenji Kuwamura remains puzzled.

According to the *Los Angeles Daily News*, a review of voter registration documents showed scores of questionable registrations. (PC)

## Short takes

### Asian is victim of gay-bashing

The victim of a gay-bashing incident Jan. 9 in Laguna Beach, Calif., has been identified as Asian, according to a recent *Los Angeles Times* report. The victim was said to be in critical condition at that time.

Laguna Beach prosecutors may be looking into hate crime charges against Jeff Michael Raines, 18, who was reported to have said, "Let's go down to Mountain Street to get some fags."

Truong, 55, was beaten so

severely that his identity could not be immediately determined. He was allegedly attacked by Raines at the local beach, in an area with several gay bars. According to the *Times*, the beach has been the site of previous gay-bashing incidents. Raines is being held at Orange County jail in lieu of \$250,000 bail.

### New leader of Peru's congress

Jaime Yoshiyama, among the leaders of the Cambio 90 coalition in support of Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori, was elected president

of the 80-member Democratic Constituent Congress, which has commenced its mandate to reform the government by rewriting the constitution and then submitting it to plebiscite. The election took place Dec. 20.

According to Yoshiyama, the constituent congress may establish a unicameral legislature, unlike the parliament which was dissolved April 6 by Fujimori because of its size, inefficiency and "corruption."

### Kristi's a hit on and off the ice

Kristi Yamaguchi appeared

in a November *Vogue* ad in a miniskirt showing what could be fashioned with fabrics.

And on the ice, her Dec. 12 television professional debut at the World Professional Figure Skating Championship at Landover, Md., was considered a success.

According to *Chicago Tribune's* Phil Hersh, Kristi will earn an estimated \$1 million from endorsements and ice show contracts in 1992-'93.

The ice skating star has also appeared in numerous TV commercials selling contact lenses.

A toy company for a Kristi Yamaguchi doll is also expected to sign on in the near future.



## Scholarships

The Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund (NSRCF) is offering twenty scholarships of \$500 each to Southeast Asian refugee high school graduates.

Applicants must be refugees from Cambodia, Laos or Vietnam and currently reside in San Joaquin, Stanislaus or Merced Counties in California. NSRCF selected those counties because of the number of Asian refugees living in the areas.

NSRCF was established in 1979 in honor of the wartime Student Relocation Council, which helped 3,500 Nisei from the internment camps seek an education. The NSRCF seeks to help others who are in need of help furthering their education.

Sponsoring organizations for the scholarship include: Stockton Chapter, JACL; Stockton Buddhist Church; Calvary Presbyterian Church; Lao Family Com-

munity; Cambodian Community of Stockton and Vietnamese Voluntary Foundation.

Application deadline is March 31, 1993, with the announcement of winners on May 15. For applications and information, write to: Southeast Asian Refugee Scholarship Committee, c/o Barry Saiki, P.O. Box 690694, Stockton, CA. 95209.

The National Coalition for Redress/Reparations of San Francisco is sponsoring an essay contest for high school seniors and juniors.


The topic for the contest is: "State whether you think the mass internment and violation of a people's civil rights based on their racial and ethnic background could happen again. If no, why not? If yes, under what circumstances?"

First prize will be \$200 and second prize will be \$100. Dead-

line for essay submissions is January 29, 1993. Essays should be typed double spaced; although neat, legibly handwritten essays are accepted. Contestants should include a cover sheet with their name, address, phone number, school and grade. Contestants should not show their name on the essays, except for on the cover sheet. Instead, each page should include the contestant's phone number in the upper right hand corner.

Entries must be postmarked by January 29, and mailed to: NCCR Essay Contest, 1911 Bush St., #1-G, San Francisco, CA. 94115.


Prizes will be announced at the 1993 Day of Remembrance program in San Francisco.

Information: Mari Matsumoto 415/ 922-4060 (days) or 510/ 652-7634. 

## New Masaoka internship open

The Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship Fund's Congressional Internship Program is open for the fall 1993 or spring 1994 session of Congress, announced Dr. H. Tom Tamaki, chairman of the JACL committee overseeing the program. The winner will serve for a period of approximately 15 weeks in Washington, D.C., in the office of a U.S. senator or member of the House of Representatives. An award of \$5,000 plus round-trip airfare is made to the winner.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens who are students at least in their third year of college or in a graduate or professional program. Preference is given to one who has demonstrated commitment to Asian American issues, particularly those affecting the Japanese American community.

Applications may be obtained by writing to the JACL National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA, 94115. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is April 1, 1993. The winner will be chosen within the following two months. 

## For the record

In *Pacific Citizen's* feature on "Women in JACL" in the Holiday Issue, add the name of Diane Yotsuya to the list of first women chapter presidents. She headed the Cortez Chapter in 1980.

## JACL Installations

**Contra Costa**—Saturday, Jan. 30, Holiday Inn-Bay Bridge, 1800 Powell St., Emeryville, room at the top, 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$23, single; \$44, couples. Reservations by Jan. 23: Fumiko Takeshita 510/ 235-8182. Speaker: Adrian Isabelle, Richmond Human Relations Officers.

**Greater L.A. Singles**—Saturday, Jan. 23, Proud Bird, 11022 Aviation Blvd., Los Angeles, 6 p.m. Dinner and dancing. Cost: \$27, before Jan. 16; \$30, after Jan. 16. Information: Janet Okubo, 310/ 835-7568, or June Furuta, 310/ 323-2783.

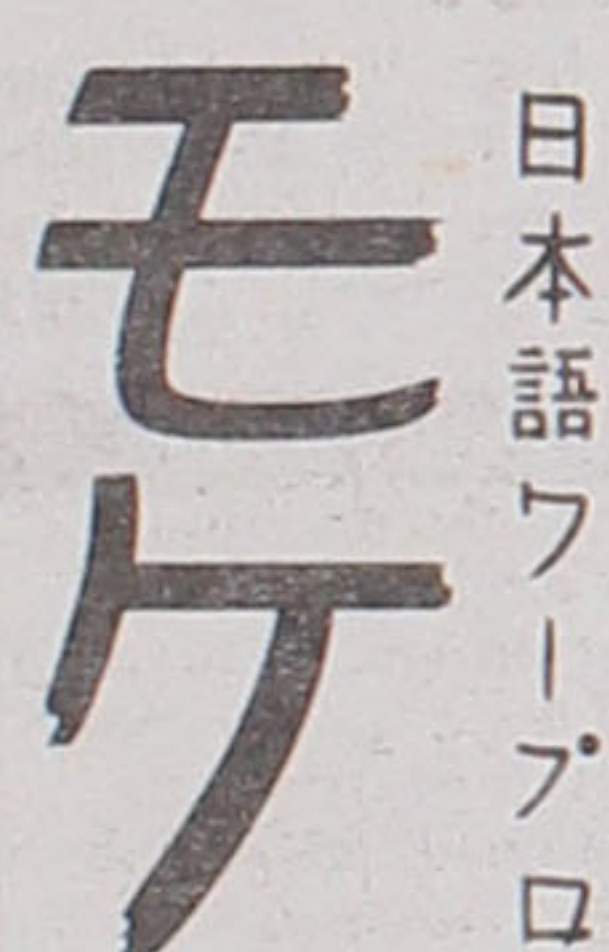
**Salinas Valley and Monterey Peninsula, joint installation**—Friday, Jan. 22, Fort Ord NCO Club. Speaker: Lillian Kimura.

**San Diego**—Sunday, Jan. 24, Tom Hom's Lighthouse Restaurant, 6 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from board members or call 619/ 230-0314. Speaker: Lillian Kimura.

**San Mateo**—Saturday, Jan. 23, San Francisco Airport Hilton, 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$30, per person. Volunteers may call: Karyl Matsumoto, 415/ 952-5666.

**Washington, D.C.**—Saturday, Jan. 23, Koran Room (Ballroom), Fort Myer Officer's Club, Fort Meyer, Va., 6:30 p.m. Cost: students, \$22; members, \$25; non-members, \$26. Speaker: Takakazu Kuriyama, ambassador of Japan. Information: Katherine Matsuki, 301/ 946-6995. Reservations by Jan. 19: Lily Okura, chair, 6303 Friendship Court, Bethesda, Maryland 20817. Checks payable to Washington, D.C. Chapter, JACL.

**West Valley**—Saturday, Jan. 23, Villa Felice, 15350 Winchester Blvd., Los Gatos, 6 p.m. Cost: \$15. Speaker: Lillian Kimura. Installing officer: Mike Honda, Santa Clara County Supervisor. Information: Brett Uchiyama, 408/997-0552; Dale Uriu, 408/ 997-0552 and Aiko Nakamura, 408/ 378-8877.




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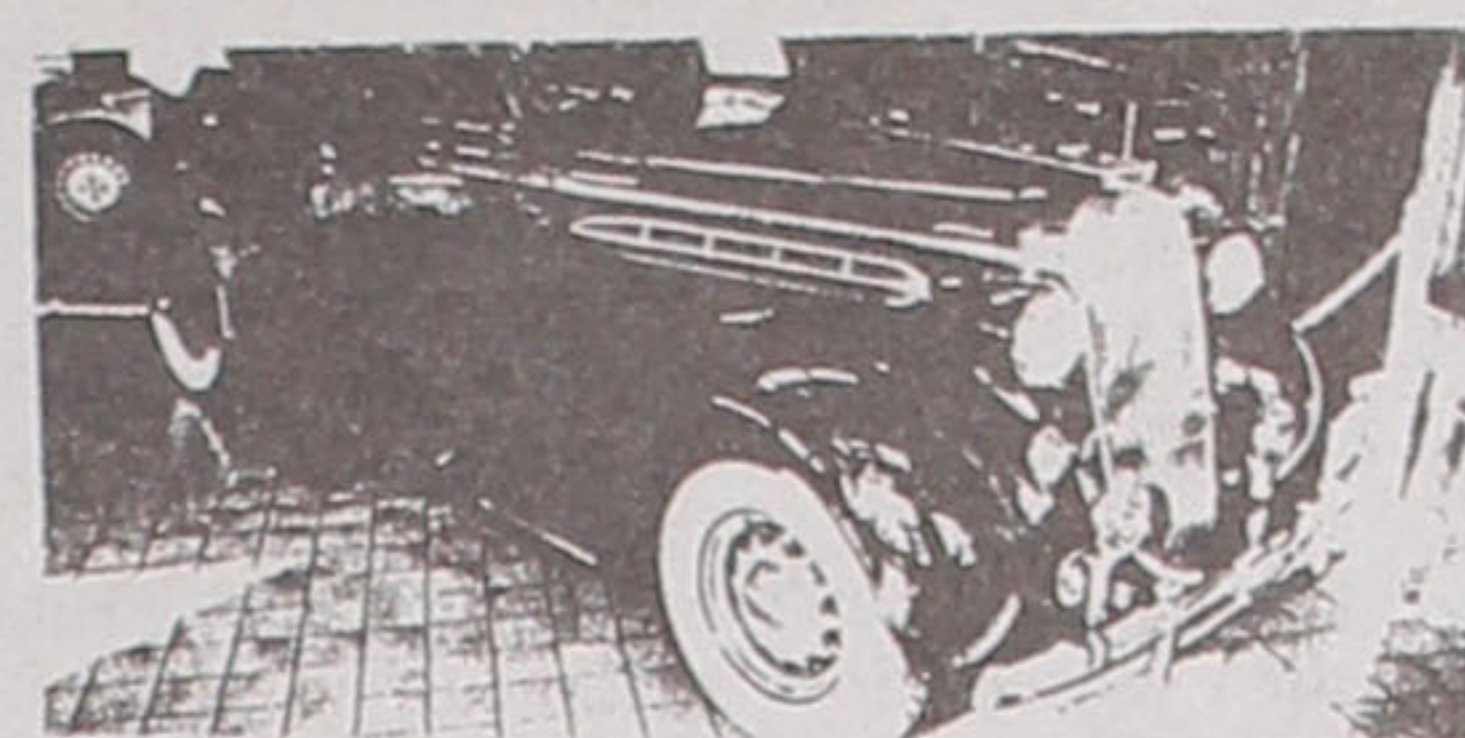
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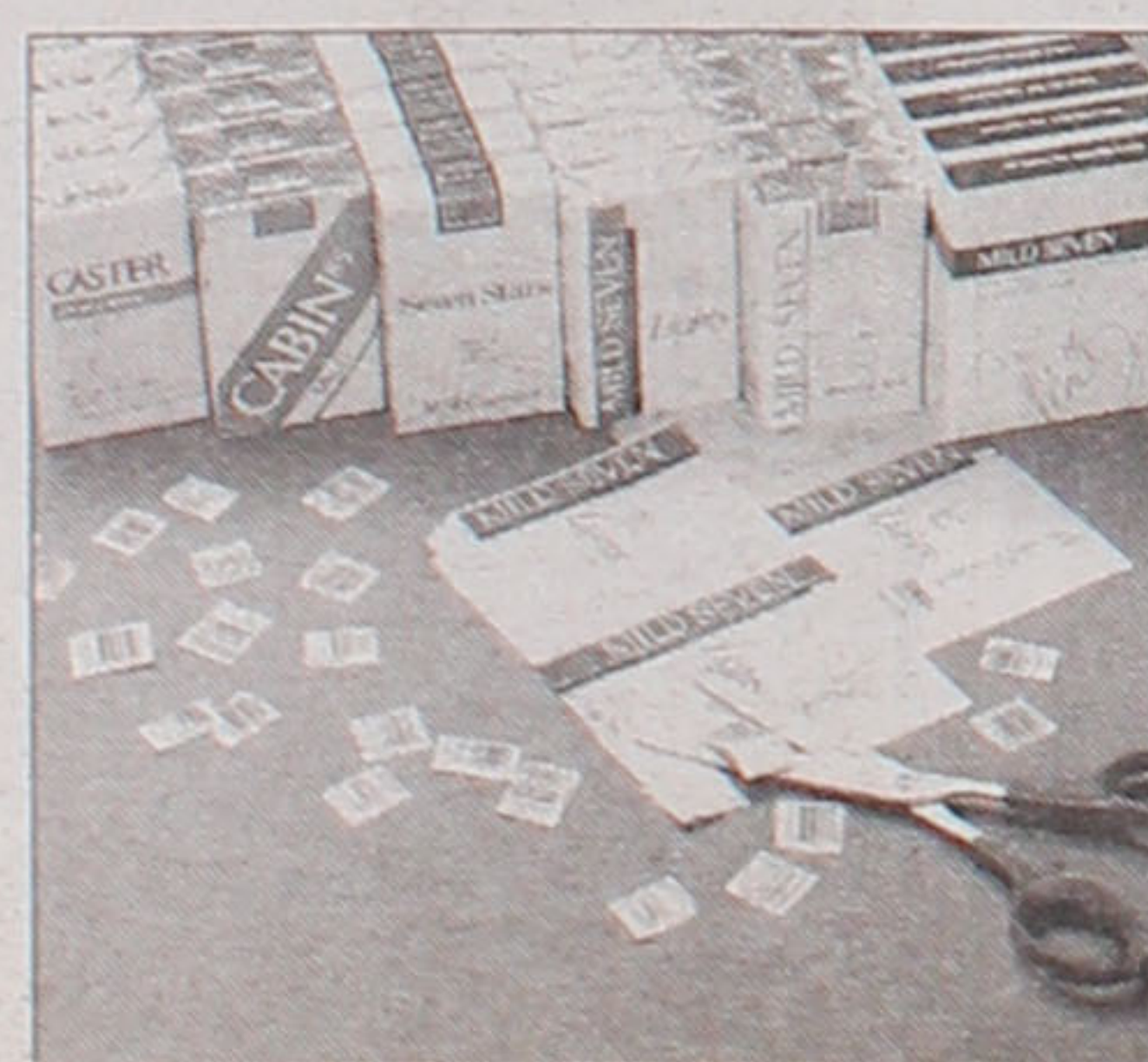


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**Opinions**



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

**Farewell Hank**

Henry (Horizontal Hank) Goshō, who died in Belmont, Calif., shortly after Christmas at age 71, was truly a Nisei warrior who beat his sword into a plowshare after the guns were stilled in World War II.

Goshō got his nickname in the jungles of Burma where he and 13 other Nisei graduates of the Military Intelligence Service language school served far behind enemy lines with a maverick invasion force known as Merrill's Marauders. Ultimately, they helped oust the Japanese and secure the territory on which the Burma Road was built as a land route to China.

Goshō, suffering from malaria, dysentery and short rations, exhausted from heat and forced marches, survived, according to accounts of the time, only by hanging on to the tails of pack mules. Of necessity, he spent a lot of time in a horizontal position, particularly when enemy bullets were whizzing overhead.

The contributions of these 14 Nisei to victory are legion. In this space I can only list their names: Edward Mitsukado, Tho-

mas K. Tsubota, Herbert Miyasaki, Robert Honda, Roy Nakada, Roy Matsumoto, Ben Sugeta, Grant Hirabayashi, Jimmy Yamauchi, Russell K. Kono, Calvin Kobata, Howard Furumoto, Akiji Yoshimura and Goshō. All served as infantrymen as well as translators and interrogators.

All 14 were volunteers for what was promised to be a vital but dangerous mission. Goshō, who had volunteered for the language school out of the Minidoka WRA camp, was graduated in December of 1942. The mission, he was told, would be relatively short. Once some years ago he recalled he volunteered on the expectation he would return in time to be with his wife Jeanne, waiting in a WRA camp, when their first child was born. Fat chance. It's a wonder he and the others survived at all.

John K. Emmerson, who was with Goshō in Burma and later became a colleague in the State Department, writes in his book titled *The Japanese Thread* that Seattle-born Hank was sent in 1933 to Japan for his education. Emmerson was stationed at the U.S. consulate general in Osaka when some years later Goshō dropped in to see him. In

view of gathering war clouds, Emmerson urged the Nisei to go home to America and fortunately Goshō took the advice.

Emmerson recalls in his book that in July of 1944 Goshō was relieved of combat duty because of illness and was assigned to make propaganda broadcasts in an effort to persuade Japanese troops to surrender. "He was well known for his uproarious imitations of Japanese announcers of baseball games," Emmerson writes, "and his elocutionary talent was put to good use at the battle of Myitkyina."

After the war Goshō joined the State Department. He served 17 of his years with the U.S. Information Agency in Tokyo, promoting understanding of America among the Japanese. He retired with ministerial rank in 1976.

His was a distinguished career in the service of his country, in peace as in war. Rest in peace, Horizontal Hank. ☐

*Hosokawa is the former editorial page editor of the Denver Post. His column appears weekly in the Pacific Citizen.*

**Very truly yours**

The stories he could tell

By HARRY HONDA



"Horizontal Hank" Goshō had an endless number of anecdotes to tell of his wartime experiences. Some were humorously remembered, though not so at the time.

One time, he and his buddy, out to rescue fellow MISers in Burma, got up the hills the same way the other Marauders did—by grabbing on to tail of their pack mules.

While broadcasting to enemy soldiers from a rig on the back of a jeep, Goshō had to stand to point the speakers and made an inviting target. *Yankee Samurai* author Joe Harrington asked how the Japanese soldiers reacted to his broadcasts, Goshō said, "With a few rounds right through the loudspeakers." He was also well known for his uproarious imitations of Japanese baseball announcers and elocutionary talent.

In combat, Goshō usually took the point—one to five miles in advance. He delighted in snaking close enough to the enemy to overhear verbal orders... Once a snapping twig gave him away. Another time, he would dive behind a log or into a ditch, be pinned down and stay until he was rescued.

In a tribute in July, 1964, to the combat Nisei linguists, U.S. Sen. Hiram Fong (R-Hawaii), the first Asian American elected to the Senate, entered Bruce Lee's article, "Best Kept Secret of World War II—Americans Still Don't Know that 7,000 GIs of Japanese Descent Fought Bravely in the Pacific—Against Japan" into the Congressional Record. It appeared in July 1964 issue of *Saga Magazine*. "The full story of Japanese Americans who fought in the Pacific has yet to be told," Sen. Fong said in his opening remarks, "even though much of their work is still classified by the Department of Defense."

By 1969 when Harrington was writing his book, *Yankee Samurai*, the classification was removed. As at past MIS reunions and those upcoming this fall in Washington and in 1945 in Seattle, the distinguished war record of the Nisei linguists continue to unravel and be told.

This is the legacy that Hank Goshō and other MIS veterans want to pass on to the Sansei generation and the rest of us.

MIS veterans have videotaped their workshops and panel discussions. Some stories are in print, such as "John Aiso and the MIS" by Tad Ichinokuchi, "Sempai Gumi" by Richard Oguro and "Heroic Struggles of Japanese Americans" by James Oda, who is completing his second book. The MIS club newsletters pass along first-hand accounts as well as reprint clippings. Another source has been the *P.C.* pages.

Further light on Hank Goshō comes from the *New York Sun* in September, 1945, when he spoke to the New York, JACL, at the Toyo Kwan, a Japanese eatery.

Perhaps inappropriate as a subject after dinner, he remembered interrogating a Japanese prisoner taken in central Burma who had taught the art of beheading to soldiers training to be officers. Most important was to learn "how to cut off a head without nicking the edge of the samurai sword."

Goshō couldn't speak Japanese until he was 15, when he went to Japan in 1934 to study the language and prepare himself for U.S. diplomatic or consular service. Except for short vacations home, he remained for nearly eight years and attended high school and the university in Kobe.

So that the Nisei linguists who joined the Marauders would not be mistaken as "a Japanese soldier wearing a confiscated U.S. uniform," the 250 men in his company were ordered to study his face and the way he walked and talked.

After his front line stint with Merrill's Marauders in Burma, Goshō played captured popular Japanese records on his daily broadcasts from a transmitter near the Burma-India border that had a range of 1,000 miles. He told his listeners, the enemy Japanese warriors, what was happening back home and urged them to make use of the surrender passes which were being dropped from planes.

After the war, Gen. Hideki Tojo attempted suicide by shooting instead of harakiri. "That was a little unorthodox," he said the day the news broke. "The Japanese are great for beating around the bush. I think they know they're licked but they just don't want to admit it," he added. "Tojo's attempted suicide would have no effect on Japanese morale, because they expected it."

**JACL voice**



KAREN K. NARASAKI

**Transitions**

that opportunity also comes responsibility and too few qualified individuals are stepping forward to accept that responsibility.

Asian Pacific Americans have watched with mounting concern as President-elect Clinton sought to fulfill his promise to create an Administration that looks like America. While he has nominated more women and minorities to cabinet positions than any other President, Asian Pacific Americans are noticeably absent. Congressman Norman Mineta (D-CA) was considered by some Washington insiders to be the front runner to become Transportation Secretary, but could not walk away from the even more powerful position as chair of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee.

The painful truth is that we had too few truly viable candidates. Cabinet officials are generally nationally known governmental officials, academicians, corporate executives and high-powered lawyers. Historically, we have been excluded from these areas and it is only relatively recently that

The changes wrought by the 1992 elections have brought Asian Pacific Americans enormous opportunity to seek careers in public service. With

some of us have been able to break through the "glass ceiling" that still limits our progress. Perhaps more problematically, Asian Pacific Americans have not strongly encouraged their children to seek public service and have tended to avoid politics as a somewhat unsavory business. Financial security has been the priority, not the uncertain world of government service.

We must work to overcome these cultural biases. Otherwise, we have no right to complain when we are absent from the decision making tables. JACL National Director Dennis Hayashi was one of the Asian Pacific American appointments. They were told that President-elect Clinton remained committed to creating a diverse Administration, but that there were not enough qualified Asian Pacific American applicants in the pipeline.

We know that there are Asian Pacific Americans with the qualifications to serve with distinction in subcabinet posts if only they would take the necessary risks and make the necessary sacrifices to become a participant in what promises to be a very exciting time of transition. Each of us has to commit to encouraging Asian Pacific Americans to take up this challenge.

One of JACL's Program for Action goals is to increase the number of Asian Pacific

Americans in leadership positions. To that end, JACL staff and members have been actively involved in presidential and state transition activities. Hayashi served as a member of the President-elect Clinton's Transition Team cluster group for Civil Rights and Justice. The cluster group evaluated the performance and policies of the Department of Justice and the Civil Rights Commission and made policy and appointment recommendations to the incoming Administration.

Doris Matsui is serving on the Transition Board and Rose Ochi is serving as one of the personnel liaisons for the Department of Justice cluster team. Congressmen Norman Mineta (D-CA) and Robert Matsui (D-CA) have also been helping to encourage applicants.

The Washington, D.C. staff, together with the Regional Directors and National staff, have been seeking out talented individuals for Presidential and Gubernatorial appointments as well as for staff of the many new members of Congress. We have also been working with the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association to encourage Asian Pacific Americans to seek judicial appointments to state and federal benches. We need your help in identifying and persuading individuals to come forward and make a difference. ☐

*Narasaki is JACL's Washington, D.C., representative.*





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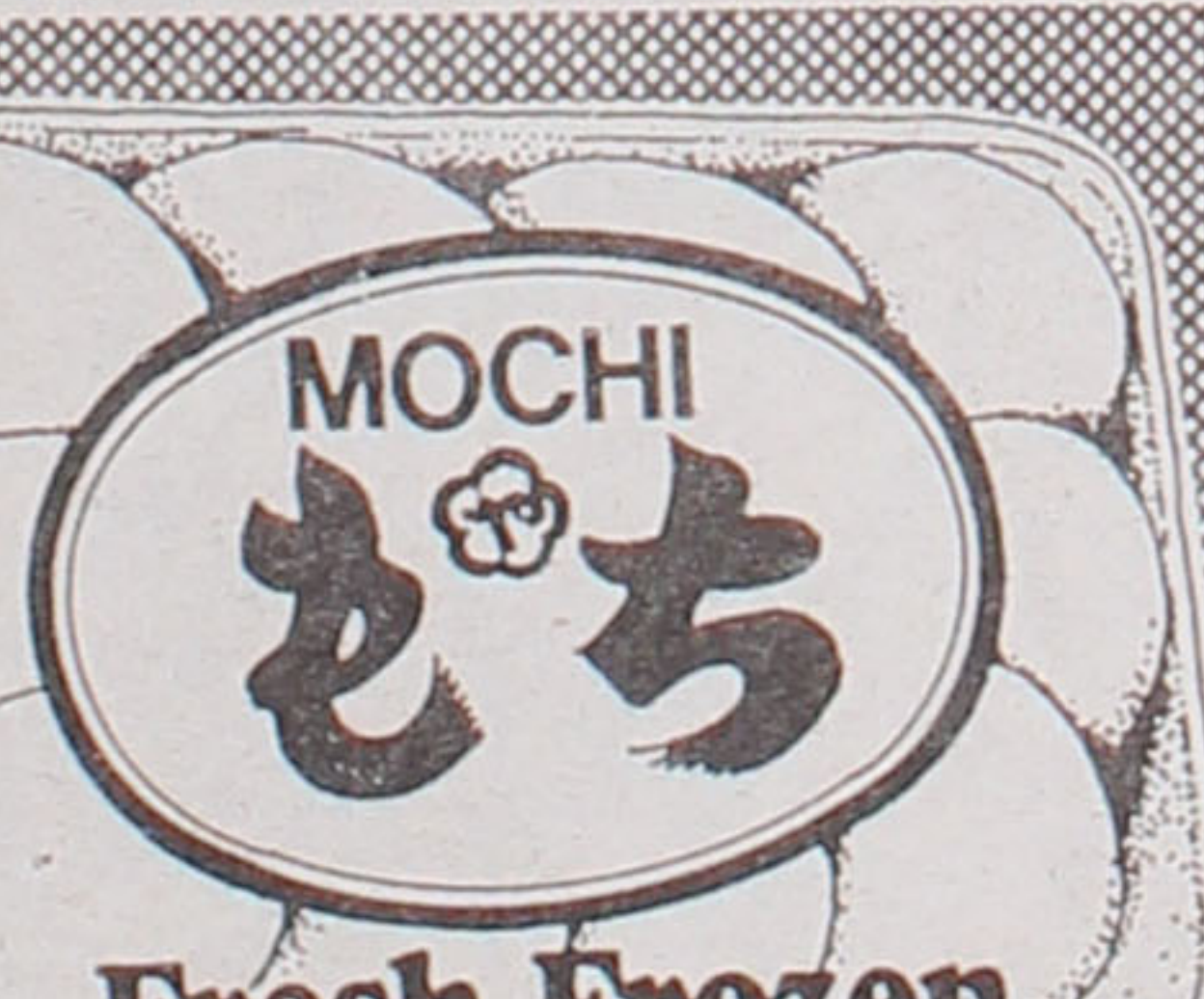
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