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Reparations Program

Persistence in JACL is paying off. Six years ago, Edison Uno called for reparations for Japanese Amer-ican evacuees as a form of redress for civil rights denicd during World War II. This past week in Port-land, he attended a meeting of the newly organized National JACL reparations campaign committee where he and Kaz Oshiki were consultants. And as consultants, they helped to fashion details which are now being prepared for consideration by the JACL at its national convention in Sacramento June 22-26.

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June 22-26. The campaign committee has agreed that repara-tions include compensation of \$5,000 per person for those affected by Executive Order 9066 and \$10 per diem for time spent in a detention camp. Eligibility of recipients and amount of payment required more dis-cussion—and it is likely to take as long when the basic plan and variations are presented at the Conven-tion.

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Japanese culture or history". To become thoroughly Ja-panese, one must attend Ja-panese schools, read Japanese newspapers and journals and watch the television programs, because the values and opin-ions of the Japanese people are trady largely being formed by the mass communications media, as well as by home training and schools.

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America) Of pasiticular interest to JACL is the chapter actually written by Mike Masaoka on "Why Jap an ese Americans Copyrated" with the U.S. government on Evacuation, Even before it was advertised in the Pacific Citizen, Mary Nagao of Seabrook JACL (then visiting us in Los An-seles) found it worthwhile to order as gifts to present to graduates at a forthcoming dinner.

Budd who made several tribs to cur office in the pur-suit of data and pletures, div-ides his 150-pager with his-lory, scial custms, contem-porary problems, a look at in-termarriage, and a recipe for suktyaki. aukiyaki.

Writing is an avocation for Dr Miyamoto, now retired as a general practitioner in med-leine Bern in Hawaii in 1900, he graduated from Stanford and esrned h's medical de-gree at Washington Univer-sity in St Leuis He spont nine years in Honolulu and then went to Japan to pursue his career further, specializing in affery, before returning to Hawaii Hawall.

Hawall. The subject of Japanese pirates who roamed the seas from Hokkaido to Scutheast Asia between 1300 and 1636 fascinated him as he read of their exploits in Japanese journals. The book is the re-

The April Issue of The Quill, a monthly magazine published by The Society of Pro-fessional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, car-ries an article of particular interest to Japa-nese Americans. It is titled "The Press Was an Accessory," and it tells how newspapers and radio fed the hysteria that led ultimate-is to the evacuation of Japanese Americans in the evacuation of Japanese Americans from the West Coast in 1942. The author is lves Neely, described as a major in the U.S. Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Like many hallowed American institu-tions, the press is on a self-examination kick these days. It is likely that many young journalists, totally unfamiliar with the Japa-nese American story, will be stunned and saddened to learn how miserably the press failed its traditional responsibilities in this episode. episode.

Japanese Americans themselves are only too familiar with Neely's revelations. He tells hav the press trumpeted wild charges against Japanese Americans without questoo tion or challenge, how they accepted rumor as fact, how they failed to put the news into proper perspective.

"The mass media on the West Coast play-ed a significant role in support of the evac-nation," Neely writes. "The press consistent-ly linked the U.S. citizens of Japanese descent with the Japanese energy, helping to develr p a negative therectype of Japanese Americans Only a few West Coast editors stressed civil rights. Many more, with the help of syndicated columnists, urged evac-uation. But the press was not acting under the influence of any particular group. It was the influence of any particular group. It was merely supportive of the overwhelming pub-lie mood. Simply, there was fear of a Japa-ness air stuck, and this led to fear of those racially identified with the enemy nation."

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after all, I guarantee that most of the news-papers would print it eagerly, and that I could get a hearing in churches all over this country.

country." Neely points that while it was proper for the newspapers to report newsworthy statements from public efficials hostile to the Japanese Americans, the press failed to provide equally prominent coverage to of ficials who said Evacuation was not necessary.

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Those of us in the newspaper business today like to think that we are more ra-tional, more judicious, more responsible than the press was in 1942. But there is always the press was in 1942. But there is always the danger of the press, being the preduct of human endeavor, going off half-cocked on critical issues. Thus it is important to have magazines like The Quill remind profes-sionals of grievous errors in the past. As readers of this column know, I have long contended that a press acting respon-sibly, challenging and questioning and urg-ing reason, could very well have prevented the tragedy of the Evacuation. Neely's arti-cle, while neither profound nor complete.

nese air attack, and this led to fear of those racially identified with the enemy nation." Neely goes briefly into the long history of the West Coast press campaigns against Japan and the Japanese Americans. He guotes a strangely prophetic passage by the

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Business



Tom Shitanishi

Tom Shitanishi wellare for the past 25 years, "Halku" in its April edition. Reedley JACL vice pres-ident Tem Shitanishi, who is isst manager of Crocker Na-tional Bank in Reedley, was level treasurer of the Reed-ley Chamber of Commerce. Two more Japan-based fornia picture Nippon Fudo-am Bank Ltd., of Tokyo, is an San Rance Statel Japan-based formia picture Nippon Fudo-am Bank Ltd., of Tokyo, is A classical Japanese dance in structor, she had been recom-resentative effice at 800 Wil-shire, and Sanwa Bank of CL-Northern Californis West-mission to open a Sacramen-

Los Angeles

Japanese American Repub-licans met May 10 at the Ja-panese Retirement Home to hear four U.S. senatorial can-didates: Alphonso Bell, Robert Finch, John Harmer and S. I.

San Francisco San Francisco A 10,000-lb. steel beam was histed April 29 to top off the 22-story California First Bank being completed at 350 Cali-fornia St. Occupancy is ex-pected in mid-1977. At the same time, bank president Masao torigon by Keiko Moriwa tof Rolling Hills and Linda Tamabe of Gardena will be torest a series of parks and cpen spaces planned for S.F.—East Bay

premiered. Little Tokyo Anti-Eviction Task Force will show two films May 15 at Japanese Union Church: "Okinawa", 3 pm and "Salt of the Earth" (Spanish), 7:30 p.m. Sakura Kai will porticipate in the Community Involve-ment Center international food bazar May 20 at Grace Lu-bazar May 20 at Grace Lu-theran Church, 24th and Bar-prett, Richmond. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will go toward

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to branch. Seattle JACL board mem-ber Gerald Yuasa was pro-moted manager of See-First Bank's international branch Born in Spokane and grad-uate of O'Des High and Se attle University where he ma-jered in finance, he is also Japan America Society and Ballard Chamber of Com-merce.

Awards

Churches Carolyn Yabuki, daughter of the H'deo Yabukis of Se-ratter and recent graduate in recreation - park managemen from Western Washington State College, is working with the Young Life Movement in Osaka, based at the Yao Evange regical Church. She worked with the group for two previous summers in Canada. She ta member of the Seattle Ja-panese Baptist Church. Calif. Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori (D-Fleasanien) heads a new five-member subcommit-tee on employment and ecotee on employment and eco-nomic development to develop plans to stimulate the state's economy and job market. A full scale analysis of the cur-rent condition will be the first crder, said the former econo-mics professor.

Health

Oakland vice mayor Frank

Health VI Mar of Seattle became the first worman to bead the Harborview Medical Center board of trustees. She was also the first worman member and chairman of the Seattle Com-munity College board from 1973-75 and has been active with American Cancer So-ciety, president of the Seattle-King County Dental Society Auxiliary and an officer with the Seattle Articles and the Seattle-

Mrs. Emi Yamaki of Los Mrs. Emi Yamaki of Los Angeles was among women saluted during April by the Human Relation Commission's Bicentennial Salute to, the Women of Los Angeles. New director of the Little Tokyo hot meals program for senior citizens, she has served in areas of education, health and welfare for the past 25 years, including the Eastside Out-reach. PTA and scholarship loan for needy youth.

Press Row

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Minnihon Arts Center oper-



support of the Center, Saku-ra Kai, senior citizen group, is starting its thid year. Names in the News

Hawaii's National Assn. of Social Workers named Masa-ru Oshiro as social worker of the year. He is deputy direc-tor with the Dept of Social Services and Housing. American Postal Workers Union re-elected Gienn Saka-rawa president in a special court-ordered election James Morita, chief execu-live-chairman of City Bank, was presented the Humanita-rian Award by Hawail Friends of National Jewish Hospital and Research Center. stes a hospitality center at 924 S. 2nd Ave., Minneapolis to aid visitors from Japan dur-ing the Bicentennial summer. Project has been endorsed by the Minnesota Bicentennial Commission.





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Hawaii Today
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Sports Scene

Press Row Automobile Club of South For California's monthly pub-location, Westways, feature Halku" in its April edition photographs in color are by R. Yutaka Fukuhara of Long Beach with text by Susan Mitchell. **Milestones** Soft Wedding: A Niset George Yemogidas of Long beach, Calif, were honored by their children and frienda April 24 at Tin Sing Restau-rant, Gardena, Couple wara-married May 3, 1926, in Sak-rant, Sai senior citizen group-stanting its thid year. **Soft Wedding: Saketa** Support of the Center, Saku-is starting its thid year. **Soft Scene Soft Scene Larry Little**, head basket-bege (Streveport La.), much **Soft Wedding: A Niset Soft Wedding**



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