

Hayakawa vows to filibuster when Redress bill up

Washington

In an interview with ABC newsman Joe Templeton, Sen. S.I. Hayakawa—who has come out strongly against JACL's redress program—described in more detail reasons for his opposition.

The transcribed interview, which took place Jan. 26 in Hayakawa's office, was sent out as a press release. In it, the Nikkei senator from California said

that there is "not a damn chance in the world" that Redress legislation could go through, and that he will "filibuster against it personally."

In San Francisco, JACL president Clifford Uyeda said, "I can't see how any American can argue against, or filibuster, constitutional rights and guarantees and expect to win."

The transcription follows:

Templeton (Q): Sen. Hayakawa, just what is your position on the push for legislation to give reparation to Japanese Americans who were held in prison camps in the United States during the Second World War?

Hayakawa (A): Well in a very important sense ... they weren't in prison camps, they were relocation centers. There was nothing prison-like about them, except that they were confined. But they could get out during the day and they were encour-

aged to get out. Not only that, the War Relocation Authority, which was one of the very humane and intelligent agencies that the Government ever put together, went all over the nation east of the Rockies to look for jobs and schools for Japanese Americans and place them as fast as possible, despite the prejudice against the Japanese during wartime. And so as a result of this, many young Japanese got a far better education than they ever would have got. They got to Swarthmore, they got to An-

tioch, Oberlin, University of Chicago, Temple University, Mt. Holyoke, and so on. And also in the 1950s the loss of the Japanese Americans during the war were compensated—not sufficiently.

That is, if you lost \$10,000, you probably got back about \$1500. Nevertheless, at the time the Japanese signed documents when they received their checks that they'd ask for no more compensation for wartime losses. And those documents will hold up in court.

Q: Well, why is it ... the figure I understand they're talking about is \$3 billion, is what they want, apparently. Why is it you're opposed to anymore payment at all, other than the document and record you've mentioned?

A: Well, there's some very, very important reasons. In the first place, the Japanese Americans are not a disadvantaged minority group. The median income for the entire nation was \$9,598. The Japanese American median

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New foreign farm holdings in U.S. cited 'significant'

Washington

Foreigners are buying up American farm land with devalued dollars and during the 18-month period surveyed by the Senate Agricultural Committee purchased enough to cover Rhode Island (1,214 sq. miles).

The UPI report Jan. 17 noted foreigners had purchased 1,291 sq. miles, quoting Sen. Herman Talmadge (D-Ga.), chairman of the committee, who said that was a "significant amount by any standard".

The committee survey of farm purchases across the nation during the 18 months ending June 30, 1978, totaled 826,543 acres—2 1/4% of all farm land sold. It was the first national look at foreign investment in U.S. farms.

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture is now in the process of calculating total ownership under PL 95-460, the 1978 law requiring registration of foreign-owned farm land.

The Senate survey did not breakdown the nationality of foreign owners. Highest percentage of foreign sales was in Vermont

where 20% of all farmland sold went to foreigners. Other big sales were made in Oregon, Texas, Georgia, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Meanwhile, Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.) introduced SB 194, The Agricultural Foreign Investment Control Act of 1979, to prohibit land being acquired by a foreign investor to be larger than a family-sized farm, interest to only one farm or hold minority share of the land ownership.

Fresno County's supervisor ...



Fresno County Supervisor Harry Huey, first Asian elected county-wide in Fresno, is with his family: Carlen, 13 (left), wife Barbara; Corrie, 17; and Brett, 11.

Fresno

Harry Huey, a Fresno area architect and rancher, became the first Asian American to ever be elected to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors when he won the campaign for District 1 Supervisor in the November 7 election.

Huey is the husband of the former Barbara Toshikiyuki, a registered occupational therapist. They have three children, Corie, 17; Carlen, 13; and

Brett, 11. The family lives on a Fresno area ranch where Huey grows hay and breeds and raises thoroughbred race horses.

Huey, 44, was born and raised in Fresno County. He is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley. His wife is a graduate of the University of Southern California.

Huey has been active in community affairs and formerly served as Chairman of the Fresno County Planning Commission.

WRA ARCHIVES

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Oakland, Ca.

The Diablo Valley JACL, which earlier (Oct. 6 PC) noted evacuees can obtain copies of material in their personal file accumulated by the War Relocation Authority from the General Archives Division, NARS-

GSA, Washington, D.C. 20409.

Inquirer was to furnish name, name of the head of family, birthdate, social security number and name of the camp, expect to pay about 20 cents per page. The JACL newsletter editor added: "It's interesting to see what one gets for that price."

Last week, editor Wilma Hayashi found her records turned out to be nothing more than school and health records. "It is pathetic that the government went to so much trouble for that kind of 'evidence.' If you were under 17 in camp, it is not recommended that you write for your files. However, any adult may find his files of interest," she commented. #

Testimonial given Rev. Dr. Yamazaki

Los Angeles

Over 300 attended the Japanese American Church Federation testimonial Jan. 28 for the Rev. Dr. John M. Yamazaki, 94, founder of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in 1913. He retired twice, first in 1956, but continued to serve the Issei until a new minister was appointed last year.

Born in Matsumoto, Nagano-ken in 1884, he came to the U.S. in 1909, studied back east and was ordained in 1914. He holds the Japanese decoration, the 4th Order of the Sacred Treasure. #

Las Vegas JACL featured a videotape showing of Kohaku Gassen at its Jan. 8 general meeting, through an arrangement with Tomio Watanabe of Nevada Airlines and Hiroshi Nakagaki of Video Sonic who had the program taped while it was being shown in Los Angeles.



Ambassador Fumihiko Togo

L.A. to host nat'l JAS meet

Los Angeles

Japan America Society's seventh biennial national conference will be held Feb. 20-22 at the Biltmore Hotel. Japanese Ambassador Fumihiko Togo heads the list of distinguished speakers and will address the local Society's 70th anniversary banquet on Feb. 21.

Kyodo News Service chairman Shintaro Fukushima keynotes the opening session Feb. 20; David Rockefeller of Chase Manhattan will speak at the Feb. 22 luncheon. For complete schedule, call Mrs. Kay Shiode (629-3400).

San Jose Japantown gears for Nikkei Matsuri April 1

San Jose, Ca.

San Jose Japantown, 5th and Jackson Sts., will be transformed in the style of its Japanese American cultural festival—the 2nd annual Nikkei Matsuri—on Sunday, April 1, from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m.

Artists and artisans will display their works and a varied array of American and Japanese food will be featured, according to the Nikkei Matsuri Committee, headed by Jim Yamaichi. Continuous entertainment is also planned.

Parties interested in participating in the craft and art display should call

Tower to observe Canada-Japan tie

Toronto, Ont.

The CN Tower here will salute the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and Canada during the month of May (May 3-June 3). Some 200,000 visitors are expected to view the Japanese cultural and trade items to be on display.

(408) 269-6765 by Feb. 10. Those interested in selling food may call Kaneko (356-2359) by Feb. 14. On the committee are:

Karlene Koketsu, Kiyo Natsume, arts and crafts; Ann Saito, performing arts; Amy Okagaki, hospitality; Perry Dobashi, info, decoration; Jan Kurahara, legal counsel; Judy Kadotani, treas; Ruby Kobashi, cultural display; Richard Onishi, Bob Yoshikawa, Lou Watanabe, gen arr; Mitsu Kumagai, pub; Kazuko Shinagawa, accountant.

Chinese filling U.S. immigrant quota fast

Hong Kong

Applications have jumped in recent months for U.S. immigrant visas by Chinese now being granted exit permits in Peking upon showing they are going to join relatives in the U.S.

L.A. Times correspondent Linda Mathews Jan. 31 reported 70,000 mainland Chinese have moved into Hong Kong with visas for the U.S. and Canada. Under current U.S. law, no more than 20,000 Chinese citizens are allowed to immigrate to the U.S. each fiscal year. #

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Judge orders new trial for Chol Soo Lee

Sacramento, Ca.

Sacramento Superior Court Judge Lawrence Karlton has granted Chol Soo Lee's petition for a new trial in the 1973 San Francisco Chinatown slaying of Yip Yee Tak, a gangland figure.

Lee says he never committed the crime. Now 26, he has served five years of a life sentence and is on trial in Stockton for the 1977 prison-yard slaying of inmate Morrison Needham. On that, Lee maintains self-defense.

Karlton based his ruling of Jan. 22 on the prosecution's failure to provide material evidence to Lee's attorney Hamilton Hintz that could have altered the outcome of the 1974 trial.

The Chol Soo Lee defense committee, which raised nearly \$40,000, was ecstatic, according to K.W. Lee and Stephen Maganini, two Sacramento Union writers who have been investigating this case the past two years.

China statement issued by Hawaii members in Congress

Washington

The Hawaii congressional delegation expressed "deep concern" in a joint statement Jan. 26 over the effects of President Carter's China policy on the future relations between the U.S. and Taiwan. The delegation issued the statement because of many letters from residents and the state's historical ties with the countries of Asia.

Senators Inouye and Maoists disrupt Teng ceremonies

Washington

Two Maoists wearing press credentials disrupted the White House welcoming ceremonies Jan. 29 for Chinese Vice Premier Teng. Secret Service later identified them as Keith Scott Kozimoto, 28, of New York, and Sonia J. Ransom, 26, of Seattle; charged with disorderly conduct and released on \$100 bond each. Their trials are set for Feb. 16 in the D.C. superior court.

Secret Service also said they were accredited by the State Dept. to cover the Teng visit for the Worker Press, a pro-Maoist publication.

Illiteracy rate in U.S. increasing

Washington

Illiteracy is increasing at an alarming rate among Americans and U.S. students nearing high school graduation score more poorly on achievement tests than do students in Britain, Japan and West Germany, Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.) said.

Referring to United Nations studies that also showed U.S. students were scoring more poorly in mathematics (25 points below Japanese students), McGovern asked,

"What good does it do to spend \$130 billion a year to defend our nation militarily in a world when the citizens we seek to protect are ill-equipped to function educationally in the world they live in and work in every day?"

Nakatsuka elevated to v.p. of Hawaii chamber of commerce

Honolulu

Lawrence K. Nakatsuka has been appointed a vice president by the board of directors of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

AT DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS

Jerry Enomoto's job not getting any easier

Sacramento

California courts sent nearly 9,000 male criminals to state prison in 1978, the highest yearly total in history and a 26% increase over 1977.

Director of Corrections Jerry Enomoto said the record intake of newly convicted males was the main reason for a 1978 increase of about 2,100 in the population of the state's 10 prisons for men.

"We expect further heavy intake in 1979 and steady increases in the prison population," Enomoto said. "By the end of the year we will have filled every available space and there will be extensive overcrowding in all of our tight security prisons."

The state's prisons for male felons now hold 19,018 prisoners, including about 600 men who are "double-celled" at San Quentin, Deuel Vocational Institution at Tracy, and California Institution for Men, Chino. (Double-celling is putting two persons in a cell designed for only one.)

"The situation will get worse in the next few months, and by the end of 1979 there will be about 2,600 inmates who are double-celled," Enomoto said.

Enomoto, a past National JACL president, has been "in & out" of prisons throughout his adult life—first as a social worker with prisoners at San Quentin and then advancing to administrative posi-

tions within the department. He was in charge of various facilities and was in charge at Tehachapi when tapped by Gov. Brown to become director of the Dept. of Corrections.

The corrections director said the department is working on plans to cope with the serious crowding expected in the next few years until new prisons can be built to provide relief.

"In addition to extensive double-celling, we will also be converting some existing non-housing space to dormitories and we will probably propose the establishment of some additional small honor camps in rural and mountain regions," he said.

"Even if additional money for planning, site acqui-

sition and construction is made available without delay, it will be around 1986 before any new prisons can be opened," Enomoto emphasized.

Corrections officials believe the recent sharp increase in prison intake is due to a tougher public attitude, reflected in court actions, about serious criminals.

Legislation of the last two years, Enomoto said, has also contributed to the increase and will mean further gains in the future. He cited the determinate sentencing system, adopted in 1976 and later strengthened by amendment, as one example. According to department projections, the prisons will hold more than 25,000 male felons by mid-1983.

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He is director of The Chamber Government Affairs Department and has served as secretary.

A long-time member of the JACL, Nakatsuka was a member and one-time President of the Washington, D.C., Chapter between 1964 and 1977 when he worked in the U.S. Senate. Earlier, he was Hawaii columnist and correspondent for the Pacific Citizen.

Nakatsuka joined the Chamber in June 1977 with years of experience in legislative, business and community service in Hawaii and Washington, D.C. A U.S. Senate staff member for 15 years, he was formerly legislative and executive assistant, and staff director on the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee for retired U.S. Senator Hiram L. Fong.

Nakatsuka served as press secretary to two Hawaii governors, Samuel W. King and William F. Quinn; he was later deputy and interim director of the Department of Social Services in the Quinn administration.

From 1939 to 1952 he was a reporter and assistant city editor on the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Deaths

Tatsuyo Fujii, 81, of Los Angeles died Jan. 28. Widow of the late Sei Fujii, publisher of the Kashu Mainichi, and conductor of the paper's popular cooking column in both Japanese and English, she is survived by 4 sons and 4 daughters.

Matsumoto Oki, 93, of Los Angeles died Jan. 27 after a heart attack. A longtime Issei supporter of JACL and Southwest L.A. community leader, he is survived by s Sam J., Walter Y (New York) and d Mary T.

Wallace Terui, 47, of Fremont, Ca., died of cerebral hemorrhage Jan. 23. Branch manager of California First Bank, the Kauai-born Nisei was active in JACL, serving as Fremont JACL president (1975) and currently on the NC-WNDC executive board.

CARD OF THANKS

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE

Sam Mayeda, 69

of Greeley, Colo., acknowledges the kind expressions of sympathy and condolences. A native of Watsonville, and a retired farmer, he passed away Jan. 17. Funeral services were held Jan. 21. Surviving are his w Chiyoko, s Douglas, were held Jan. 21. Surviving are his w Chiyoko, s Douglas, Barney, daughter Iris Miyoshi, 6 grandchildren; brothers Jack (Monterey), Charles (Oakland) and sister Sue Mayeda (Denver).

1978 Holiday Issue
Is Sold Out!

NATIONAL LITERARY AWARD

\$1,000 offered for 5,000 words

Los Angeles

In a bold and generous move intended to capture and preserve the Japanese American experience and to foster the development of writing talent among Americans of Japanese ancestry, noted novelist-director James Clavell has donated \$10,000 to fund an "American-Japanese National Literary Award" for the next decade.

Announcement of the award was made at a dinner meeting in Century City attended by Clavell, members of the local Japanese American press corps, writing contest committee members and representatives of the "Miss Teen Sansei of California" pageant.

"Because I am a writer and because I have benefited greatly from my association with Japanese and Japanese Americans, establishing this writing award is my way of repaying the community," Clavell, author of bestselling novels "King Rat," "Tai-Pan" and "Shogun," said.

The first American-Japanese National Literary Award will seek to identify the year's finest short story reflective of the Japanese experience in the Americas. The first-place winner of the writing competition will be presented a check for \$1,000 at the 1979 "Miss Teen Sansei" pageant July 14 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

Clavell said he is backing the concept of such an award with the hope that the best entries for the next ten years will provide a starting point for the documentation of a living Japanese American history.

"It's your story, told through the eyes of the community. Perhaps after the first 10 years, some enterprising person or group will put the winning entries into an anthology, and you'll have a Japanese American 'Roots,'" Clavell explained.

The internationally-renowned wordsmith warned, however, that there is little time left to capture the stories of the early development of the Japanese American community.

"Your Issei are now dying off. Younger Japanese Americans will have to document their stories before they are all lost. This award might inspire the Sansei and Yonsei to seek out these stories," said Clavell.

Serving on the AJNLA committee are:

Yas Abiko, S.F. Nichi Bei Times; Dwight Chuman, Rafu Shimpo; Hiro Hishiki, Kashu Mainichi; Harry Honda, Pacific Citizen; Howard Imazeki, Hoku-bei Mainichi; Fred Ishimoto, tal-

ent agent; Ted Tajima, Alhambra High School journalism instructor; Yo Takagaki, Miss Teen Sansei general chairman.

The following rules have been established for the first American-Japanese National Literary Award:

- All entries must be original and not previously published (a statement from each entrant stating that the work is original and unpublished must accompany each entry);

- All entries should incorporate some aspect of the Japanese American experience. (Stories dealing with the experience of Japanese in Canada or South American countries are also eligible.);

- All entries should exhibit both plot and character development of a short story—unity of theme, characterization in fiction prose. (All entries must be written in English.);

- All entries will be less than 5,000 words in length;

- Eligibility in the AJNLA is limited to persons with at least one parent of Japanese ancestry. The contest, otherwise, is open to ALL writers regardless of age or "amateur/professional" status.

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income was \$12,500. In other words, Japanese Americans are approximately 30% higher in their median income than the rest of the population... and there is no need whatsoever in their behaving like a disadvantaged group. Now, all this business of emphasizing the oppression because we're a minority seems to me to be nonsensical. It reminds me of the highly fashionable minority-group game that was going on all through the 1960s. First, you claim to be a victim of racial injustice—that's in order to make the white people feel guilty. Then when you've gotten them feeling guilty, you make them pay and pay.

Q: You do not see any kind of reparations necessary to cover that particular period of time?

A: Not only is it not necessary; I think it's an insult. See—Japanese Americans overcame the handicaps they faced. And don't forget they faced some tremendous ones. Not only did the state of California have almost a hundred years of anti-Oriental racist propaganda, but they were also the most recent of immigrant groups. So they were relatively young and unknown in California in 1941. And then there was a war going on in which the Americans were being clobbered in the Pacific by the Japanese navy, and every night they blacked out the whole of the Pacific coast, wondering when the hell the Japanese bombers or Japanese landing troops were going to hit the Pacific coast. People have forgotten that; they don't remember the war. And so, what the Japanese did was to overcome this racism and the hysteria and fear of wartime. They overcame it by industry, by patience, by self-dependence, by their enormous and hero-

Entries will be judged by a distinguished panel of critically-acclaimed writers to be named. The decisions of the AJNLA committee and the judges will be final.

All entries must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m., Friday, June 1, 1979. All entries must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Entrants should include their full name, address and telephone.

AJNLA entries should be mailed to:

American-Japanese National Literary Award,
c/o Yumi Chuman,
P.O. Box 2196,
Los Angeles, CA 90015.

The competition is closed to members of the committee, staffs of sponsoring newspapers, judges and their immediate relatives.



Photo by Gary Miyatake

'SHOGUN' AUTHOR James Clavell (2nd left) hands Miss Teen Sansei chairperson Yo Takagaki (right) ten checks for \$1,000 each to fund the American-Japanese National Literary Award, a newly-

established short story writing contest for Nikkei writers. Looking on are 1978 Miss Teen Sansei titlist Sharon Kawasaki and runner-up Anne Kawagoye (far right).

'Avocado Kid' mixes metaphors with a will

By KATS KUNITUGU
Los Angeles

At first you don't know whether to laugh or cry. The music is engaging as well as touching, but the costumes are out of Kabuki, Alice Cooper and the Home Silk Shop. The lyrics are clever, but the meta-

phors and references come at you from left field, the 50-yard line and the net, to mix a few. You feel as though you've been dropped in the middle of the Wonderland without a map or a *bon mot* to guide you. Are you supposed to laugh at the hairy Bigfoot,

cry at the plight of Tochan and Kachan—a couple somewhat past their child-bearing years who are still longing for a kid—smile fondly at Sakura's sweet declaration of love or leer appreciatively at the blatant sexuality of Jinya Wolf and the Banelles?

It doesn't really matter. By the time these and a few more characters plus our hero, the Avocado Kid, have cavorted through the musical by Philip Kan Gotanda currently on the East West Players' boards, you've had such a whale of a good time that you're shouting, "Author! Author!"

Gotanda, late of the Hastings School of Law, has chosen to unleash his considerable talents in the theatrical arena rather than the law, and the law's loss is Show Biz's gain. We have a surfeit of lawyers in this country anyway.

Having wrote the book and the lyrics and composed the music, Gotanda also plays the guitar among the quintet of able musicians who accent and accompany the show. Shades of Orson Welles!

In "The Avocado Kid," Gotanda applied his antic imagination to the Japanese fairy tale, "Momotaro," adding his own riotous touches to the simple story of a boy born out of a giant peach, who grows up to conquer the red and green monsters on Onigashima with his retinue of a dog, a monkey and a pheasant.

He starts out with Tochan and Kachan, who are the usual good-hearted couple who long for a child (true to Japanese form, they want a boy) and are one day blessed by the gods with a son who bursts forth from a giant avocado amid flashes of lightning and rolls of thunder. Shades of Narukami!



Photo by Karen Huie

Keone Young as the Avocado Kid.

ic service during the Second World War in the American armed forces, and above all by their own sense of national pride.

Q: Well, there was a lot of property apparently involved in here, and land, and so forth. Do you feel that they have been compensated effectively for that?

A: Well, let me say this. As I said earlier, they were compensated at a rate of somewhere between 10 and 15% of their losses. But, the thing that they wanted most of all was equality of opportunity. After the war, they established it; they got it—partly because the Americans themselves felt guilty about the mistreatment, partly because they'd overcome their racism, largely because they won the war. And partly—because the Japanese themselves proved by their industry, and their hard work, and their dedica-

tion, that they could be trusted. And also the enormously fantastic record of the 442nd combat team in the battlefields of Italy and Germany. Well, that really wiped out any prejudice against them. And so, they rebuilt from there. And... to me it seems very shocking to see how far the Japanese American Citizens League has come from the ancestral traditions of pride and self-dependence.

Q: Are you already feeling some pressure from lobbyists in connection with this?

A: No, none at all. They stay away from me. And the important kind of pressure I get now is from the media, who want to know what my feelings are on this subject.

Q: They feel, in other words, that you're a lost cause.

A: They sure do. In fact, the people who push this re-

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The Avocado Kid, as he is called, grows up into a bumbling, well-meaning boob with an identity crisis. Just in the nick of time (to save the story), Jagaimo the bandit appears as the villain. Shades of Elvis, shades of the Sex Pistols!

In his quest for identity and his confrontation with Jagaimo, the Avocado Kid is joined by Jinya, the Sle Wolf whose hobby is sex; Bigfoot, who literally has one big foot; and the Dodo Bird, a fussy, foppish maitre d' type.

The cheering squad for Jagaimo are the Banelles, three of the dumbest, sexiest—and the word most appropriate here is—broads. Shades of the Supremes!

The Kid and Jagaimo engage in a machismo competition, involving the breaking of bricks (shades of Karate!), complete with "difficulty factors" from 1 to 10. Shades of the Winter Olympics!

It's all great fun, aided and abetted by some very talented people—Clyde Kusatsu, who continues to hone his fine sense of comedic timing to perfection, as the wry Tochan; Julie Inouye, who sings beautifully and acts believably as Sakura; David Hirokane, who projects an understated menace as Jagaimo; J. Maseras Pepito, who is able to impart personality to a tree; and the same Pepito, as well as Ellen Wakamatsu and Karen Huie as the incomparable Banelles.

Kudos are also due to the musicians, who in addition to Gotanda are Glen Laurence Chin on bass, Bob Stover on drums, Alan Furutani on flute and saxophone, and Scott Nagatani on the piano.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Clifford Uyeda

Feeling Good

It was a time for reflection. It was a time for assessment. It was a time for rejoicing in the new acquaintances made. Speeding through the night sky toward San Francisco, the twenty-four hours in Minneapolis passed in review.

It was my first return to the north Midwest winter since before World War II. I brought along a sheepskin jacket, just in case, but there was no need for it. Even on a clear day the winter sky over Minneapolis is not deep blue, and the giant evergreens are missing among the ice and snow.

Most Nisei in the Twin Cities area have been there over thirty years. Their roots, however, are on the West Coast. There is an immediate sense of rapport because of our common Japanese American heritage. This same sense of harmony is also noticed with the Sansei.

Many Nisei who struggled through the humiliating war years and quietly made their respected niche in new communities still recollect the past. It is not to recall bitterness, for pure bitterness is a negative feeling. It is the necessity of having to face reality, to understand the significance of what happened to us. Ignoring the wrong committed does nothing for justice. Attempting to redress the wrong, however, is an act which nurtures and sustains our American ideals.

Perhaps it is our past struggles. It may be something passed down to us by our Issei parents. As elsewhere, Nisei in Twin Cities get together to aid the unfortunates among them. It feels good to be a Nisei.



YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry K. Honda

Be Helpful

One of the helpful ways to remember dates is to add the day of the week. This was our assist for the Chapter Pulse story appearing Jan. 26 announcing West Valley's installation dinner. The publicity came with only the date—Jan. 29—and trying to be helpful, we added "Monday", and further mused to ourselves: "Just like the West Valley JACL to be innovative with a dinner on Monday night, a speaker and a dance yet."

We happened to sit next to Steve Nakashima, charter member of the West Valley JACL, at the EXECOM meeting on Saturday. And he related the shocking scramble our PC story had caused. The dinner committee was hectically telephoning all the members the dinner was on for Jan. 27—Saturday—at the same place: Pinehurst Inn. The fury was understandable—knowing the power of the PC press.

Steve, the next day at the EXECOM meeting, assured us it was not our error (and we still have the publicity release on file—and I guess to keep after this) and that the dinner was well attended. Its Uenaka, the emcee, aroused the dinner guests one last time with something like "This is the dinner that was announced for Monday night ..."

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO—The year 1944 was the period when JACL turned around from trying to defend itself ("JACL" was a bad four-letter word in the camps) and sell the Japanese American story instead. Buoyed by the heroics of the 100th Infantry in Italy and the expression of faith in the Nisei from a group of men and women from all walks of life, national JACL in its 15th year branched out to tell the story to whomever and wherever.

Ruby Yoshino Schaar of New York remembers these days well, having made the circuit of eastern and midwestern audiences with the late Dr. Tom Yatabe covering some 11,000 miles over a four-month period. This saga is contained in the 1944 Convention minutes which the PC is phototype-setting from rough drafts found in the Headquarter archives last summer. As the draft ends abruptly, we are adding material from the PC files to produce what we feel portrays the trials and hopes of the JACL in 1944.

An important part of the 1944 convention minutes is the section describing "local conditions" which Japanese Americans endured because of war.

When this re-creation project is finished, it will be announced.

Comment, letters, features

Redress: Pro and Con

Editor:

I am troubled by John Tani's opposition (PC, Jan. 19) to reparations. How does he feel about German reparations to the Jews? And about America's support for such reparations? All his arguments could be used here as well.

Reparation is not a problem for the victim; it is one for the government that did the injustice. The forced detention of 110,000 persons, citizen and alien alike, was a massive violation of our Constitution by the U.S. government. Reparations are the penalty for the crime. How can one believe in the Constitution and the rule of law

if one does not also believe in redressing such a massive violation?

The possibility for a recurrence of forced detention is not that remote. The Chinese community was quite fearful that they would become victims in the manner of the Japanese community, right into the seventies. (See John Wang's Op-Ed article in the New York Times of 1-20-79). The problem is that we have a precedent set for mass detention and none for the "repair" of that constitutional crime. Without reparations, the precedent remains a threat to any powerless minority.

As a Christian, it pains me

to argue against forgiveness. But I don't buy it. Would it be okay if the German government simply said, "Please forgive me"? I doubt if there would be much order in the land of violators of the law had only to say, "Please forgive me." And it is presumptuous of one person to attempt to speak for an entire community in issuing forgiveness to the U.S. government.

Money is a big hang-up for many of us. I, for one, intend to buy a Jaguar and a garage to put it in. It's the properness as to "proper redress" that bugs me. It's that familiar "very nice," "Quiet American" syndrome, even reaching down to "Excuse

me for being a Jap." Foundation, indeed! We were screwed by the government and we don't have a thing to prove.

The JACL Redress Campaign will be very difficult. It could well be that we will lose. Such a defeat would seriously temper my faith in America. My allegiance is not unqualified. We all need to realize that in the eyes of the world America's concentration camps were comparable, though not nearly so extreme, as the Nazi camps. The act of reparations by West Germany to Israel is a sign of hope. The denial by America would seriously erode our character.

WILLIAM HOHRI
Chicago, Ill.

Editor:

I have been reading with interest the pros and cons of the JACL-sponsored Redress Bill which will be introduced in Congress sometime this summer. The latest interest-piquer was the suggestion the U.S. Treasury be dunned to the tune of \$100,000 per evacuee rather than the proposed \$25,000; the apparent thinking being \$12 million will obviously impress the American public/historians four times more than a meager \$3 mil. [Wimp—This should be "\$3 billion."—H.H.]

And since the JACL condescends to listen to other voices, herein submitted is the Hiroto Plan:

Why not penalize the U.S. for A. \$120,000 per evacuee? This figure would represent \$1 for every person incarcerated. And to show our "fairness" the reparation would be prorated depending upon length of captivity.

The amended proposal would further add X dollars for each head of the household; X-Y for spouse (living together); and 2 x X if unfortunate enough to be stuck in Tule Lake or Crystal City (similar to combat pay, dig?); a percentile deduction would be made if you were a "No-No" but would be waived if proven the answers were made under duress; and an added Z bonus if a family member wound up in the service as a volunteer but a penalty if he was drafted (for shame!).

Hiroto Plan Addendum

A. \$1200 less for every year under the age of 21 at time of interment (Careful, proofreader. Do not change spelling to "internment", please);

B. \$12,000 more for every year forced to attend school in a Camp (Since we didn't have to experiment with hydrogen chloride. The aroma wafting nightly from the open sewer took care of that);

C. An unspecified fine would be assessed against anyone proven to be a participant in any riot or strike;

D. \$120 bonus for every day brave/stupid (select one) enough to have volunteered for "outside" work:

- 1—Topping sugar beets;
- 2—Celery shed;
- 3—Any Utah cannery (where German POWs received better treatment);
- 4—Picking cotton (not eligible unless you could sing "Ole Man River").

35 YEARS AGO

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

Feb. 5, 1944

Jan. 16—Japanese Canadians in Toronto refuse gifts of shoyu, miso and tea from Japan Red Cross. Items shipped via Gripsholm.

Jan. 28—Western Defense Command's Lt. Gen. Emmons warns public against personal retaliation against Japanese Americans for Japanese atrocities against U.S. and Filipino prisoners in Corregidor.

Jan. 28—New York judge sets precedent to protect Issei alien's legal right; special oath taken from jurors to assure full protection of Japanese plaintiff seeking to recover \$684 from police raid. Judge feared unfavorable reaction due to stories of Japanese atrocities to U.S. prisoners on Corregidor.

Jan. 29—Arizona JACL, Gila River WRA Camp Community Council rebuke Japanese treatment of U.S. and Filipino prisoners on Corregidor.

Jan. 29—House Dies Committee issues report on Yellow Peril danger.

Jan. 31—Calif. Legislature asks control of Tule Lake segregation center be transferred from WRA to War Dept. or FBI; Calif. Senate resolution calls for postwar deportation of all persons of Japanese found guilty of

aiding or abetting the enemy.

Feb. 1—Seven west coast congressmen (Outland, Voorhis, Hollifield, Rogers, Thomas Ford, Isaac—all of Calif.; Coffee, Tacoma) condemn inflammatory anti-Nisei statements.

Feb. 1—Hawaii's Nikkei major factor in rebuilding Island's military defenses, Army district engineer tells L.A. Lawyers Guild meeting.

Feb. 12, 1944

Feb. 4—Dismissal of Dillon Myer as WRA director sought by 21 of 33 west coast congressmen.

Feb. 7—Colorado State Senate kills anti-alien land bill by 15-12 vote, had passed the House Feb. 7 by 48-15.

Feb. 5—Sgt. Ben Kuroki gets standing ovation after speech on racial tolerance before San Francisco Commonwealth Club.

Feb. 7—WRA Denver Office survey finds only 23 land transfers involving Japanese; proponents of Colorado anti-alien land bill charged 3,000 aliens bought land in Adams County.

Feb. 8—Tule Lake stops farming operation.

Feb. 9—Fred Korematsu appeals to U.S. Supreme Court to test legality of Evacuation order.

Feb. 12—National JACL announces list of 67 prominent Americans as "sponsors".

E. \$120,000 extra to both parties of any Camp wedding". (* It shouldn't be difficult to explain why to the Washington solons);

F. And finally a tax incentive clause allowing one (1) year IRS relief for every (proven) petitioner subscribing to tenets above.

For the benefit of "Round Eyes" and/or Sansei/Yonsei who haven't the foggiest idea of what in hell the above means, be like Alpha Beta and "Tell a Friend" to explain. But maybe an H.L. Mencken adage will help:

An idealist is one who, on noticing that a rose smells better than a cabbage, concludes that it will also make better soup.

WIMP HIROTO
Gardena, Calif.

Editor:

As an ojii-san with three grandchildren with one coming up soon, may I make a few observations on the desire for redress? I was unable to hear Dr. Clifford Uyeda at Gardena, unfortunately. He has devoted so much time and effort to his cause, I don't want to impede his progress, but I feel that perhaps some means should be found to get reparations from the first party, Japan. The aggressor has paid already millions to us. A tri-

bunal of international law ought to be formulated to put Japan on trial for the injustices that were suffered by us Nisei, Issei, Sansei, etc. Isn't there an international "firecracker law" that might be invoked? Could our best legal minds like those of John Aiso and John Maeno and Mike Masaoka figure out a case? Japan with its great trade surpluses might be persuaded.

MIKE HORII
Gardena, Ca.

From Nobuyuki Nakajima

Higher Education II

Last week I wrote that every young Japanese American ought to have a higher education. I do not know if any JA objects to this statement. However, I would like to consider the commonly known opposing views.

(1) Some people used to say that the higher education makes youth stray from the traditional values. This opinion was very common among the very conservative, religious and ethnic minorities, who considered the outside influence to be undesirable. Some conservative Churches were this way. Several generations ago some Japanese held such views. I hope I do not have to refute this one.

(2) One very common view in the American mainstream is that Thomas Edison never went to college but was very successful; today one having Edison's talents will have very tough time to exercise his talent, if he did not have a suitable educational background. Also, we should be aware of the socio-political milieu, where Edison lived. Almost the entire world was controlled by the European and Euro-American. Edison, being the most privileged, of North European descent, was living in the very comfortable world, where his talent could blossom.

(3) Recent years a view became very popular that what one needs is a vocational training and not necessarily a higher education. A large number of schools have been built for this purpose; vocational high schools, vocational junior and community colleges all go beyond regular high schools. However, these are short of the goals of the higher education I am discussing. The vocational training is aimed at people who are satisfied with the vocational skills only. They are not motivated to understand the people and the world beyond where they live. The latter requires an additional intellectual training.

(4) Some college and university graduates claim that their education was a waste; such complaints were made, when jobs are difficult to find. However, if it was truly a waste, either they did not study hard or they lacked proper guidance.ance.

(5) So, we say that everybody wants a higher degree but lack money, talent, physical and mental stamina. Then, what shall we do? I would like to comment on these next.



MOSHI MOSHI: by Jin Konomi

Pork n' Beans a la Japonaise

drinkmanship, there is an unstated assumption that drink and sweet do not, and should not, mix. I expressed my admiration for his ambidexterity. "Oh, that's all bunk," said Mr. Y. "I do this always."

So our talk turned on the subject of the famous specialty confections of various Japanese provinces, such as *Rakugan* of Kyoto, *Uiro* of Nagasaki, *Yoshiwara Denju* of Mito and so on, and finally wound up with the good old *zenzai*, the kind all the Japanese mothers used to make for their ravenous kids just back home from school. Thus it came about that I heard this story of Mr. Y.'s adventure—or misadventure—of his student days.

He was living in a rooming house of Mrs. Menke near the campus. His small room had an iron bed, a small desk, a book case fashioned of orange crates, wash basin and an eating table with a two-burner stove. Whenever he became weary of his haphazard alimentary life, he used to cook his own rice, but he was strictly enjoined not to cook fish. "*Ich esse gern Fische, aber der Geruch die andern Mieterren gefallt nicht*," she explained.

But aside from this stern interdiction she was a soul of kindness and almost auntly solicitude for this handsome young student from Japan. The tender relationship developed as a result of a ridiculous contretemps—for him—of their first meeting. Sensing that she was German, from her name and accent, Mr. Y. spouted a few words of German. Happy to see someone who spoke her native tongue, Mrs. Menke responded with a quantum torrent of German. They both had a good laugh when Mr. Y. had to admit that his German went no further than a few words

of greeting. After he moved into the room, she was forever trying to improve his German.

Toward the end of the year, Mr. Y. received a parcel post from California. "Oowah!" exclaimed Mr. Y. as the contents of the package came into view: a generous bag of shiny *azuki*, and several pounds of *mochi* from a friend who knew about his sweet tooth. Immediately there floated before his eyes the picture of a steaming bowl of *zenzai*. How long since he had it last?

To Be Continued

BUTADOFU: Phil Jordan

'Silicon Valley' Shenanigans

Sacramento

While the issue might not have the emotional impact of a "Save the Whales" campaign, Japanese Americans should be concerned about allegations of Japanese industrial espionage in "Silicon Valley."

That "valley" is the multi-billion dollar semiconductor industry, which actually ranges far from the Santa Clara Valley in which it is centered.

Sources inside that industry aren't speaking for attraction, but they are seething about what they suspect is massive spying by their Japanese rivals.

Why won't they air their suspicions publicly? Because, they point out, they have to do business with many of the same firms they suspect are doing the spying. At times, because they cannot keep up with the growing demand for their products, they take up the slack by overseas, i.e., Japanese, purchases.

In such cases, they believe they are buying, in effect, the results of their own research; the prices are competitive because the producers have their research done for them—for free—by the American firms.

Not all Japanese firms are suspect. One source made a point of saying that Sony, for instance, is "completely above board."

But other Japanese firms are suspected of being more interested in industrial espionage than in business with American semiconductor manufacturers.

Industry Americans feel they are still in the research and development lead, but see their Japanese rivals coming on fast, and the stakes are high—world leadership in the field of computers and related electronic products.

Much of the "spying," of course, is open and accepted—reading published reports, seeing what can be seen on tours of American plants. This last opportunity to see what can be seen may soon end—Japanese plants are not usually so hospitable to the opposition.

But some in the American industry suspect the semiconductor samurai of ...

—Sifting through scrap heaps to see what can be learned ...



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Christmas Coupons

Denver, Colo.

Last Christmas, I made matters difficult as usual for my kin by insisting that I had all the material goods necessary to make me presentable and keep me happy, and all I wanted was a little peace and quiet. There is no surer way to upset the ladies of the family who feel compelled at that time of year to invade shopping centers with credit cards at the ready.

Eventually they became convinced that I really didn't need or want any more ties, shirts, socks, gloves, scarves or other merchandise, so my daughters, Susan Boatright and Christie Harveson, reverted to an idea that seemed to have worked very well at the time of their mother's birthday, and which I may have mentioned in this space.

They thought up and gave me coupons for various services which I could claim at my convenience. They are ingenious enough to make me want to share them with you. Here is what the coupons said:

Coupons for Sunday Brunch—Good for brunch for you and one guest at Harveson's Hashery. You may choose from pancakes, waffles, hash and eggs, creamed beef or French toast. Brunch served 10 a.m. to noon. Reservations mandatory. Expires 12/1979.

Apple Pie—Good for one apple pie. Please place order one day in advance. Pick up at Boatright bakery. Good through 12/1979.

Homemade Soup—This entitles the bearer to a pot of homemade soup. Beef vegetable is house specialty. Please bring own pot when picking up.

Farm Fresh Eggs—Coupon entitles the bearer to one dozen fresh brown eggs. These may be picked up at Boatrights' mini-farm in Lakewood. Remember fertilized eggs are high in protein, low in cholesterol.

Bronco Box Lunch—Good for two box lunches at Denver Broncos home games. Three menus available—call to place order. Good through 1979 regular season. Coupon will be stamped at pick-up.

Night Out—This entitles your spouse to a free dinner and three hours of companionship while you may attend the sporting event of your choice guilt-free.

Fresh Vegetables—This entitles the bearer to two pickings of fresh vegetables at the site of Harveson's mini-farm. Special arrangements may be made in advance for vegetables to be planted. Good through 1979 growing season.

Weekend Outing—This coupon will provide you with two charming companions for an outing at City Park zoo or museum. Sloans' Lake may be substituted; companions will provide own stale bread for feeding ducks and geese. No expiration date.

You think I won't cash in my coupons? Of course I will. Christie can whomp up a fine breakfast and Susan's apple pies are as good as her mother's.

My favorite coupon? Well, I suppose it is the last one, giving me an "opportunity" to take Christie's youngsters, Matt and Jon, for a Saturday or Sunday outing. The kids like these outings, but their mother enjoys them even more, so everyone is happy. The boys, incidentally, have grown impressively. Matt has lost a front tooth, is working on a couple of others, and is learning to read and print.

And Jon, the clown of his pre-school class, has become quite observant. The other day when someone suggested that he looked much like his grandfather, Jon squinted at me and replied:

"I don't look like Grandpa! I don't wear glasses and I don't have fur growing out of my ears."

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This is a previously told (by yours truly) story. Of those who, by a thousand-to-one chance, happen to have read it somewhere else, I beg kind indulgence. And if they catch me deviating from the first version, I ask them please to allow that a story, even if a factual one, must be molded on the memory of the raconteur—fiction in other words. After a lapse of more than 30 years, one's memory is not too trustworthy.—J.K.

For about a year immediately before the war, I worked in the New York office of a semi-governmental commercial agency of Osaka. Mr. Y., the boss, took a kindly interest in me probably because we shared a common experience: he went to the New York University before World War I, working his way; more recently I had worked my way through another university, though less prestigious. I was often invited to his home, and while our conversations were not always on intellectual matters, we could discuss trivialities on the same intellectual plane.

One evening we were lounging in the living room of his Washington Heights apartment when Mrs. Y. brought in a tray of *mochi-gashi*, in those days and in New York a rare delicacy and my favorite dessert. Mr. Y., with a glass of post prandial brandy in his hand, reached over with the other and picked one, and proceeded to eat it. I was flabbergasted.

In the Japanese code of

letters

Short Notes

Editor:

Please make the following correction: The membership rate for couples in the San Jose Chapter is \$28. The PC had the couple rate listed at \$38.00 which is incorrect.

SHARON KUWABARA
San Jose JACL

—Setting up American subsidiaries in one state, which then set up "American-owned" subsidiaries in another state to serve as fronts for midnight R & D activities ...

—Hiring between-jobs Americans as "consultants" at high fees to assist "researchers" in the front operations ...

—Offering "moonlight" jobs to Americans already employed full time in sensitive positions ...

—And planting their spies in American firms.

It could be worse—if any of the suspect Japanese firms are taking the direct route, simply offering attractive cash payments for usable information, this hasn't come to light. That could be, though, because such efforts have been successful.

Bad as the situation is, though, not all of the semiconductor industry anger is for Japanese competitors. The American government, industry sources say, is making a bad situation even worse.

Our federal government sees its relationship with industry—all American industry—as an adversary one. More, it forces firms in any given field, including semiconductor, to keep at arm's length from others in the same field.

Japanese rivals, on the other hand, are able to cooperate in the well-known spirit of "Japan, Inc." They also have the active support of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry in their overseas operations.

Thanks to heavy research and development investment, Americans in Silicon Valley believe it will be a long time before their Japanese rivals are in a position to overtake them.

However far American firms may be ahead of the Japanese competition, many feel, they'd be farther ahead yet if both sides had to play by the same rules.

Unlike the emotional "Save the Whales" issue, this one involves billions of dollars.

For that reason alone, its effects on Japanese-American relations—and, ultimately, on Japanese Americans—may be much more serious and long-lasting.

—Hokubei Mainichi

REDRESS PHASE TWO: John Tateishi

A Moral Issue

One of the criticisms directed towards the JACL's Redress efforts is the fact that, as an organization, JACL doesn't represent the entire voice of the Japanese American community.

In his column a few months ago, National President Clifford Uyeda pointed out that our membership, as representative of the Japanese American mainland population, is more substantial than some other civil rights organizations whose credibility is not questioned in terms of numbers.

Accordingly, then, we can say quite confidently that JACL's views on Redress reflect a substantial and representative view of the Japanese American community.

But why do we even need to say this at all?

When the issue is a just one, when it is morally viable, numbers become hardly relevant. If anything, the questioning of our numerical representation only diverts the issue into irrelevancies.

Historically, the majority (if not all) of the great causes which have changed the direction of the thinking of society have been the result of a small group of people in the beginning, a group which maintained an uncompromising belief in the principles for which they fought. Witness, for example, the roots of the American Revolution and anti-slavery movement, and in our own times, the civil rights and anti-Vietnam movements. In other words, it is the moral issue and not necessarily a majority consensus among JA's which should be our concern.

The point is, let's not get caught up in irrelevant arguments. The principle underlying the Redress issue is a moral one, and it is this essential fact which we are attempting to convey to the American public.

Simply on the basis of race alone, we were denied our basic constitutional guarantees and treated in an unconscionable manner such as no other group of American citizens has ever been treated before.

America, once and for all, must begin to recognize the fallibility of its own heart and must come to understand that it cannot subject a specific group of its citizens to the whims and manipulations of those in power or fall prey to the hysteria of the times.

If we cannot succeed in teaching our fellow citizens at least this lesson, then the closing of the barbed wire gates would all have been in vain.



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David Nishio (Fresno), ch; David Taniguchi (Frs), sec; Julie Tsuboi (Lindsay), treas.

Calendar, pulse,

● Cortez

32-POUNDER WINS STRIPED DERBY

The annual Cortez JACL striped bass derby held over the year-end was won by a 32-lb. 12-oz. fish landed by Russ Blaine, who

won the first prize, it was announced. Local merchants contributed the prizes. Other winning catches were by:

Keiichi Yamaguchi, 27-5; General Sugiura, 21-10; Ernest Yoshida, 20-14; Toot Sugiura, 20-5; Kiyoshi Asai, 14-15; Lester Yamaguchi, 14-4.

● Dayton

WOK TALK AND 'THE GEISHA'

Dayton JACL's general meetings, chaired by program vice president Vicky Mikesell, come the first part of the month.

Last week (Feb. 4), program featured Benjamin Meng of Peking Inn Restaurant demonstrating the use of a wok (known in Mandarin as gwo; wok is Cantonese—one of several dialects that Meng speaks). Also invited were members of the Chinese American League, headed by Andrew Lai.

For Mar. 2, the full-length Kenji Mizoguchi classic, "The Geisha", will be shown at the NCR Education Center at 7 p.m. Children under 12 get in free, others will be expected to donate a dollar.

Meanwhile, Lily Yamasaki (433-2996) who has taken over as telephone committee chairman is updating the lists. Lt. Frank Tanji, chapter treasurer, is chairing the chapter's participation in the International Festival to be

Calendar

*A non-JACL event

● FEB. 10 (Saturday)

*Riverside—International Festival, UCR, 8pm.

East Los Angeles—Inst dnr, Steven's Steak Hse, City of Commerce, 7pm.

Marin County—Potluck social, Buddhist Church, Mill Valley 6pm.

*San Francisco—Prof Gardeners Fed dnr, Grosvenor Inn, So San Francisco.

Sacramento—Auxy luncheon, Megumi's, 12n.

Santa Barbara—Inst dnr, Montecito Country club, 7:30pm, Rep. Robert Lagomarsino, spkr.

*San Jose—No Cal Singles dnr, Holiday Inn, 6:30pm.

● FEB. 11 (Sunday)

Philadelphia—Gen mtg, Jeffersonville CC, 3pm.

● FEB. 17 (Saturday)

Portland—Day of Remembrance, Multnomah County Expo Ctr, West Hall, 12n regis, 2-3:30 program, 3:45-4:15 entertainment, 5pm potluck; Rowe Sumida, mc.

New York—Evening on the Air, Madison Ave Presbyterian Church, 6-8pm, Motoko Spiegel, spkr; dnr follows, Robata's.

San Diego—Gen mtg, Ocean View Congregational Church, 7:30pm; Dr Clifford Uyeda, spkr.

Orange County—Inst dnr-disco, Saddleback Inn, Norwalk, 7:30pm; Rep Bob Matsui, spkr.

● FEB. 18 (Sunday)

CCDC—Tulare County JACL hosts: Qrtly sess, Marco Polo Restaurant, Hwy 198-Linwood, Visalia, noon.

PSWDC—Qrtly sess: Sn Diego JACL hosts, Town & Country Inn, 9:30am.

Contra Costa—Ski party.

● FEB. 19 (Washington Birthday)

*San Bruno—Day of Remembrance, Tanforan Shopping Ctr. *Little Tokyo—Day of Remembrance, Old Nishi Hongwanji, 119 N Central, L.A., 1p.m.

● FEB. 21 (Wednesday)

West Los Angeles—Kabuki theater party.

● FEB. 23 (Friday)

San Diego—Bd mtg, Buddhist Church, 7:30pm.



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held over the Memorial Day holidays at Convention Center. It is one of the chapter's main fund-raisers.

Yukari Mikesell, daughter of the Bob Mikesells, was awarded a \$250 scholarship to attend the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, now underway in Washington, D.C.

Chapter is also sponsor of Japanese language evening classes on Monday for beginners and Thursday for advanced, starting Feb. 5, at Kettering Adult School. Teruko Pace (299-2501) is instructor.

● Hoosier

INSTALL 11-MEMBER BOARD OF MANAGERS

Hoosier JACL installed its 11-member board of managers with Mrs. Shirley Nakatsukasa as president at a Chinese dinner held Dec. 3 at Chinese Village in Speedway, Ind. George Umemura, the

charter president, conducted the installation while William Alexander, the second president, was emcee. Outgoing president Dr. George Hanasano presented the chapter PCYA award to Anita Everts.

Special treat was chapter treasurer Frank Chase's shakuhachi rendition.

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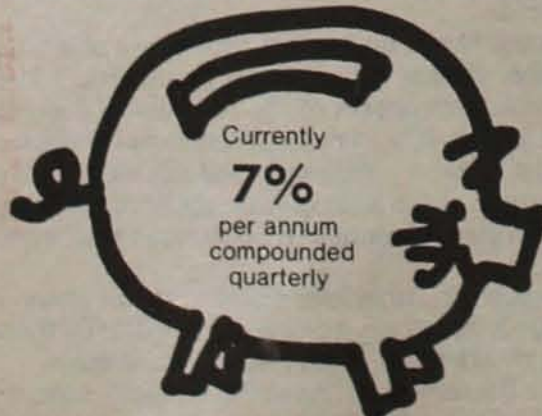


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tion of "Back Home in Indiana" with other selections. His wife accompanied on the koto.

● Marin County

FIRST EVENT FOR '79
—POTLUCK/BINGO

Marin County JACL's first event of the year will be a potluck social on Saturday, Feb. 10, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Marin Buddhist Temple in Mill Valley. Geared for the whole family, youngsters and oldsters, there will be many prizes at the bingo games to follow.

Chapter has approached

● San Diego

GET READY, SCHOLARS! IT'S TIME TO FILE

San Diego JACL scholarship chairman Jim Yamate (422-4332) reminded it is now time to start filing applications for local and national JACL scholarships. For the first time in many years, chapters will again screen applications for National JACL scholarships, recommending up to three candidates per chapter. Forms are available by calling members of the local scholarship committee: Richard Namba, 286-3916; Tetsu Kashima, 271-7257; Liz Ozaki, 479-7582; Shiz Maruyama, 420-3425; or Yamate.

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the county board of supervisors to have Feb. 19 declared "a Day of Remembrance".

● New York

'SANSEI IDENTITY' FOR '70s STUDIED

"Sansei Identity in the Seventies" was the theme of a New York JACL program held on Dec. 15, at the Japanese American United Church. Twenty Sansei and 15 Nisei were led by Nobu Miyoshi, a Nisei family counselor connected with the Univ. of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, in a discussion stemming from her NIMH-supported paper, "Identity Crisis of the Sansei and the Concentration Camp".



SEATTLE TURNS OUT—Almost 200 turned out for the Seattle JACL installation banquet to hear Sansei astronaut Capt. Ellison Onizuka (left), now training at NASA, Houston. Pictured with him are (from left) Consul General Kenichi Yanaga, Japanese Community Queen Kristi Seko, emcee Charles Z. Smith, past president Ted Taniguchi, and incoming president Mitch Matsudaira.

● Seattle

INSTALLATION BANQUET ATTRACTS 200

Air Force Captain Ellison Onizuka, the first Asian astronaut, gave a fascinating overview of the latest in NASA aerospace technology with living color visual aids of advanced spacecraft developments before a crowd of almost 200 at the Seattle JACL installation banquet on Jan. 19 at the Bush Garden.

The 32-year-old Hawaii-born Sansei, graduate of the Univ. of Colorado with a master's degree in aerospace engineering and former flight test engineer, entered a two-year training program last July to qualify as a mission specialist on future space shuttle flight crews. The personable winner of the Air Force Commendation Medal enjoyed celebrity status as he was kept busy signing autographs well after the banquet was over.

Installed as the 1979 officers, led by Mich Matsudaira, former executive director of the Washington State Asian American Affairs Commission, as president with a 21-member board of directors.

An unprecedented number of eight awards were presented, including two posthumous citations of appreciation for Midori

Uyeda, 1977 corresponding secretary and longtime JACLer, and for Masao Tomita, board member for many years, for dedicated service to the community and JACL.

The first sapphire pin to be awarded in three years, was presented to Tomio Moriguchi, past national treasurer, past chapter president, and active community leader, whose name needs no introduction for the contributions he has made to local, district and national JACL levels, as well as to the entire community.

Anne Reeplog Fisher, an honored guest, was recognized for her contribution to the understanding and perception of the wartime evacuation experience through her outstanding documentary *Exile of a Race* (1965).

Certificates of appreciation were presented to:

Eira Nagaoka, for his 15 years as Newsletter Editor; to Frank Hattori for his community activities; to Tadashi Yamaguchi, 91-year-old Issei JACLer for his community service and support; and to Issei Concerns, represented by Tosh Okamoto, president, for tremendous volunteer efforts which went into the successful establishment of the Issei nursing home.

Among the honored guests and other notables were:

Consul General Kenichi Yanaga, Consul K. Nishikawa, Nisei Vets Commander Jack Shiota, Father Clement, Rev. Paul Nagano, Dean of the UW Law School, Ernest Gellhorn; Councilmembers Ruby Chow and Michael Hildt; Charles Z. Smith, professor of law, m.c.; and Roy Ogasawara, chairperson, installation committee.



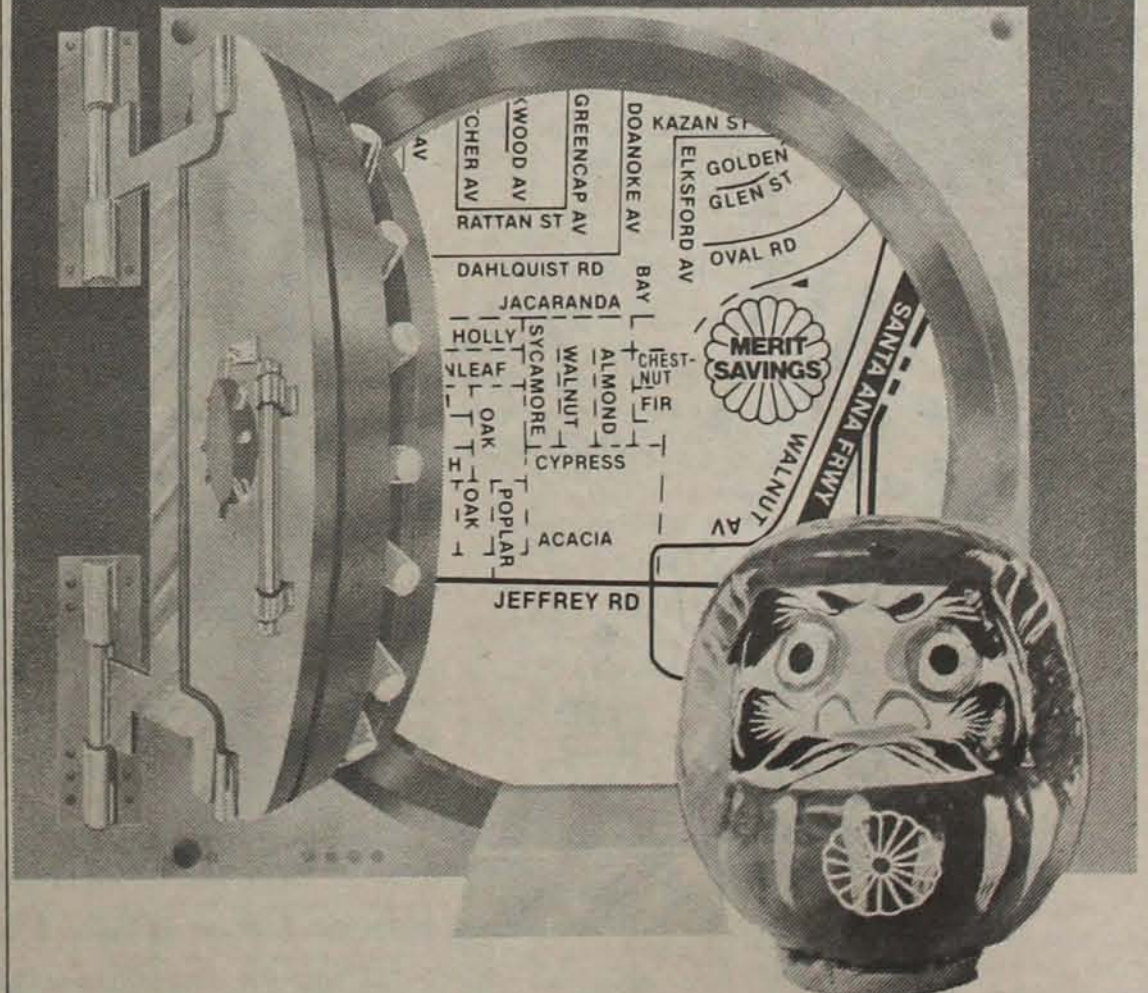
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Mizoe was referring to people who might misunderstand claims for his company's products and buy it believing it has magical properties.

If one knows that TDK Electronics is one of the world's largest producers of ferrite materials, components and magnetic tapes, it is still puzzling.

For Mizoe's parent company has branched into the manufacture and sale of magnetic necklaces. Since 1976, TDK Magnetics Corp. (a subsidiary of TDK Electronics) has sold over three million "Epaule" necklaces in Japan. The government has approved the sale of the necklaces in Japan, where it is believed wearers find blood circulation improved and muscular stiffness in the shoulder area lessened.

However, marketing the product in the United States is a whole different ballgame, TDK has found, and requires different

methods than those used at home.

"TDK is complying with Food and Drug Administration regulations as much as it can," says Mizoe, noting that they are careful not to make any references to the necklaces having therapeutic values in the advertising copy, which is submitted for FDA approval.

"Sometimes we inadvertently mislead people," Mizoe worries, and they believe the necklace is "a goodluck charm." Those are the people Mizoe does not want buying his product.

Research is now being carried out in universities in Europe and the U.S. to scientifically prove the

merit of the necklaces, and TDK expects to have results in a year or so. In Japanese tests, 87 to 88% of subjects wearing the necklaces found it beneficial, many saying they slept well. Japanese doctors believe it works on the autonomic system, says Mizoe. In the U.S., the "double-blind test" is being used, with both magnetic necklaces and placebo necklaces made to look the same.

The Epaule necklaces TDK sells look like jewelry items, except they contain nine to 11 cylinders of rare earth cobalt, developed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of the U.S. And if the magnetic fields of necklaces really do have positive effects on health, TDK's Epaule is the most powerful magnetic necklace commercially available.

Three Nikkei named comm. sgt. majors

Washington

A Reserve Component Selection Board last month recommended 161 Army National Guard and Army Reservists for appointment as command sergeant major (CSM)—the highest enlisted rank obtainable in the U.S. Army. Among them were three Nikkei:

George M. Kihara (of Davis, Ca.); Atsushi Kiuchi and Lester K. Nakaichi. Kihara is headquartered in Sacramento with the 91st Division (Training), 361st Regiment, 2nd Bn.

Feb. 10, 7 p.m., at the San Jose Holiday Inn. Aiko Harunaga is the new president. Club meets every fourth Friday, 7:30 p.m. at the San Jose Summit Bank Bldg., 515 N. 1st St.

West L.A. JACL's 1978 autumn tour reunion will be held this Sunday, Feb. 11, 5 p.m., at the Imperial Dragon Restaurant in Little Tokyo.

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Los Angeles

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Calif. Dateliners

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No. Calif. Singles Club installation dinner is set for

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Heritage Week calendar

Los Angeles

Community groups and agencies planning an event during the first Asian-Pacific Cultural Heritage Week recently proclaimed by President Carter for May 1-10, 1979, are invited to have their program listed in a calendar now being prepared and co-sponsored by the Pacific Southwest JACL Office.

Calendar Week application forms should be turned in by March 1, 1979, according to Wayne Shi-

mabukuro (626-4471) of the JACL office. Forms are obtainable from:

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CHAPTER 2

(Continued from Last Week)

RASMUSSEN'S curriculum had been cut back from 12 to six months and then still further for 14 selective Nisei entering the first class at Camp Savage. They got only 90 days of cramming, so they could get into the Pacific as quickly as possible. Leading their detachment out was Arthur Katsuyoshi Ushiro, who later legally changed his name to Castle. Also with the class were three Caucasians, all officers, John Anderton, Barton Lloyd and Harold Moss.

Anderton was a noteworthy personage, the only prewar Caucasian graduate of *Kinmon Gakuen* (Golden Gate Institute) Japanese-language school of San Francisco. With a cover job on the San Francisco Chronicle, he'd been a Navy agent before taking service with the Army. Anderton decided to learn Japanese while a teenager because he found calligraphy so pleasing to the eye. At first the director of *Kinmon Gakuen*, wanting no dilettante Caucasians, turned him away. Anderton memorized several hundred *Kanji* characters, plus a complete syllabary, in just two weeks. He was admitted. He then completed Japanese language studies from basic primer through middle school (equivalent of U.S. high school) in two-and-a-half years, while pursuing his regular studies at Lowell High. At Savage and elsewhere, Anderton's photographic memory for Japanese ideographs got him nicknamed "The *Kanji* Kid." He was forever tripping up instructor Paul Tekawa with remembrance of archaic ones Tekawa usually hadn't learned.

Leo Saito and Kazuhiko Yamada were the only Nisei in this class who had not received any education in Japan. Masaharu Takata had. He was, in fact, descended on his mother's side from the Go family of Hiroshima, famous as *samurai*. The warrior heritage was broad, and Takata had a number of senior military officers among his relatives. One uncle commanded Japan's equivalent of West Point and once arranged Takata's acceptance at a special school that prepared youths to enter the Japanese Military Academy. Masaharu's father, who hated war, arranged his 11-year-old son's immediate return to America. Along with Arthur Castle, Hiroshi Tanabe, and Sunao Ishio, Takata received shabby treatment at Camp Roberts but got Corporal's stripes after being shipped east to Arkansas. (He'd been on the ROTC drill team at UCLA.) An excerpt from the illegal wartime diary Takata kept tells that on May 27,



Won Loy "Charlie" Chan (left) and Grant Hirabayashi interrogating "comfort girls" captured at Myitkyina, Burma.

1942, he thought the rest of his class "a nice bunch of fellows."

Paul Tekawa, formerly a newsman for a Japanese-language publication, laid special emphasis on *heigo*, the Japanese lexicon of military terms, for this class. He helped select Chiuro Sakata and David Watanabe to be retained as instructors. Torao Neishi, Ken Omura, Albert Tamura and James Tsumura left with the rest for Australia on Sept. 10.

On Jan. 1, 1942, Roosevelt publicly deplored the treatment of aliens and other foreign-born were receiving at the hands of Americans, but deplore was all he did about it. One week later Spady Koyama, a Nisei in Spokane, did something that would have surprised and pleased Hawaii's Nisei, who generally believed that mainland ones were too acquiescent. Koyama threatened to sue the U.S. Army if it didn't let him enlist. The Army enlisted Spady Koyama and eventually paid him a Colonel's pension.

Japanese submarines were off America's west coast. I-17 fired 13 shells at a Goleta, Calif., oil refinery on Feb. 23, and William Randolph Hearst took to his heels from nearby San Simeon. The press baron thought the Japanese were after him for the campaign of vilification his newspapers waged against Issei and Nisei.

The Far East situation con-

tinued to go badly for the West. Torpedoes of American submarines didn't work for those commanders who had guts enough to close on the enemy. Imperial troops landed on New Guinea and made Australian ones do something against their grain—retreat. Singapore fell, 100,000 Allied troops surrendering to one-third that many Japanese. Australia lost an entire division at Singapore, its 8th, to the Japanese as prisoners-of-war. And, 49 days after allowing as to how awful it was to treat foreign-born shabbily, Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066. This authorized the War Department to establish military areas and exclude anyone from them it chose. Ignoring due process guaranteed by the Constitution, this act made it "legal" to uproot and imprison 110,000 Americans from California, Oregon and Washington. The order would remain on the books for 34 years!

At least two politicians may have been pleased about Executive Order 9066. Cong. Leland Ford had acted on movie actor Leo Carrillo's request, asking on the floor of The House of Representatives for removal of the Japanese. Earl Warren, on Feb. 2, ordered special maps of northern California made, showing land owned, occupied or controlled "by Japs." He then presented this "evidence," which merely showed Issei and Nisei to be working land no one else wanted, to a Congressional

committee that month, as "proof" of how they lived near dams, airports, power plants, and the like.

By March, the western Pacific was a Japanese lake. Her Navy had sunk or run off the combined sea might of Australia, England, America and the Netherlands. Japan changed her mind about an invasion of Australia, deciding instead to isolate her. Taking Port Moresby, on the south shore of New Guinea, a base that could cover northern Australia, was to be the first move. This, followed by capture of New Caledonia, Samoa and the Fijis, would isolate Australia from the east. On March 10, Gen. Douglas MacArthur was told to get out of the Philippines (the second time he was so ordered) and set up a new command in Australia, the only place from which a countermarch against Japan could commence. MacArthur obeyed and left the next day, just as a newly-arriving American force landed in New Caledonia. Once that happened, Japan had second thoughts about the Fijis and Samoa. The very long, very thin lifeline to Australia now had a chance of being maintained.

ONLY a handful of Nisei were actually working in military intelligence by this time, although the war was nine months old. Things were taking a lot of time to get squared away. Arthur Komori and Richard Sakakida had retreated from Bataan to Corregidor on or-

ders, Richard interpreting for Gen. Jonathan Wainwright at the last. Japan was in control of the Philippines, Burma, Singapore, Malaya, Indonesia, and the Bismarks (New Britain, New Ireland).

With Komori and Sakakida on Bataan and Corregidor was a helper they certainly never expected to have, in the person of Clarence Yamagata. He was a Nisei who had been working for the Japanese consulate in Manila. (Many Nisei, in the thirties, were offered jobs with Japanese industry and government. All were college graduates, who found that a sheepskin in the hands of a man with an Oriental face was practically worthless.) Yamagata was first imprisoned by U.S. Army authorities, then freed and pressed into service as an interpreter, working under the same man who controlled Komori and Sakakida. This was Maj. N.W. Raymond, a murky figure, who was an American undercover man in the Far East for some 30 years before death came to him as a POW.

April found the two Hawaii sergeants being ordered to leave Corregidor for Australia, where linguists were in extremely short supply. On the 13th, a patched-up trainer that had earlier crash-landed lifted from Kindley Field, the Rock's tiny airstrip. On board were a pilot, Komori, and a Chinese officer who was Philippines representative for Chiang Kai Chek. Sakakida had given his place to

the Nisei attorney.

"I was able to brush up on flying," said Komori, who took the controls while the Iloilo, Panay Island, was plotted. "Pappy" Gunn, a near-legend in the Army Air Corps, picked them up there in a B-25 bomber and flew to Del Monte, Mindanao, to top off his tanks. After taking aboard as many 55-gallon drums of aviation gas as he could stow, Gunn beat off officers trying to pull rank and retreat, taking only the four men from Corregidor when he flew away. Seventeen hours later the B-25 set down in Australia, completing the longest flight an aircraft of its type had made. In 1977, Komori was still convinced he'd been on the "test hop" that proved a B-25 could be flown great distances. He was certain his flight had been actual preparation for the raid B-25's made on Japan from the aircraft carrier Hornet a few days later and that Gunn "proved" it could be done.

Sakakida, who'd insisted Yamagata be given his seat because he didn't feel very sure of someone who worked for the Japanese diplomatic service, someone whose Japanese-national wife had been shipped home to Japan just before the war started, stayed behind on Corregidor to surrender and carry out secret specific orders he'd been given. He needn't have worried about Yamagata. Clarence was released from the U.S. Army in

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1948 with the rank of Major and had a Legion of Merit for work he'd done during the war. The author feels that Yamagata could have secretly been recruited before the war. Many men were, whose roles still have not been revealed. As for Sakakida himself, he would survive torture and confound his Japanese captors. Sakakida put his life on the line daily throughout the war and may have made a greater single contribution to the Pacific victory than any man, of any race.

All told, 137 AJA's, 23 Caucasians, and one Chinese American completed successfully the course that began at Camp Savage on May 28, 1942. The Japanese-fluent Chinese American was Won Loy Chan, who couldn't possibly avoid the nickname Charlie.

The Japanese made a thrust at Port Moresby in May, from the sea, but Adm. Chester Nimitz knew their intentions on April 17, perhaps because of what Churchill might have given or told Roosevelt four months earlier. An American task force was able to decimate Japanese carrier air strength in a Coral Sea battle, marking the first time a Japanese thrust was turned back, and winning the hearts of Australians forever. The "Diggers" annually celebrate Coral Sea Week.

Chester Nimitz then set about to do another number on the Japanese. By May 24 he knew in minute detail their plans for another thrust, this time in the mid-Pacific. They intended to take Midway Island, which the U.S. could not allow, and thus draw out the remains of the U.S. Fleet for a showdown fight. Nimitz had to set up an ambush, the only way he could defeat Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto's vast armada.

At Pearl Harbor, in the headquarters of the Army and Navy, heads were worriedly scratched. A major conflict was pending, less than 2,000 miles away. What about Hawaii's Japanese? How would they react? What would they do? On Jan. 17, without explanation or warning, 317 Nisei had been discharged from the Hawaii National Guard. For months thereafter, they and others had clamored for a change to serve, to prove their loyalty, but how were they feeling now? As late as March 11, the Chiefs of Staff had seriously recommended to Roosevelt the removal of 100,000 Japanese Americans from the islands, and the idea was rejected only because not enough ships were available. A week later, the War Relocation Authority had been created. It would have been the "legal custodian" of 200,000 AJA's if the Chiefs of Staff had gotten their way. Had word of this secret planning leaked out? If so, anything could happen.

In the end, only one evacuation idea concerning Hawaii's AJA's got approved. The battle of Midway

opened on June 4, 1942. Before, then, all Nisei GI's had been pulled back into Schofield Barracks from the outer islands and from Oahu's beach defenses. Yukitaka Mizutani, Yoshio Morita, Roy Nakada, Harold Nishimura and many others who would later become MIS'ers had their arms taken from them. They were told they were being reorganized into a "special Battalion," a lie that fooled no one because their number far exceeded a battalion's strength. On June 5, while the Battle of Midway still raged, 1,404 Nisei soldiers, stripped of weapons, were spirited off Oahu in the Army transport "Maui." George Fujikawa, Howard Hiroki, Bob Honda and Eddie Mitsukado were just a few of those filled with apprehension when not with naked fear. Just what the hell was going on?

The American public was given a number of versions of this event. All were lies. When the 100th Infantry Battalion covered itself with glory in Europe, America was told that Nisei had left Hawaii expressly to train for Europe. Not true. No official plan existed, in June of 1942, for forming an all-Nisei outfit for Europe. Every American hope for victory at Midway hung upon catching the Japanese carrier task force by surprise, upon bushwhacking it from the flank at its most exposed moment. If that could be swung, victory was possible. If it couldn't, defeat was certain. There'd be no way of preventing Adm. Yamamoto's steaming his ships right into Pearl Harbor's entrance. So long as nervous admirals and generals considered that a possibility, no matter how remote, it was inconceivable that 1,400 armed and trained "Japs" be allowed free run of Oahu.

The Hawaiian Provisional Battalion—later designated the 100th Infantry Battalion, then nicknamed "One Puka"

"Puka", and finally hailed as "The Purple Heart Battalion" for earning in combat 1,707 of the medals with George Washington's profile on them—was, purely and simply, shanghai'd.

CHAPTER 3

Opening part of Chapter 3 synthesizes and comments on Issei history in Hawaii and on the Mainland, from the time Commodore Perry "tore open" Japan in 1853 to the time the doors of America were slammed shut on the Japanese in 1924.

With this one final coffin nail, any possibility of improving relations between Japan and America were entombed. As if that weren't enough, the corpse was given

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en a kick. From 1924 on, all American Japanese traveling between Hawaii and the mainland had to carry a card proving they were natives of Hawaii. Harold Hanaumi went to get such a card in 1940 and found that his and many other births were not registered. Fees entrusted to a messenger in the outer islands by midwives who birthed many children had been pocketed by an emissary instead of being paid over to Honolulu. Harold's brothers and sisters, whose births had been registered, were required to provide affidavits "swearing that I was born in Hawaii, too." Civil servants, as arrogant in the Forties as they still are, dragged their feet issuing Hanaumi's card but finally did on learning his parents hadn't gone anywhere since getting off the sixth ship bringing contract laborers

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from Japan. Other than during wartime emergency, all other races had been free to exercise their Constitutional right to move about their land without hindrance.

THE two decades prior to the Pearl Harbor attack were the most painful ones for Issei. America had truly dashed their hopes. What would it do to their children's? Issei who'd achieved some material success returned to Japan but few met happiness there. They themselves were aliens in their own homeland. Other Issei, despairing of ever achieving retirement in Japan, scraped together money and sent children there for education and rearing by relatives. They thought this would give Nisei an option—choice of either culture.

That didn't work either. A rejected, resentful Japan had become imbued with an expansionist and martial spirit, which certain leaders were able to whip up by distorting the meaning of two respected Japanese phrases—*bushido* ("the warrior's way") and *Yamato damashii* ("the spirit of Japan"). The citizenry was adeptly manipulated and maneuvered, with Nisei suffering as a result. Native Japanese considered them Americans, and enemies. Nisei were given a hard time at school by other kids and often made the butt of *sensei* jokes. Few could adjust to

this. Most watched for their chance to escape back to America. The result was some weird educational and maturation patterns.

Hiroshi Tanabe completed a business high school course in Kobe. When he was able to get back to the U.S., he had to re-commence his education at Grade 9 level. Jim Matsumura, another Kibei, was 24 by the time he finished public high school. Henry Goshio suffered less than most, "because my brother and I tried to act as 'Japanese' as possible in school. That spared us a lot."

Joe Akiyama, Ben Kawahata, Frank Hachiya, Harry Kubo, Hughes Tsuneishi, Grant Hirabayashi and Kazuo Yamane also survived a varied gamut of emotions and experiences as Kibei. Some knew what it was to become a "schoolboy", a special employment in California under which a returning youngster hired out for room and board. He performed every task a Caucasian family asked of him, while he completed his American education. In 1942, these men and many others began applying their Japan-acquired educations against the land where they'd obtained them.

Despite the tons of glowing prose written about Japanese Americans and their 1941-45 experiences, not all were reverent, thrifty, clean and obedient. Nor were all chafing at the bit, just raring

to get at America's enemies. Most had to operate under a cloud of suspicion even when their intentions were totally open, obvious and honest. This cloud did not dissipate until long after victory was won. Many Nisei resented it. Some still do.

Among Caucasians who started in the first Camp Savage class were Sheldon Covell. "We were told," he said, "that our principal mission was to learn sufficient Japanese so that we could be sure the Nisei were translating, interrogating and reporting accurately, and not

deceiving our intelligence people with false information." Covell hastened to add that he noticed no such activity on the part of Nisei during his service, "but that is what we were trained to detect."

Lachlan Sinclair, a classmate of Covell's, suggested to the author that he not tell readers that all Nisei were loyal. He pointed out that, just as Americans served on both sides of our Civil War, there were Nisei on both sides in the 1941-45 war. "To gloss over this fact," wrote Sinclair, "is unfair to the 'Yankee Samurai' in your story who chose loyalty to America in the face of ridicule, scorn and hatred from those who picked Japan as the winner." Sinclair was privy to top secrets and should know what he was talking about. So should John Anderton, who "encountered but one suspicious instance while working with 700-800 Nisei in Australia." Anderton handled the situation by ordering the man to a forward unit, along with secret instructions to "have him die in combat if anything suspicious happened." Nothing did. The man survived the war. Anderton decided that he might have been wrong and kept the man's name secret to his grave.

Nor did every Nisei step smartly from the front rank, salute, and offer to lay down his life. Tetsuo Hayashida refused selection to the original Presidio class, being quite content in a medical battalion. Menial work at Camp Wolters, Texas, where he and hundreds of other Nisei had been shanghai'd from their regular units, he found humiliating. Hayashida was ordered, not asked, to take language training at Savage. So was Kazuhiko Yamada, known better as "Rocky." He'd been ordered in from Ft. Custer, Mich. Hiroshi Tanabe got orders, too, from Ft. Riley, Kan., where he'd been cleaning latrines. Tanabe scrubbed human excrement from Camp Savage floors, too, the derelicts who were the previous residents having declined to use the toilet bowls.

George Hayashida's family voluntarily moved from Los Angeles to Colorado. He found Camp Savage depressing. So did Arthur Castle, who slept in a warehouse on arrival, then stuffed mattresses so he and others would have something to sleep on. Terry Takahashi felt he'd been conned into Savage by Joseph K. Dickey, an officer assistant of Rasmussen's. Terry's stepfather died while living in a horse stall at Tanforan race-track. "Dickey painted a rosy picture," he said, "saying it would be like going to West Point. I got the impression I'd be part of an elite program and that all graduates would get commissions."

Takahashi had to be persuaded to accept language school, but he knew he wasn't really qualified. "My Japanese," he said, "was awful! Only George Tsukichi spoke worse Japanese than I did!" Tsukichi came from Cheyenne, and there were few Japanese to converse with in Wyoming, while Terry had grown up in a "non-Japanese" section of San Francisco. He'd seen little of Japan Town in that city until his father died, and in fact

through high school and college had pronounced his name with every "a" harshly flat. They usually get a soft voicing by AJA's.

Dye Ogata probably had less reason than anyone for coming to Savage. His father, Rinzo Ogata, had served the Northern Pacific Railroad faithfully, without promotion, for 20 years. Then, 11 days after war began, Rinzo was handed a terse note that read, "Your services will be dispensed with until further notice. You are also advised to stay in your quarters." Dye had an idea how desperate the Japanese in Japan were. While he was studying there, he'd seen concrete manhole covers take the place of iron ones, so the latter could be melted down for the metal after the U.S. cut off ore exports.

Mike Sakamoto was open about his sentiments. An anti-Japanese sergeant, who'd served in prewar Hawaii,

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gard me as Public Enemy #1. But don't forget that I speak for probably no one has made a statistical survey—a majority of Japanese Americans.

Q: Well, do you think—getting back to the detention centers—was this the right way to treat the Japanese Americans at that time?

A: Well, it seems to me inescapable. Look, the Japanese are winning the war in the Pacific; they've clobbered Pearl Harbor; they've captured Singapore; they've clobbered the American Air Force in the Philippines. No one knew at the time when the Japanese would attack

... as I say, we had the black-outs all along the West Coast.

The Japanese had only come starting in the 20th century—1900, 1905—that's when the main group started to come in. Therefore, the Nisei's average age was 15. The average age of the older Japanese was 45 or 50. And the older Japanese couldn't speak much English; and the younger Japanese were still in school. So the general public didn't know who they were! And so you had a large number of radio commentators saying, "Lock 'em up!", "I hate every one of those damn Japs!" Henry McLemore, Walter Winchell, there's a whole bunch of them, arousing this hysteria.

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confiscated Mike's rifle at Camp Roberts right after war broke out. Reliving his hurt 36 years later, Mike said, "If it had any bullets in it, I'd have shot him!" Mike turned down Capt. Dickey at Ft. Sill, his third refusal in a year. "Screw 'em!" Mike thought, "Why should I volunteer, after the way I've been treated!" He got orders anyway and retaliated the only way he could, by scoring dismally on the preliminary test. "I was able to get into Class 18, of 22 classes!" he said exultantly. "It was a country club!" Class 1 was tops, and Class 18 was designated for people with little knowledge of Japanese. Sa-

kamoto was not popular with John Aiso or Kai Rasmussen, but that suited him just fine.

Joe Yoshiwara adjusted, but it wasn't easy. While at Camp Wolters, he saw Caucasian girls who talked to him to get arrested as "vagrants" by deputy sheriffs. Things only got better when a representative of the Inspector-General, the Army's "ombudsman," came out from Washington to look into things. At Savage, Joe scrubbed floors and white-washed walls, all the while listening to threats of what might happen to his family if he did not apply himself to his studies.

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So there was danger to the Japanese themselves if they stayed there.

Q: So you're saying it was for their own sake, as much as anything else, that they were put in these detention camps.

A: So there is a fear of sabotage, as well as fear of their safety. I've interviewed Japanese Americans who've said, my, it was a relief for us to get out of Los Angeles, to get out of San Francisco, and get to a nice, safe refuge, like a camp. Because they'd already started throwing bricks through their windows of their grocery stores; people would go past Japanese farms and take rifle shots at the farm just for the hell of it.

Q: So as far as you're concerned, the matter should be closed.

A: I think the matter was closed. Basically, the matter was closed by the reparations that were given in the 1950s, in spite of the fact that the reparations were inadequate. But the matter is closed, because the Japanese Americans now have a disproportionate amount of power and influence. We've got five Japanese Americans in Congress, and we've got a population of less than 400,000! The Poles, the Italians, the Greeks have millions ... they don't have five of their group [in Congress].

Q: As you describe it, then, why is there such a thrust, why such a push for this at this time?

A: I already mentioned it. All of us minority groups have known this trick for some time; the blacks were the first to discover it. We claim that we have been racially oppressed, and you make Whitey feel guilty, then you make him pay. As I say, it has been a very fashionable hustle that's been going on since the 1960s, and it's beneath our dignity as Japanese to go through with this.

Q: One more question, Senator Hayakawa. What do you think are the chances—should this come to the floor as legislation—what are the chances of something like this going through?

A: Not a damn chance in the world. I'll filibuster against it personally.

Q: So you don't see it happening at all.

A: That's right.

Meantime, a legislative conference with congressional and JACL Redress committee leaders held in Washington Jan. 31-Feb. 1 was hailed as "very productive" by John Tateishi, JACL redress committee chair, and Karl Nobuyuki, national JACL executive

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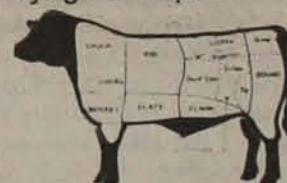
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