Four Nikkei legislators in Washington support JACL redress; air 3 concepts

Washington

On Feb. 1, five representatives of JACL met with four Nikkei legislators and their aides in the Nation’s Capitol to discuss the redress issue. It was a meeting of major importance because of what was discussed that day and will have significant impact on the final structure of the redress bill.

They met in the Senate chamber office of Senator Daniel Inouye, who, along with Senator Spark Matsunaga and Congress­men Norman Mineta and Bob Matsui, discussed redress legislation for over 1 1/2 hours with West Coast delegation of JACLers: Karl Nobuyuki, Ron Mamiya, Dr. Clifford Uyeda, Ron Mamiya and John Tateishi.

While no singular concept for a redress bill emerged from the meeting, various alternatives and explored feasible methods for legislative proposal were discussed. The discussion focused on three primary concepts: (1) an IRS check-off plan, (2) a direct appropriations plan, and (3) the concept of establishing a congressional committee to study the redress question.

There are obvious advantages and disadvantages with any one of these plans as there would be with any plan, but we now have some direction by which to shape our thinking and to make definite determinations,” John Tateishi, chairman of the JACL Redress Committee, declared.

At the meeting there were no painless offers, but we didn’t expect any. But what we had hoped for and what we got was a great concrete feedback and information. One thing is quite clear: the four leg­islators and works

BY HARRY HONDA

Next Monday is a federal holiday — President’s Day is observed on the third Monday of February. But coincidentally, Feb. 19 is A Day of Remembrance for Japanese Americans for that day in 1942 President Roosevelt signed Exec­utive Order 9066 that led to mass upheaval of some 110,000 people from the West Coast for detention without trial of any kind in concentration camps. The charge was that they happened to be of Japanese ancestry, full or partial.

Feb. 19 is also the day in 1976 when President Ford terminated presidential powers under Executive Order 9066, stating in his proclamation, An American Redemption, that “an honest reckoning must include a recognition of our national mistakes as well as our national achievements.

We now know what we should have known then — not only was that evacuation wrong, but Japanese Americans were and are loyal Americans.

To remember, Minoru Yasui, 63, who was the first to test the military curfew imposed against Japanese Americans on the West Coast in 1942, will be speak­ing at two “Day of Remembrance” programs: first, at Portland Expo Center on Saturday, Feb. 17; and again as keynote Monday, Feb. 19, at Tanforan Park Shopping Center, San Bru­no, Calif.

A native son of Hood Riv­er, Ore., Yasui was a gradu­ate in law from the Univ. of Oregon and a lieutenant in the Army Reserves when he submitted himself for arrest, telling the FBI in Portland that he was challenging the curfew law. (Alien Japanese, Japa­nese Americans, alien Ital­i­an and alien German res­i­dents in Military Area #1 of the Western Defense Command were to stay in their homes between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.)

(Residents in the West­ern Defense Command, for purposes of E.O. 9066, were divided into six classes: (1) alien Japanese, (2) Amer­i­cans of Japanese lineage ... (5) potential saboteurs, spies or fifth-columnists.)

While Federal Judge Alger Fee held the curfew law against citizens consti­tutional, he ruled Yasui was guilty as he became an ali­en by reason of his prewar employment with the Japan­ese consulate in Chicago. Yasui had testified he had not renounced his citizen­ship. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Yasui was a U.S. citizen but still guilty of violating the curfew law. Yasui today is executive director of the Denver Commission on Community Relations.

There are other public figures who will address the Day of Remembrance programs, including Los Angeles Mayor Tom Brad­ley who remembers how his Nisei classmates at Poly High and UCLA were evac­uated; and Judge Robert Thornton of the Oregon appellate court, a Portland native who was a Japanese language interpreter in the Army during WW2 and stood up for Nisei during that bleak period of anti­Japanese hysteria.

Though EO 9066 was di­rected against Japanese Americans, the words Japa­nese or Japanese Amer­i­cans are not contained in the order for its justifica­tion.

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Famed sculptor Isamu Noguchi visits Little Tokyo

Los Angeles

World-famous sculptor Isamu Noguchi was in Los Angeles last week to re­ceive a doctor of fine arts honorary degree from the Univ. of Southern California during its 1979 mid­year commencement ex­ercises and took the opportu­nity to look around Little Tokyo and confer with city officials and Little Tokyo community leaders regarding a sculpture for the Japanese American Cul­tural and Community Center Plaza.

The 72-year-old artist, a native of Los Angeles, also visited Mayor Tom Brad­ley and pressed him for a copy of a book on his life and works by Sam Hunter which was published recently, receiving in return a key to the city from the mayor.

With a bird’s eye view of most of Little Tokyo from his suite on the 18th floor of the New Otani Hot­el and from enthusi­astic walking tours of the area, Noguchi studied the progress of re­development in the area. Friends of Little Tokyo Arts, a non-profit group in­terested in bringing the fine arts to Little Tokyo, had contacted him regarding a proposal they had submit­ted to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in support of the JACC Plaza, and Noguchi responded with keen interest.

Community Redevelopment Agency Administrator Ed Heifeld met several times with Noguchi during his stay and promised to study the sculptor’s pro­posals to extend the Weller Street Mall to the JACC Center Building, locating theideas and also reha­bilitating the parking structure near Central Avenue on 5th Street to house his perma­nent collection.

“This is a fabulous offer made by Isamu Noguchi, which will not only put Los Angeles and Little Tokyo on the map but will be an invaluable legacy for fu­ture generations of Japa­nese Americans,” commented Leslie Hamasaki, FOLTA spokesperson, who was Noguchi’s constant es­cort during his stay.

Noguchi was a guest of FOLTA at a welcome dinner at the New Otani’s Thousand Cranes. Among those present were Art Sasabashi, curator of the Los Angeles County Museum of Contem­porary Art, who is advising the artist on the West Coast for detention without trial of any kind in to concentra­tion camps.

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Buddhists to convene Feb. 21-25 in Seattle

Seattle

The annual meeting of the Buddhist Churches of America Ministerial Association and the National Council will be held Feb. 21 through 25. Over 70 ministers, 200 delegates and numerous booths will abound at the Seattle Betsuin and Olympic Hotel.

Bishop Kessyu T. Tsujii will officiate at the Opening Service and President Katsuni Tokunaga will chair the three-day meeting.

The main item on the agenda will be the continued education of Jodo Shinshu in the United States, ministerial training program and the adoption of the proposed budget of $10,000 for 1979.

The conference banquet on Feb. 23 at the Olympic Hotel will be the social highlight with newly-elected Cardinal Terence Cooke as guest speaker. Washington Governor Dixie Lee Ray, Seattle Mayor Charles Royer, and Cardinal Toshiyuki Kenchi Yanagi and Masa-mi Suzuki will be attending.

The conference concludes with a Perpetual Memorial on Sunday. At the memorial the memory of the Issei pioneers will be remembered.

Los Angeles

Patty Hearst freed by Carter, paper updates lives of others

The day Gov. Jerry Brown, President Carter signed the commutation of Patricia Hearst’s seven-year sentence for being released on a parole-like condition for a year, there was an update of other people involved in the case by the Los Angeles Times.

Wendy Yoshimura was asked if she regretted her involvement with Miss Hearst. “I don’t know what to say. It’s what’s happened,” she told the Times reporter. She is working with the Juice Bar Collective in Berkeley as a saleswoman.

JACL seen in New England

Boston, Mass.

Ron Biel, Washington JACL representative, will speak at the organizational meeting of a new JACL chapter in Springfield, Mass. on Feb. 25, 2 p.m., at the Cambridge Friends Meeting House, 5 Longfellow Park. In Springfield Betsuin national from the West Coast now here: Glen Fukushima (617-894-0419) and Kimura (617-884-2060). During the late 1940s, the New England JACL was based around the JACL teaching or attending area colleges and universities. It then was deactivated in 1952.

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Thirty Five Years in the Frying Pan

Jumi Ozaki enters Glen Campbell open

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JTB Japan tour for JACL ‘attractive’

San Francisco

A very ‘attractive’ Japan tour for JACLers is being packaged by Japan Travel Bureau International, according to the JACL Travel Committee, which indicated the cost and itinerary are expected to be announced by the end of February.

A 10-day bus tour, visiting places on the usual run is being planned to keep costs down. Members are urged to start planning now and send in their reservations as the number of JACL flight reductions have been reduced, it was pointed out.

Close to 20 have reserved for the mainland China tour in the fall as of early February. Equally exciting will be JACL’s tour to South America this summer.

Study links tourism with Japanese Art

Honolulu

“Tourism and Crime,” a U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities study, has been completed by three economists, Edwin T. Fujii, James Mak and Edward Nishimura, for the School of Travel Industry Management and the Social Sciences & Linguistics Institute, associate increased tourism with increased violence—particularly robbery and rape—in those areas of Oahu where tourists outnumber local residents and military personnel.

The researchers suggested that those formulating tourism development polices should include the costs of increased crime.

Hawaiian entertainment will be featured at the fourth annual Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church Hula-Hula on Saturday, Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m. Teriyaki steak and shrimp dinner will be served.

35 years in the frying pan

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Names compiled for Tule Lake capsule

Sacramento, Ca.
Data is beginning to be compiled for the Tule Lake Internnee Family Registry to be placed in a time-capsule at the Calif. Historical Landmark-JACL plaque dedication at the former campsite on May 27.

Mary Tsukamoto (of 6815 Florin-Perrkins Rd, Sacramento, Ca 95828), in charge of the name compilation, says the idea of names of former Tule Lake residents for a time-capsule has caught on. The JACL committee seeks the following data:

Family name, the WRA ID number, barrack number at Tule Lake, names of each family member, present name and address, and indicate deceased or living.

The JACL Tule Lake Plaque Committee explained that to enshrine the commemorative aspect, it needed a current family registry to "dramatize the lives of the Issei, Nisei and Sansei who endured the humiliation, overcame the shame and continued to live creditable and honorable lives since then."

Mrs. Tsukamoto said she was astounded by the numbers of Frank, Bob and Bills with the same surnames. Both Japanese and English first names should be listed, she added.

Meanwhile, Wes Doi and Tak Shirasawa, co-chairing the Tule Lake Plaque Dedication fund drive (first report as of January 1979 appears elsewhere in this issue), have appealed to former internee families to help pay for the Tule Lake monument, upon which the historical landmark plaque is to be imbedded, and incidental committee expenses. The goal is $10,000, it was learned.

Specific donor recognitions are to be made to contributors. For instance, the $50 contributor receives a reproduction of the plaque, a 5x7-inch photo of the monument, copy of the inscription and have his/her name placed in the time capsule and the permanent JACL Headquarters donor book. A paper rubbing of the plaque is added for $100-and-up donors.

Orders are being taken for a Tule Lake Album, which will feature photographs of the dedication program, selected items from the camp newspaper and related evacuation era material. Cost is to be determined, but orders may be placed with the JACL Regional Director George Kondo at San Francisco or Frank Hiyama, plaque dedication chairman, 1117 Swanston Way, Sacramento, Ca 95816.

The committee is also polling chapters to determine transportation needs. Group AMTRAK rates for 15 or more to Klamath Falls, Ore., closest rail stop, and schedule were reported at a recent committee meeting by Paula Mitsunaga.

TULE LAKE INTERNEE FAMILY REGISTRY

Data is to be compiled as a directory for placement in a time-capsule by the JACL Tule Lake Historical Plaque Dedication Committee in the Tule Lake Plaque Monument at ceremonies to be held May 27, 1979. Committee would also appreciate the help of other persons or groups to collect data for this project.

Information Helpful for the Directory

1. Family Name, WRA ID Number, Block Number at Tule Lake.
2. Names of each family member that lived at Tule Lake.
3. Present name, address, ZIP.
4. Deceased or Living.
5. Those who were residents at Tule shall not remain nameless.

MAIL DATA NOW TO: MARY T. TSUKAMOTO
6815 Florin-Perrkins Rd. SACRAMENTO, CA 95828
Deadline: Mar. 31, 1979

This bus was part of the caravan recreating the trek to Camp Harmony (the Fuyujima Assembly Center now the Western Washington Fairgrounds) on Nov. 25. It was the first "Day of Remembrance" initiated for JACL's Redress campaign.

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Comment letters, features

President's Corner: Clifford Uyeda

Korean Americans

One of the joys of the practice of Pediatrics is the establishment of close relationships with the entire family of the patients one treats. One becomes a counselor to the family.

One such family was the Kim family in San Francisco. Children are now grown and married. Sharing their teenage years resulted in a strong bond of understanding and trust.

Recently I met Tom Kim, director of the Korean Community Service of San Francisco. We had met previously, particularly of the times when he was a junior high school student.

The Korean population of San Francisco approaches 20,000 of the estimated 800,000 Korean Americans living in the United States. The Koreans are recent arrivals, and many problems face them that are not unlike what any such group experiences today, particularly of the 1950's. Language barrier, culture shock, decent jobs, subtle racism—these are still the major concerns of the new Asian arrivals in America.

There are two powerful allies in their quest to make new homes in America. One is the improving American attitude toward Asian immigrants. The more important is the presence of a network of capable and dedicated individuals, such as Tom Kim, who will assure the fact that these legal permanent residents of the United States, even before becoming U.S. citizens, are fully entitled to the constitutional protections of the Bill of Rights.

Editor

Twenty years ago the San Francisco office of the child development program was conceived. The idea was that every young Japanese American had a right to receive quality education. The idea was accepted by all the leaders of the community, including the fathers and grandfathers.

The program was established to work with the children and their families to bring them to the level of education where they could compete against any other student in the state. The concept was that everything that was learned in the four years was to be carried on full-time study with a 100% graduation rate.

A number of young people have been educated in this manner. Some have any reservations about receiving aid, scholarships or otherwise, consider that you can always return it in the form of service to your country. The JACL is working hard to pull this through for all of us, and I support it all the way.

MARK ABE

Bellingham, Mn.

5 Yen or Trade

Editor

Saturday Evening Post (PC Jan. 19) intrigues me because I brought something out of it that caught my eye. I remember that the dollar was the medium of exchange for most of the Asian immigrants. The more important is the presence of a network of capable and dedicated individuals, such as Tom Kim, who will assure the fact that these legal permanent residents of the United States, even before becoming U.S. citizens, are fully entitled to the constitutional protections of the Bill of Rights.

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Referring to the following article:

February 19

35 Years Ago

in the Pacific Citizen

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The State of the Union

Tokyo

Upon reading in the Tokyo newspaper the full text of the State of the Union message delivered by President Jimmy Carter, the re-eloquenced public seemed out of pace with the realities of the contemporary American society.

In 1978, the United States went through one of the most chaotic economic periods in history as the dollar plunged from its 42-year high of 280 to a 36-year low of 1.2 that year, and even lower exchange rate. The confidence in the world and its status still remained elusive.

While real estate prices rising at a ridiculous rate, a 9 per cent inflation for the year and the continuing erosion of the pension and retirement funds, 1978 has put extraordinary pressures, particularly on the retirees and the lower income families. The temporary relief gained (in California by Prop. 13) will, within the next few years and after the reassessment of real estate, be lost.

The so-called halving by Carter of the projected deficit to about 25 billion dollars, for a peacetime year, falls considerably short of being an achievement. In effect, our national government continues to lead the way into deficit financing. With such a national policy, it is natural that the public has come to accept more consumer credit, even as businesses borrow funds at 11 per cent prime rates.

The old philosophy of leaving something today for a more secure tomorrow has become to leave until tomorrow what we can secure without payment today. We continue to leave for our posterity, the legacy of paying for our indulgences of today.

Publicly elected officials are more concerned about preserving their positions rather than risking the wrath of their constituents. What is good for the nation is supplanted by what is good for their district, and for themselves. They cater to the lobby groups, ranging from the conservative AFA and agricultural organizations to the powerful labor, minority and other special interest groups.

The result is a perennial pork barrel budget that permits vested interests throughout the United States to gain from Government spending. Why suffer the feelings of today's voters, when the Government IOUs can be passed on to the future generations?

While inflation, which has contributed to the rising interest rates, is a major problem, other problems include the cost of national defense, the continued waste of energy and the growth of credit financing.

Originally, the agricultural subsidies were designed to help the small, independent farmers, who suffered from the periodic booms and busts. In recent decades, mechanization and consolidations have caused the farm population to drop. The subsidies have gradually become benefits for the large and prosperous farmers.

In spite of widespread opposition, our vast dependence on oil is largely responsible for our huge foreign exchange deficits, no major measure has been taken to reduce energy consumption. For example, a special excise on every barrel of oil consumed, be it domestic or imported would curtail the use, and thus reduce the national deficit. It may make the public a bit more conscious of the need to conserve energy.

The availability of credit financing, combined with the fear of inflation, has spurred the speculative buying of real estate, notably in California, as individual are caught up with the fever of profiting from suburbanization. Why worry about a 40-year, $100,000 mortgage when one can profit after using the house for four or five years? Such were the feelings in 1928.

If we could keep borrowing more and more money in perpetuity on the basis of my own limited integrity, I may be less critical, but such prospects in my advancing years are dim.

Both Japanese and American friends were the losers for the lack of a closer relationship. The U.S. foreign service undoubtedly would have gained many insights about Japan from the Niseis. The Niseis in turn lost an opportunity to make embassy officials more aware of their presence, and by extension, lost an opportunity to let their government know of their existence. Would the U.S. evacuation decision have been influenced one way or another by more complete information about Niseis in Japan? An interesting question.

One of the young foreign service officers in Japan at this time was John K. Emmerson, a native of Colorado. Emmerson had been sent to Japan in the 30's to learn the language, which he did very well, serving a while in Taiwan and in the consulate general in Osaka. As an aide to Joseph Grew in 1942, Emmerson witnessed the desperate diplomatic effort to head off war between the United States and Japan. Emmerson was back in Washington when war broke out. Soon he was sent to Peru to help the government watch, and later deported, Peruvians of Japanese origins.

Eventually he was assigned to the China-Burma-India theater as a political officer. He became friends with Hank Gosho and other Nisei linguists in U.S. uniform in that region, became acquainted with the Chinese Communists in Yenan. This latter experience was to be the basis of vicious and unwarranted security investigations. McCarthianism not being cleared as a threat, and Japanese newspapers, the cloud was never cleared.

MOSHIS MOSBY: By Jin Konomi

Pork 'n Beans a la Japonaise

He went into action at once. He scooped the beans in the largest pan he had and cut the mocki, which hadn't completely hardened, into sizable pieces, then went to the hall phone and called his closest friend, inviting him for a surprise treat for the following afternoon.

On the great day, which was a Sunday, he skipped church and started the so- zum. When the beans were half done, he realized that he did not have enough sugar. So he turned the fire very low and went out for the sugar and few other items of provision.

Mrs. Menke, getting a whip of the azuki boiling, went into Mr. Y.'s room. When she saw the steam

1978 Holiday Sale Is Sold Out!

Denver, CoM

Not many Niseis visited Japan before the war had occasion to call at the Tokyo States embassy. This was an American oasis in an alien land, a place to seek help and advice in time of trouble, a link to the homeland. Nisei neither felt safe enough to make contact with the embassy, or were vaguely uneasy about dealing with the Japanese government that at worst had been hostile and at best insensitive to their peculiar problems.

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MEMO FROM HEADQUARTERS:

DC Legal Counsels

By Lorrie K. Inagaki

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**BACK AT THE SAN JOSE HELM**

Veteran JACLer Tom Takeshita, who was a three-term chapter president in 1962-64 and then general chairman of the highly successful 1968 national convention in San Jose, was elected to lead the chapter for 1979.

Dr. Takeshita and his board were installed recently by NC-WNDC Gov. Ben Takahara before a turn-out of 100 guests and members at Pinchute Restaurant. Jan Yanohe, gracious co-host on the nightly KFAX Evening Magazine, was guest speaker. Greetings were extended by city councilwoman Iola Williams (she is the first black council member), county supervisor Dan McGordoual, and outgoing president Jan Kurahara Jr. Mike Honda was emcee. Judy Kadotani was in charge of general arrangements.—Phil Matsumura

**Las Vegas**

**CHAPTER DUES STILL LOSS PER FAMILY**

Las Vegas JACL president William Endow advised its chapter dues remain at $10 per individual/family and Mrs. Yoko Arana, 1012 Durnbarton, Las Vegas 89101 is the new membership chairperson. The alternate contact is Mrs. Mae Fisher. (Las Vegas JACL dues are probably the lowest in the organization.)

Those who held its installation dinner Jan. 13 at the Union Plaza Hotel/Casino.

- Orange County

**REPUBLIC**

**MATSUI DUE IN SOUTHLAND**

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), sometime Sacramento city councilman and JACL chapter president, makes his first appearance at a Pacific Southwest JACL district function as guest speaker at the Orange County JACL installation dinner and dance on Saturday, Feb. 17, 7-3 p.m., at Saddleback Inn, Norwalk. Actress Nobu McCarthy will be mistress of ceremonies. Tickets are $12.50 per person with the "Alum" group providing disco music and lite show.

- Sacramento

**PAST PRESIDENT'S ROAST ON PROGRAM**

George Kondo, regional director, Northern California-Western Nevada District Council, will install the 1979 Sacramento Chapter JACL officers at the dinner-dance set for Saturday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m., at the Red Lion Motor Inn. A no-host cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. David Takashima will succeed Don Ita as the new president.

Local scholarship recipients for 1978 will be honored during the evening. Three old-time past presidents of the Sacramento Chapter, T. Dean Itano ('55), Toko Fujii ('54), and George Tamura ('53) will be "roasted" as part of the program. Special recognition awards will also be presented. Mrs. Georgette Imura will excite the dinner program.

Dancing will follow to the big band sounds of the Manhattan Band. Tickets at $12 per person may be reserved by calling: Joey Ishihara, 421-8902; Chewy Jio, 451-8605; Frank Oshio, 431-1710; Percy Matsui, 481-2188; and Tom Fujimoto, 428-7527.

Tom Okubo, in charge of general arrangements, is being assisted by: Tom Fujimoto, banquet; Joey Ishihara, Finance; Midori Higashi, scholarship winners; Stan Tanaka, printing; and Frank Yoshimura, band; Women's Auxiliary, decorations.

- Sequoia

**KEIRO-KAI DRAWS OVER 300 PEOPLE**

The Sequoia JACL's Keiro-kai held Oct. 21 at the Palo Alto Buddhist Church was reported an outstanding success with over 300 people present. More than 160 pioneers over age 70 were honored.

Joe Yamaguchi was emcee. The Rev. Alpha Takagi of the Aldergate Methodist Church gave the invocation. Mrs. Tamiko Tada gave the closing Gasho as her husband, the Rev. Tada, was in Japan at the time. The Rev. John Honda of the Pacific Free Methodist Church gave expressions of appreciation to the pioneers from a Sansei viewpoint.

Kathrine McLeary entertained with Arabian dances. Richard Nakani­shi's slide show of early Issei life in San Mateo County (1920-40) concluded the program. Tets Sumida was Keirokai committee chairman.

- Stockton

**JERRY ENOMOTO TO SPEAK AT DINNER**

Stockton JACL's installation dinner on Saturday, Feb. 25, 5 p.m., at Yoneda Restaurant will feature Jerry Enomoto, director of the Calif. Dept. of Corrections, and former national JACL president.

Longtime JACLer George Baha is the 1979 president. Handling reservations are: George Matsuzumi (465-3879), Mary Yasama (464-2791), and Ruby Dobana (957-1881).

Monthly chapter meetings are held on second Tuesday at the California First Bank, 8 p.m.

**San Francisco**

**INSTALLATION FEAT BY UNION SQUARE**

The San Francisco JACL annual installation dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Holiday Inn, Union Square in San Francisco. Cocktails will be 6-7 p.m. with dinner and program to follow. Ticket is $13.00 per person.

**Day of Remembrance**

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"During World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued an executive order which took American citizens of Japanese ancestry from their homes and imprisoned them in detention camps in various parts of the United States," Hahn noted.

"This violation of all the principles of civil liberties, guaranteed in the Constitution to every American citizen, was in the tradition of the history of America's belief that everyone is entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The board's action will correlate with the Japanese American Citizen League sponsoring of its first annual "Day of Remembrance" program in Los Angeles County Feb. 19 in front of the old Nishi Hongwanji at 1 p.m.

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Cleveland and its young Mayor Kucinich

BY TOM NAKAO
(Cleveland JACL Board Member)

Cleveland's charismatic young Mayor Kucinich certainly has turned heads. He has captured Cleveland's imagination, which is no small feat. Mayor Kucinich is a man of vision and ideas. He is driven by a passion for the city he loves. His energy and enthusiasm are contagious, making him a force to be reckoned with in the political arena.

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI) offered to buy the troubled MUNY light plant, which pays more than 80 percent of its budget to CEI. The city also agreed to a $25 million bond issue to help pay for CEI's losses. The bond issue will be floated in the spring, and the city is expected to save about $10 million a year.

In the beginning, the residents of Cleveland were skeptical. Mayor Kucinich, who is at age 31, is going to be a first-time mayor because he was saying things that people had heard before. But at present, many have turned off because of his hard, abrasive tactics toward the business community.

My opinion is that Cleveland is in a financial mess because Kucinich inherited many of the financial problems and became relatively inexperienced and also most of his administrative personnel is inexperienced. The important thing is that he has not had a chance to prove himself because of the lack of cooperation between the city and the business community.

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Upcoming MDYC events are the Spring Workshop in Milwaukee, tentatively scheduled for April 13-15, and the Midwest-Eastern Intermountain District Conference in the Twin Cities scheduled for July 19-22. For more information about these events or any other youth programs, please write:

Wade Kojima, 8506 Portland Ave, Bloomington, MN 55420.

Detroit

INAUGURAL XXXIII SLATED FOR FEB. 24

Detroit JACL's 33rd annual installation dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 8 Mile Road, Southfield. The Rev. Jitoku Morikawa, long-time Detroit chapter president, will address the gathering with the American Baptist Home Mission Societies at Valley Forge, Pa., will be keynote speaker.

Tickets for the prime rib dinner are available to members; $30 per person, $16 per JAY. Dancing follows to the music of the Soft Touch.

by toastmaster Dudley Yatake. They were:

Yoshinori Osaka, Japanese Consul General; Yoshihiro Oguchi, deputy consul general; Junichi Onuma, pres.; Chicago Bank; Rolf Takashima, pres.; First Pacific Bank; David Larson, pres.; Robie College Corp.; Midland Bank; Japan America Society of Chicago; Lillian Kamano, pres.; American Japanese Service Committee; Rev. Masaru Nambu, exec. director; Tokyo Tokyo Bank, pres.; Union Pacific; CEI; General Motors; Earl Shumway; pres.; Mrs. Nambu, pres.; Ted Yasufuku, pres.; Michiko Takahashi, pres.; Lincoln Shumway, pres.; Chicago JACL Credit Union; Diane Ishida, gen. sec.; Twenty & Five Investors; Shu Murase, pres.; Chicago Lakers Golf Club; Masato Fuchino, pres.; Eagles Golf Club.

Midwest District Gov. Kimura instated incoming president Hiroshi To- ko and the board members—half of them Sansei first-timers. Originally from Fowler, Calif., Toko is an administrator at Chicago's Presbyterian Hospital, a resident here for the past five years. After graduating from UCLA and City University of New York, where he earned a graduate degree in hospital administration. Toko was also editor of the Chicago JACL newsletter the past biennium. He is currently with Chiyu Tomishiro, who was cated for her 20-year involvement with the chapter.

To the Maru (who began his law practice in Seattle) JACL, organized by Mr. Isaka, which turned out to be a roast as well as a toast as showing the honors of birthday to present day were flashed on the screen. All the roasting could not hide his numerous accolades. He received a testimonial for Thomas Masuda, 73, and Noboru Honda, 67. The installation locale, Jacques' East Restaurant in the Furniture Mart, was filled with a cross-section of community and business leaders who were introduced

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YANKEE SAMURAI: Secret role of Nisei in America's Pacific victory
by Joseph Harrington

CHAPTER 3 (Continued from Last Week)

ACROSS the Pacific, the two “spies” from Hawaii were not faring too well. Arthur Komori, a Nisei in the U.S. Navy, and there wrote an excellent report on the Japanese POWs. He was, at that moment, the only Nisei in use within the Japanese command. The “kindness and understanding” approach was used on the Japanese POWs, as Komori recommended, and it reaped vast intelligence dividends in the war. A bandage, some medicine, a drink of water and a cigar were all it took to get one of Hirohito’s subordinates to talk.

Charles Willoughby, chief of intelligence for MacArthur, had no spot for Komori when he reached Australia. In spite of war, things were still being run “Old Army.” There was no provision in the headquarters structure for a sergeant who spoke Japanese. Komori was made a driver.

Komori shrugged, muttered, “Shikata ga nai.” (“It can’t be helped.”) As Japanese do when facing the inevitable, he got on with living. Duties were light, and he got per diem, an extra $120 per month above his NCO pay. It was heaven. Komori began enjoying it, and in fact soon fell in love.

For Richard Sakakida it was a slightly different story.

About 300 Japanese prisoners were taken on board the S.S. Sakakida, wearing his uniform and chevrons, helped adjust to idleness, and in fact soon fell in love. “I shall return” statement. Shortly thereafter, he was barked at, and he had nothing in Australia to retrain in. MacArthur had guts and a flair for the dramatic. The Japanese after the war came to believe he had a common ancestry with them. He did not, but he certainly was full of the bishido spirit, having an instinctive feel for “the way of the warrior.” With a few words MacArthur eliminated the Townsville Line and ordered every square foot of Australia to be defended. Soon after that, troops began arriving from the Middle East and America. The U.S. Navy had a second training base in Hawaii, where the other members did not.

Sakakida knew it was a disgrace for a Japanese soldier to be captured and become aware that many gave false names for fear their real ones would get back to Japan. But he did have captured personnel rosters and also collected “dogtags” that were sewn in to enlisted men’s belts. During the first days of interrogation, Sakakida pretended to accept whatever was told, and then he’d check everything against gathered, proven knowledge. Next day, he’d return a form, front POW’s with their lies, and change the story where no honor, no Yamato demshii. This usually broke the captive physically and emotionally.

In Bililid Prison, where the 21-year-old Hawaii Japa­namese was interned, he said they “spill their guts.” This sur­prised Sakakida, as he had not noticed that. Sakakida said, “I shall return.” The idea got official approval. He already had onE—a common ancestry with them. He did not, but he certainly was full of the bishido spirit, having an instinctive feel for “the way of the warrior.” With a few words MacArthur eliminated the Townsville Line and ordered every square foot of Australia to be defended. Soon after that, troops began arriving from the Middle East and America. The U.S. Navy had a second training base in Hawaii, where the other members did not.

MacArthur changed all that. On August 15, he took the island of Okinawa. The United States Army! Two of them, and they were the only two men in a U.S. Army uniform at the time, on Corregidor had burned his Reserve commission recycling. It was located in an intelligence office safe on The Rock.

The U.S. Navy stood by for many years about how it had been so decisively humbled by the Japanese Navy. It is therefore understandable that Army people in Australia had no idea what to do with the eight Nisei who reported to Melbourne. How could Australians who fled Malaya before the Japa­namese, or Americans who fled the Philippines before them, trust anyone with Oriental faces? So, for a while, their leader having gotten ill, the Presidio Nisei were idle.

Then someone came up with an idea. The Indies, Ma­laya and Burma had fallen. Why not train these Nisei, sent from America in Dutch-Malayan, then par­achute them behind Japanese lines? shiny as it was, the idea got official approval. And, willing enough to try anything that would demonstrate their loyalty, the eight Nisei went along. The idea of getting $4 per diem, like Ar­thur Komori, might also have seemed like a good idea.

Two other Nisei might have been working at what they’d been trained for, but the Army had goaded. Masa­hiro Minamoto, who’d been sent to the Solomon Islands, wanted to keep the Japanese Navy transport to—of all places—Bora Bora. An island in French Oceania, not far from Tahiti, so breath-takingly beautiful that it still fulfills the fantasies of anyone dreaming of balmy breezes and lissome lasses, Bora Bora had fast been the center of a battle scene. Minamoto joined up with Task Force Hooton, the 112th Infantry Regiment of the Connecticut National Guard and a coastal artillery unit. They persuaded beautiful Tahitian girls from potential invaders.

Australia was in a state of near-panic when MacArthur arrived. It had only one divi­sion, its 1st Armored, plus some militia to protect it. The 8th was lost in the fall of Singapore. The 6th, 7th and 9th were fighting in Africa. Troops in the homeland had been drawn in to defend the industrial centers and food supplies around Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney. Darwin, her northernmost city, was evacuated on Feb. 20 after a attack by Japanese carrier planes on Feb. 19. Australia was preparing to yield the northern third of her oil areas to Japa­nese before stiffening in defense along a line that ran east to west from Townsv­ille. The 6th and 7th, due home soon, would be deployed in a defensive posture, too.
Okubo-Yamada fund at 40%

San Francisco

Two contributions of $100 each from Downtown L.A. JACL and William T. Fujimoto, who also acknowledged the JACL, Okubo-Yamada Fund, its total of $513.36 as of Jan. 29 for a grand total of $9,832.97.

Fund was established after the slaying of Evelyn Okubo-Yamada and Attu in the Aleutians, perhaps as consolation for not having taken Midway.

The first V-mail letters reported being microfilmed to save weight, went overseas from the Palmer House, site of the convention. They were JACL delegates.

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OKUBO-YAMADA LEGAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

At the 1979 National Convention in Chicago, two youth delegates were victims of a brutal and senseless crime. Evelyn Okubo (age 18) was murdered in a Midway airliner and her fiancé, Ranko Yamada, an unknown assailant and Ranko Caro Yamada (age 17) was near death after being severely assaulted. It was a miracle that she survived.

JACL is committed to assist the two families through legal expenses and in their lawsuit against Hilton Hotels, which operates the Palmer House. No funds raised will be used for the lawsuit.

Seven years following the tragedy the legal battle continues. If you join us in support of these families?

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Okubo-Yamada fund at 40%

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48 hours later it fell. The final combat of the Philippines took place, and the Japanese had 3,000 men killed in the war.

The 42nd division, with which many Nisei would serve gallantly, arrived in Australia to join the 41st, and de-ciphering experts, Pearl Harbor broke the Imperial Navy's code. (At least, this month is given officially as the period during which it was broken, a statement the author finds hard to accept.) Initial evacuations also reached Tule Lake, a California concentration camp that was to spell trouble for the War Relocation Authority. 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Japanese general headquarters gave up on plans to hold on to them or New Caledonia. Australia’s lifeline was secure, but it could not be maintained from the Solomons.

Despite the setbacks, all was not lost. Things only looked bad because of the front view, then the British had set up from the Aleutians to New Guinea, building a great network of anchorages and bases, all being strengthened. All areas between New Guinea and the China Coast were under firm Japanese control. They included the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Burma, Formosa and Hong Kong, plus a host of small islands. The Indian Ocean was a Japanese fish pond, the British having been driven as far back as Madagascar.

In the central Pacific, Japan had held the Marshall Islands, Gilberts and Carolines, and spots seized from the British like the Solomons and Bismarcks. Wake, the Marianas, and several island outposts that served the homeland as sentries. Nearer home she held two islands and Okinawa. Two bastions no invader could ignore erote to the beating heart of the Japanese empire, Tokyo. So, in spite of losing four carriers and hundreds of planes, Japan could feel relatively secure. Backed by her still-mighty Imperial Fleet, the island defense network that America’s forces could entrench and replenish. Top Tokyo strategists knew for sure that once it could still be fought. After all, Japanese Americans had set up in the Philippines, Indonesia, and other islands bordering the Pacific. Offered the chance to defeat the Japanese-American civil service, the plan was to throw the whole island under Japanese control.

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No more Nisei could be drafted. While this was happening, Kai Rasmussen was frantically beat the bushes for more language students.

The first week of the month featured one bright spot on New Guinea—the Japanese withdrew after the run of its Milne Bay assault force. This tiny victory had a significance all out of proportion to its tactical value. It gave heart to the Australians. To Americans it meant that Japanese were not invincible. Nowhere until that time had there been a clear-cut victory over Tojo’s troops. Japanese troops were dying by the hundreds on Guadalcanal, but the issue was not at all clear there. Milne Bay, on the other hand, was an actual Japanese retreat! It shocked both sides.

On Sept. 7 the special class of 12 men finished their course at Camp Savage. Graduation was held next day in front of the messhall. Choro Sakata and David Watanabe were held back to be instructors, their places filled by David Kato and Jim Fujimura of the original Presidio group.

On New Guinea, the Japanese were 32 miles from Port Moresby. The 21st and 25th Australian Brigades got into position to challenge their final effort. The Aussies went all-out and won. On Sept. 16, the Japanese began retreating over the mountains back to Buna. Nippon’s troops were never to advance again in the Pacific war from that day on. For Japanese soldiers after that, it was retreat, dig in, hold and perish. Nearly every Japanese soldier to face an American gun would die under it. American news media men seized on any morsel of good news that developed or could be created. They needed all they could gather. On Sept. 9, a submarine-launched aircraft piloted by Nobuo Fujita flew over Oregon’s forest and dropped fire bombs. The West Coast again panicked. Writers did what they could to put up heroism stories from Guadalcanal, but the facts were that fighting there was not heroic. It was dirty, rotten, and sickening for men of both sides.

At Camp Barding, Fla., (from left), James Taga, Legs Nishiya, Hiroshi Nakamura and Ralph Saito get jungle training before heading for combat in the Pacific.

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