

# S.I. would back efforts to undo curfew rulings

## Los Angeles

Sen. S. I. Hayakawa, in somewhat of a turnaround, told the Rafu Shimpō last week (Feb. 13) he would "certainly be sympathetic" to a move to get the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn its ruling on the Hirabayashi and Yasui cases where it held curfews could be imposed against a group of American citizens based solely on ancestry.

"I would not be opposed to that action at all," the California Republican said following a tape session for KNBC's News Conference, which aired last Sunday.

## Brown names Nikkei to trade council

### San Francisco

Six Japanese Americans were named by Gov. Brown to his 22-member Japan-California Economic Advisory Council. They are:

Steven J. Doi, San Francisco attorney; Paul Naoichiro Hayashi, general partner, Henry Swift & Co., and pres., No. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce; Mas Yonemura, Oakland attorney; Edward Y. Kakita, Los Angeles attorney; Robert H. Takeuchi, Los Angeles attorney; and Yukuo Takenaka, partner, L.A. office of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

Other members are all officials with Japanese trading and manufacturing companies in the state, six in San Francisco and 10 in Los Angeles. Council advises the governor on increasing and attracting trade with Japan.

KNBC news staffers Saul Halpert, Jess Marlow and Tritia Toyota questioned the senator about the Indochina problem (he favors giving Thailand \$12 million to defend her borders), the Taiwan situation (he called the People's Republic of China "the world's greatest concentration camp"), and the JACL redress plan (he is still vehemently opposed to the plan to pay \$25,000 to each evacuee).

Answering a question posed by Toyota, the senator said that "if we pay the Japanese Americans \$25,000, why don't we pay each American Indian \$100,000 and each Negro whose ancestors were enslaved \$1,000,000?"

He concluded by saying "the constitutionality of the relocation has been upheld by the Supreme Court, but the Japanese Americans have overcome the injustice and have gained equality and better."

"No one ever said it (the relocation) was just," he continued, "but it was held to be constitutional by the courts as a wartime measure."

Hayakawa also indicated after the taping session he plans to seek re-election in 1982, explaining "political politics" is a lot cleaner than "academic politics". He thinks Japan can do far more to ease trade imbalance with the U.S. #



PAUL CHIHARA

# Sansei nominated for Pulitzer Prize

## Los Angeles

Seattle-born composer and instructor at UCLA Paul Chihara was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for his Japanese "Romeo and Juliet" score, "Shinju", written four years ago for the San Francisco Ballet.

The ballet is based on a Chikamatsu Bunraku theater play, "Love Suicide at Anijima", and later produced as "Love Suicide at Sonezaki". As for the score, Chihara related to Hoku-

bei Mainichi drama-music critic Renee Renouff in April, 1974, that he had taped Gagaku music rendered by two traditionalists, Suenobu Togi and Mitsuru Yuge, and then orchestrated Western music around these sounds.

"You might say the score also is a texture study with pauses and silences," Chihara said. "I don't need to tell you how important those spaces are."

At the popular level, Chihara is remembered for scoring the Kordy Film production, "Farewell to Manzanar" for television in 1975, for which he gained an Emmy nomination.

Chihara's latest works include music for the San Francisco Ballet's "The Mistletoe Bride" (premiered Jan. 30) by Robert Gladstein and based on an Ozark folksong. #

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## Seed money campaign underway for San Diego 'Kiku Gardens'

### San Diego, Ca.

Another senior citizen housing program under JACL auspices has been proposed here as the backers have been raising funds to start up "Kiku Gardens", a 100-150 unit apartment complex somewhere in metropolitan San Diego.

To date, some \$42,000 has been raised toward an initial goal of \$60,000 needed to assure filing of the application for HUD financing under Section 202, according to Mas Hironaka, San Diego JACL president.

Local JACL has been directly involved in establishing senior housing programs in Spokane (Hifumi-En) and Los Angeles (Little Tokyo Towers). JACL support was also tendered Issei housing projects in Seattle, San Jose, San Francisco and Chicago plus those being proposed in the San Francisco East Bay, Fresno, Salt Lake and New York.

The San Diego JACL Retirement project has the support of such local groups as:

Buddhist Temple, Ocean View United Church of Christ, Meiji Kai, San Diego Landscape Gardeners Assn., VFW Nisei Memorial Post 4581, San Diego JACL, Japanese Coordinating Council, San Diego Gardeners Assn., and Japanese Holiness Church.

The JACL project was initiated in October, 1976, when representatives of many of the above-listed organizations met to discuss needs of community seniors, many of them on the waiting list of Little To-

kyo Towers.

A site within the city is being considered. The informational leaflet, available by writing to the San Diego JACL Retirement Project, P.O. Box 2548, San Diego, Calif. 92112, indicates Kiku Gardens will require between 2½ and 5 acres, convenient to shopping and accessible to transportation. (Little Tokyo Towers is situated on nearly 2 acres.) The city housing and community services department is also assisting in determining the site. #



MARCH FONG EU

## March Fong Eu unveils exhibit

### Sacramento, Ca.

Secretary of State March Fong Eu unveiled an exhibit dealing with the "Japanese American Experience in California" last week (Feb. 20) in her office building, the Public Market, 1230 J St.

The exhibit opened to co-

incide with the "Day of Remembrance" observance, the signing of Executive Order 9066 in 1942 ordering removal and incarceration of some 110,000 Japanese Americans and its rescission the same date, 1976, by President Ford. Exhibit is open daily 8 to 5 weekdays through Mar. 21.

## WLA College names Fujimoto president

### Los Angeles

Dr. M. Jack Fujimoto, 50, now in his second year as president of Sacramento City College, will be returning "home" to become president of West Los Angeles College effective July 1.

Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District unanimously approved the appointment Feb. 14.

Fujimoto, who has a two-year contract in Sacramento, had been dean of instruction at the L.A. Pierce College in Woodland Hills and held various administration positions in the local community colleges since 1965. #

## Special admissions programs being rewritten because of Bakke decision

### Honolulu

The Bakke Case has universities around the country scrambling to what changes need to be made. The Univ. of Hawaii has submitted its own special admission programs, including those of its graduate levels in law, medicine and public health, to the State Attorney General's Office for review.

UH administrators were not commenting on the effect of the Bakke decision until the Attorney General has made his report to the UH board of regents.

Nevertheless, Advertiser staff writer David Tong summarizes the picture in his story appearing Feb. 4. • Law School pre-admission program, initiated in 1974 to help Samoans, Filipinos and Hawaiians (groups underrepresented on the state bar), now has new guidelines which do not identify the three ethnic groups and listing a number of other fac-

tors that would be used in the selection process.

Each applicant, the new rules say, will be considered "on an individual basis in light of the ... stated purposes of increasing the number of lawyers who will practice in Hawaii's underserved communities and of obtaining the educational benefits that flow from a diverse student body. No single factor will guarantee admission to the pre-admission program."

Since its inception, 58 have been admitted: 32 Hawaiians, 22 Filipinos and 4 others. Of that total, 10 completed the program and have been graduated from law school; 31 are still in law school; 17 have dropped out because of lack of interest, academic dismissal or financial pressures.

Tough residency requirements, it was charged by Mark Davis of the Hawaii ACLU, make it difficult for out-of-state students and new arrivals to enter law school here.

• The Imi Ho'ola program preparing disadvantaged students in medical school annually selects 20 who have completed their bachelor's degree. Being in the program does not guarantee students a slot in the first-year class but about a third succeed, according to Gardner Jones, director of public affairs for the medical school.

The medical school also has another special admissions (Kulia) program, which permits disadvantaged students to finish in three years the first two years of studies. The extra time gives some the chance to take fewer courses at a time and use the opportunity to take enrichment courses outside the regular medical school curriculum.

• At the School of Public Health, an HEW-funded \$90,000 career opportunity program is in its first year to assist disadvantaged students, especially Filipino, part-Hawaiian and other

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# Korean Times article leads Army to probe recruiting illegal aliens

## Los Angeles

A 14-month probe has uncovered a substantial number of illegal foreign nationals have been recruited for the U.S. Army, including 102 from Korea, the Los Angeles Times reported Feb. 12, quoting military sources.

The Pentagon also revealed 450 illegal aliens of unspecified nationalities are in the Navy and 274 Panamanians in the Marine Corps. The Immigration and Naturalization Service at Los Angeles assisted Army investigators in the probe of Koreans, many still believed to

be in the Army.

Five Army recruiters based here at the Hollywood and Crenshaw stations were also suspended from duty, the Times added.

In this connection, the U.S. Attorney's Office has confirmed identity of one suspect, An Dong Sik, 46, arrested in San Pedro on felony charges of selling false alien registration cards to the Korean enlistees.

An Air Force spokesman, who said "very few illegals" have been found in the Air Force, theorized that illegals were joining

the military as a quick means of becoming U.S. citizens—but avoid the Air Force, which has longer enlistment periods than some other branches of the military.

The Army permits recruitment of lawful permanent resident aliens. Army, with its current authorized strength of 773,000, has 11,036 noncitizens on active duty.

Army investigation began here in late 1977 after Criminal Investigation Division agents received a

translation of a Korean Times article on fraudulent enlistment. A check with the assistance of INS officers found that 71 of 342 Korean enlistees over a two-year period had no legal resident status. Most of them were either here as student or tourist but 12 came through the "pipeline" or the Miami Connection. In a complex scheme, the operators requested

the U.S. consulate in Seoul for transit visas for certain Korean sailors who supposedly were scheduled to join ships in Miami, according to the Times, quoting the Army investigators. The "sailors" used the visas to reach Miami, where most of them boarded ships for short periods until contact could be made with smugglers who then reportedly made ar-

rangements for the prospective recruits to fly on to Los Angeles.

In Washington, the Pentagon released figures Feb. 13 that all four military services had been unable to meet recruiting goals for 1978—the first time that has happened since the draft ended in 1973. Disclosure is expected to give lawmakers added push to restore the draft. The Administration has opposed resumption of the draft.

## May 4-10 Asian American Heritage Week packet due

### San Francisco

National JACL Headquarters revealed Feb. 15 a public relations packet is being prepared for use by the JACL chapters to mark Asian American Heritage Week being proclaimed by President Carter for May 4-10, 1979.

A special JACL poster has been designed. The chapter packet will include samples of resolutions and background material to have local government join in the national celebration, it was added by J.D. Hokoyama, associate national JACL director.

A master calendar is also going to be maintained to keep track of Asian American Heritage Week activities nationally at Headquarters.

## Inflation hits scholarship fund

### Oakland, Ca.

While inflation and rising cost of education has trimmed the number of awards granted from the U.C. Japanese Women Alumnae scholarship (JWAS) fund, Nikkei alumnae of the Berkeley campus will meet in Wednesday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m., at the Oakland office of the Sumitomo Bank of California to consider organization of the fund.

As many as eight undergraduate and graduate scholarships have been made in a given year, but in 1978, it was down to one undergraduate and one gradu-

ate. A total of 13 graduate and 21 undergraduate scholarships have been given since 1969.

Fund came from proceeds of the sale of the Japanese Women Students Club at Hearst and First Ave., Berkeley, in 1968.

**Demonstration** and exhibits marking Hina Matsuri, Doll Festival, on Saturday, Mar. 3, with 2 and 3 p.m. showings scheduled, will be presented by Nihon Geijutsu Shudan at the Zenshuji, 123 S. Hewitt St. Admission will be \$5, refreshments included. Matao Uwate will be narrator.

## Ikenobo school certificates presented

### Sacramento

The Ikenobo Tachibana Kai, students of Molly Tofu Kimura, held its annual New Year dinner Jan. 20 at the Garden & Arts Center, where students received certificates from Headmaster Senei Ikenobo as follows:

Enrollment: Kent McGeachy, Dora Shigaki, Virginia Sunahara, Takashige Shirasaka, Amy Shimada. Shoden (Beginners):

Kent McGeachy, Sharon Nagao, Dora Shigaki, Virginia Sunahara, Takashige Shirasaka, Amy Shimada. Chuden (Intermediate): Blossom Ikemoto, Nami Miyahara, Kimiye Tamura, Helen Noguchi. Kaiden (Advanced): Esther Bennett, Thelma Burnside, Rose Honbo, Machiko Kimura, Sally Rogers, Nobuko Imamura. Kasho (Asst. Teacher): Maxine Grubaugh, Waki San (Teacher): Tomiko Kujubu, Mitsue Takeoka.

## Dynamics, problems of Nikkei family topic of new workshop

### Gardena, Ca.

A workshop series exploring the issues and concerns of the Japanese American family will run six consecutive Tuesdays from March 6 to April 10, 7 p.m., at the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, 16215 S. Gramercy Pl.

The series will discuss the history of the family in Japan and in America, the present structure and dynamics of the Nikkei fami-

ly, and the most common stress situations that disrupt the family unit and ways to deal more effectively with them.

Presented by the Asian American Drug Abuse Program in conjunction with the Gardena Human Services Department, the workshops are free of charge. For information or registration, call:

Wayne Sugita, 329-9247, 1 and 5 p.m.; or Dick Osumi, 293-6284, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

## Nikkei moderator of Denver Presbytery

### Denver, Colo.

Allen Maruyama, co-pastor of Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, was installed Jan. 23 as the 48th moderator of the Presbytery of Denver.

In addition to moderating Presbytery meetings and taking care of business of the Presbytery, he will serve as the symbolic head of the Presbyterian Church for the area, extending from the Kansas state line to the Continental Divide, which includes 42 churches and 25,000 members.

Maruyama received his doctorate from Aquinas Institute of Theology, Dubuque, Iowa.



ALLEN MARUYAMA

## Murashige winds up fourth in downhill

### Los Angeles

Kenneth Murashige is back from the IX World Winter Games for the Deaf held recently in Meribel, France, where he finished fourth in the downhill event. His brother Roger was U.S. team manager.

## Chicago Nisei vets plan banquet Mar. 3

### Chicago

Hawaii Sen. Spark Matsunaga and Joe Harrington, author of "Yankee Samurai", will be guest speakers March 3 at a banquet at O'Hare Marriott Hotel sponsored by the Nisei Veterans Committee under the auspices of Chicago Nisei Post 1183.

Mike Masaoka is slated to be master of ceremonies and a contingent of Canadian Nisei veterans are expected to attend.

It was also announced that nearly 200 veterans and friends from the Chicago area are planning to attend the Nisei veterans reunion in Hawaii this June.

## 'College Nisei' update calling on evacuees not questioned before

### Los Angeles

Expanding their WW2 research on the college Nisei to include two important groups not reported in their previous studies, Dr. Robert W. O'Brien and Amy Iwasaki Mass of Whittier College are asking nine questions of the same age-group Japanese Americans, who are probably in their mid-50s today.

Dr. O'Brien's observations and findings as head of the Japanese American Student Relocation Council culminated in the 1949 publication of the volume "The College Nisei". At the present time, and his Whittier College colleague, Amy Iwasaki Mass, are bringing the study of the College Nisei up to date. As they read and wrote up the responses from Nisei relocated by the Council, they sensed that they were not hearing from two important groups—(1) those of college age who, because of internment, were not able to continue their education and (2) those older Nisei with college training who were not able to use their education because of discrimination.

For the update, both scholars are hoping to present a fair and balanced picture of that period in history rather than one which portrays only the success aspects of the times. They are seeking responses

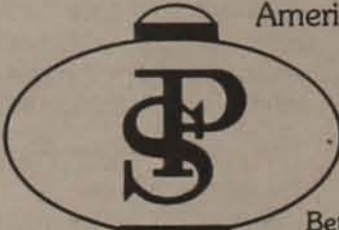
to the following questions:

1. How did you view the evacuation and internment experience at the time? How do you now view it? Why did it happen?
2. What are your recollections of the internment experience? And your contact or lack of contact with people from the outside?
3. If you went out to college, what are your recollections of your experience of being in college at that time?
4. Where have you lived since leaving the internment camp? What were your experiences? Why did you move? What factors either brought you back to the West Coast or encouraged you to stay in another area?
5. Do you still maintain any contact with Nisei or other students from your 1942-45 college days?
6. How do you now appraise the Issei generation and their views?
7. How do you now view the Nisei and their values?
8. Describe how you see and appraise the Sansei and Yonsei generation and their values and life styles?
9. How do you view the JACL redress (reparation) campaign?

Amy Iwasaki Mass spent the war years in the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Wyoming. Dr. O'Brien, as head of the JASRC, visited all of the WRA internment camps and was impressed by the courage of the then-young Nisei who pioneered in an often hostile outside world. Correspondence should be addressed to:

The College Nisei Project, Whittier College, Whittier, Ca 90608.

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# Calif. Legislature condemns EO 9066

Sacramento, Ca.

A brief ceremony was held in the State Capitol last week (Feb. 16), marking the 37th anniversary of the promulgation of Executive Order 9066, which led to the mass Evacuation of Japanese Americans from the west coast and the third anniversary of its termination with President Ford's proclamation entitled "An American Promise".

National JACL President Dr. Clifford Uyeda and National JACL Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki of San Francisco were present to receive House Joint Resolution 34, co-authored by Assemblymen Paul Bannai and S. Floyd Mori, and signed by 85 members of the Assembly and Senate.

The legislative leadership of Lt. Gov. Mike Curb, Senate President pro-tem James Mills, Speaker Leo McCarthy, and House Minority Leader Paul Priolo were present

during the 15-minute ceremony in the Assembly as Dr. Uyeda responded in gratitude for the unprecedented action.

Senate members invited to participate were Ray Johnson and Walter Stiern, whose legislative districts cover the campsites of Tule Lake and Manzanar, respectively; Milton Marks of San Francisco, Diane Watson of Los Angeles, Ralph Dills of Gardena Valley and Mills of San Diego.

HJR 34, while recalling the bleak history of the Evacuation and "wrong inflicted upon these loyal Americans", affirms that citizens have learned from the tragedy wrought by E.O. 9066 and urged persons to recognize Feb. 19 as "A Day of Remembrance" and condemn the moral and constitutional violation perpetrated against Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II. #

## Mayors, city councils remember Feb. 19

Monterey, Ca.

Monterey Peninsula JACL had requested mayors and city councils in its area to recognize Feb. 19 as "A Day of Remembrance". One of the first to respond was the city of Del Rey Oaks, a community near the Monterey Airport and south of the Fort Ord military post.

A joint resolution dated Jan. 24 of the city council and signed by Mayor Charles Benson acknowledged and condemned "the constitutional and moral violations perpetrated against persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II" and further proclaimed Feb. 19, 1979, as "A Day of Remembrance" over the "loss of liberty and injury to human dignity suffered by those affected by Executive Order 9066".

The Marina city council, in its action reported by the Peninsula Herald Feb. 8, has designated Feb. 19 as a "Day of Remembrance" when 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were ordered incarcerated.

Marina, which elected its first Japanese American mayor in Robert Ouye, is situated on the northside of Ft. Ord and faces Monterey Bay.

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Denver, Colo.

The City and County of Denver designated Feb. 19 as "A Day of Remembrance" for Americans of Japanese ancestry who were uprooted from the West Coast and incarcerated during World War II, the Mile-Hi JACL reported.

Resolution was introduced by Councilman Elvin Cardwell of the 8th District.

"We shall never forget this aberration of our American principles to the end that there will never again be a recurrence of such arbitrary governmental actions against any group of Americans in the future," the resolution declared.

In addition to the mayor's proclamation, a copy of the resolution was also ordered to be transmitted to the Congress and National JACL.

The Mile-Hi JACL was also assured this past week that Gov. Richard Lamm also intended to sign a gubernatorial proclamation.

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Salt Lake City, Utah

Before a packed audience and the city commissioners at City Hall, Mayor Ted Wilson's proclamation for observance of Feb. 19 as "A Day of Remembrance" for Japanese Americans who were interned during WW2 and for their sacrifices was read this past week (Feb. 15) by Alice Kasai.

Mrs. Kasai, coordinator for the Salt Lake Chapter, also introduced the new local JACL officers, president Randy Horiuchi, vice presidents Mitsugi Kasai, Frank Nakamura and Jeff Itami.

While persons of Japanese ancestry in the state of Utah were not subject to evacuation orders, anti-Japanese discrimination existed with enactment of an anti-alien land law, anti-alien fish and game law and anti-evacuee business restrictions. But Salt Lake was also a haven for west coast evacuees, some staying permanently; and wartime "home" for National JACL headquarters and the Pacific Citizen till the mid-1950s. #

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Portland, Ore.

Mayor Neil Goldschmidt signed a joint resolution with the City Council Feb. 7 condemning the "constitutional and moral violations" of the Evacuation and proclaimed Feb. 19 as "A Day of Remembrance".

The Portland JACL noted the city's latest action helps clear a 1942 statement made by then Mayor Earl Riley who told the U.S. House Select Committee Investigating National Defense Migration, chaired by Rep. John H. Tolan of California, "I don't want 'em in my territory," and two city council resolutions calling for evacuation and internment for the duration of the war.

Riley made no distinction or exception between Japanese nationals and American-born so far as evacuation and internment was concerned. "There may be 50% of them loyal to the U.S., but one cannot be sure. I wish I had orders this very day to evacuate all Axis aliens," he added.

Los Angeles

Mayor Tom Bradley last week issued a proclamation designating Feb. 19 as "A Day of Remembrance", urging citizens to remember the anniversary of "that sad day in American history (and) what can happen if we allow our mass emotion and fear to override the basic tenets of the Constitution."

He appeared before the "Day of Remembrance" observance in Little Tokyo Monday afternoon to read the proclamation, which was also signed by all 15 members of the city council.

The proclamation perceptively recalled that prior to and subsequent to outbreak of World War II, "there existed positive evidence collected and held by the U.S. government that denied any existence of disloyalty toward the United States by residents of Japanese ancestry" and that later Nisei within detention camps volunteered to serve in the U.S. armed forces in the European and Pacific war zones.

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San Francisco

The City and County of San Francisco proclaimed Feb. 19 as "A Day of Remembrance" when the board of supervisors, on motion of Supervisor Ella Mae Hutch, whose area includes Japantown, called on the mayor to issue the proclamation. Mayor Dianne Feinstein, on Feb. 14, signed the proclamation, which recognized the Japanese American Evacuation as "an unprecedented violation of the spirit of equality and justice for all".

Cities of San Bruno (locale of Tanforan Assembly Center) and Richmond have passed resolutions supporting the Day of Remembrance, the Tanforan Committee of the San Francisco Bay Area announced. Other resolutions from church and school groups were also acknowledged, including:

San Francisco State—Asian American Studies Dept., Asian Student Union; San Francisco—Center for Japanese American Studies; San Mateo—Japanese American Curriculum Project, Sturge Presbyterian Church, SM Union High School District Dept. of Human Relations; Palo Alto—Asian Americans for Community Involvement; Oakland—Asian Manpower Services; JACL Chapters—Berkeley, Contra Costa, Sequoia, San Mateo, National Redress Committee. #

## Redress issue featured on San Francisco TV station

San Francisco

The issue of Redress was given its first strong, local television exposure here on a special KPIX (5) program hosted by Belva Davis recently (Feb. 2).

The half-hour show included film clips and photographs of the 1942 Evacuation while the issue was being explained by John Tateishi, chairman of the JACL committee on redress, and his colleague, George Kondo, the Northern California-Western Nevada regional director.

Active San Francisco JACLer and attorney George Yamasaki Jr., appeared in opposition to the redress proposal. Before he spoke, Davis explained that he is from Hawaii and not an evacuee. Yamasaki noted that over 30% of Hawaii's population was of Japanese ancestry and that

"things would have come to a complete halt if we were evacuated".

Tateishi went to Manzanar from his native Los Angeles while Kondo was evacuated from Oakland and sent to Topaz.

The KPIX Eyewitness News the following day with Wendy Tokuda as the anchor included two interviews on Redress. Tateishi again presented JACL's stand and Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national JACL president, added his comments.

The same weekend (Feb. 2), Dr. Uyeda appeared on the Reno TV screens over KOLO (2) during a newscast and explained JACL's redress program. He was in Reno to address the JACL chapter installation dinner. #

● Seattle

## Honor author of 'Exile of Race'

By CHERRY KINOSHITA  
Seattle, Wa.

"Exile of a Race came nearer to moving me than any other manuscript in the contest ... vigorous, factual—fraught with tragedy," wrote one of the judges about the manuscript submitted by Anne Reeploeg Fisher in the Scribner's \$10,000 history contest. Another praised it as "... excellently written ... would have considerable popular appeal." But the third critic was fearful, fearful of what he felt, of what America would be made to feel—guilt, shame. "I did not like reading it—it is a humiliating book," and for this reason, he admitted, he was "loathe to give it the prize."

Not long after narrowly missing out on the Scribner's award in 1946, the manuscript about the wartime imprisonment of Americans of Japanese descent was requested by Doubleday. A year and several revisions later, the publishers asked for a fictionalized version instead. Mrs. Fisher felt that such a modification would be inappropriate and she did not comply. Publisher after publisher responded encouragingly, but declined to risk financial gamble of publication.

Finally, at her own expense, Mrs. Fisher had 2,000 copies printed in Canada and these sold quickly to schools, libraries, colleges and to Nikkei and their friends. To extend the copyright, another 1,000 copies were printed in the United States and these, too, were snapped up by the public. Mrs. Fisher says she now has only three copies left.

Valued by many as one of the best and most readable of books covering the full range of significant events which led to the uprooting of Japanese Americans from the West Coast to be placed in concentration camps, *Exile of a Race* started out as an article which Anne Fisher hoped would help in educating the public to make it easier for the evacuees to return to their homes.

In 1945 as a member of the press covering the formation of the United Nations organization in San Francisco, Mrs. Fisher had the opportunity to attend the first meeting of a vanguard of Japanese Americans returning from the camps. It was then recognized that the returnees would face serious housing difficulties and mounting



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antagonism toward their return. When she visited Manzanar during this period, she found the internees very apprehensive about leaving the security of the camps.

As soon as she returned to Seattle, she began the article which then grew and grew, as she pounded away at her typewriter 12 hours a day, until six months later it had become a book. The final manuscript was cut down to half its size when it was published to save on the cost of printing.

As a member of the inter-racial Church of The People and the American Civil Liberties Union, Mrs. Fisher helped raise funds for Gordon Hirabayashi's appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. When the Seattle area Japanese were imprisoned in the Puyallup Assembly Center, each Sunday Mrs. Fisher and her husband visited one of his music pupils there, the "Mike" referred to in her book, and she gained first-hand insight into camp conditions and the feelings of those interned.

For her tremendous effort and research in writing an outstanding documentary which tells with straightforward conviction the story of Evacuation and exposes how Japanese were made victims of racism, scapegoats for the disaster of Pearl Harbor—for her great personal sacrifice in bringing this story to the American public—the Seattle JACL honored Anne Reeploeg Fisher with an expression of their appreciation at its recent installations and awards banquet on Jan. 19.

Those attending expressed the hope that JACL could in some way provide the means for additional printings of her excellent book, which many feel should be placed in every library and in every school all over the nation. #



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YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry K. Honda

## Helpful Chapters



One of the many appeals that JACL chapters should take notice of now is the campaign for the Mas and Chiz Satow Memorial Project Fund, which has passed the \$34,000 mark—thanks to a hefty contribution of \$1,000 from the West Los Angeles JACL Women's Auxiliary.

If any campaign should take hold among the chapters, this one should have at the outset. As announced some time ago, the fund underwrites the research and publication of the JACL story. The executive committee for the project, chaired by Mike Masaoka, has commissioned Bill Hosokawa, associate editor of the Denver Post and dean of the Japanese American journalists, to write what we know to be a very human and powerful commentary on American history.

After a half-year into the campaign, we find only six chapters have contributed to the Satow Memorial Project Fund: Contra Costa, Dayton, Milwaukee, Reno, Twin Cities and Venice-Culver.

The Okubo-Yamada Legal Defense Fund, whose goal is a trim \$25,000 to help meet legal expenses incurred by the two Stockton families who sustained a tragedy that occurred at the 1972 national JACL convention in Chicago, is about 40% (\$9,800) of its goal as of the end of January. A review of the fund reports thus far show the following JACL chapters have contributed:

Alameda	Lodi	San Mateo
Chicago (\$500)	Omaha	Sonoma County
Clovis	Philadelphia	Stockton
Contra Costa	Philadelpia	Tulare County
Dayton	Puyallup Valley	Watsonville
Downtown L.A.	Riverside	West Los Angeles
Florin	San Benito County (2x)	WLA Women's Aux'y
Fremont	San Fernando Valley	NC-WNDC
French Camp	San Gabriel Valley	

**A FIRST STEP**—Anyone who starts wondering how any of the Supreme Court cases affecting Japanese Americans during World War II—the Yasui, Hirabayashi and Korematsu cases—might be overruled deserves to be encouraged to think on. Hardly anyone today denies these wartime episodes remain a dark chapter in U.S. history. The Korematsu decision, for instance, "lies about like a loaded weapon", notes Justice Robert Jackson in his dissent because "the Court for all time has validated the principle of racial discrimination in criminal procedure and of transplanting American citizens".

The political and constitutional issues born from Evacuation are still unresolved. Constitutional types see no way short of another crisis or emergency that can challenge these wartime decisions. Hence, people in JACL hope pressure for usage of such powers can be stopped through redress—and all the educational efforts attached thereto... How does America undo what it now sees to be a "loaded weapon"?

**1944 MINUTES**—The 1944 JACL Convention minutes (as far as the rough draft permits), comprised of 17 legal-size pages, have been typeset and ready for print. A photocopy version is now available for \$2.50 postpaid by writing the PC office. (Volume of requests shall determine whether it should be printed and bound. The rough draft came to us from the Headquarters archives. We detect the late Joe Grant Masaoka's handwriting here and there throughout the draft. The minutes are significant for its report of the Japanese American experience during the 1943-44 biennium outside the camps and what some of the non-Japanese friends of JACL were doing to initiate the Nisei "comeback".

I know of no rights of race superior to the rights of humanity.  
—FREDERICK DOUGLASS

It is easier to love humanity as a whole than to love one's neighbor.  
—ERIC HOFFER

# Comment, letters, features

## Redress: Pro and Con

Editor:

Reparation or not proves but one thing: that the weak or the minority never has any right to the law of the land and the law of the land can be freely interpreted to suit the time and place even against the any and the only interpretation that was originally intended.

A law, if we are to abide by the law, should state that in time of war certain restrictions can be imposed upon certain individuals because of the color of his skin or the shape of his body. It does not state such a thing. It states that a citizen has certain inalienable rights no matter what's his color.

If that law can be twisted to suit the whim and fancy of any group of people anytime without an amendment to the law, that law can no longer

be trusted.

A law that cannot be trusted should not be so dignified.

Such a law is not worth the paper it's written on. Reparation or the demand for reparation merely focuses attention to a flaw in the law and it shows that no man is safe because of it.

The reparation whether we receive it or not is not the issue. The law is.

ELMER S. TAZUMA  
Seattle, Wa.

Editor:

It was good to read the JACL has abandoned its punitive approach for its Redress campaign.

The JACL's avowed purpose for Redress "is that of educating the American public of the existing danger of the law of the land which al-

as an advisor to the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Ikebana International and its 275 members.

The late Professor Chiura Obata was Professor Emeritus of Art at the University of California, Berkeley and received an award of the Order of the Sacred Treasure in 1964. When Madame Obata received her award in 1976, she was told that she and her husband were the only man and wife to receive such awards.

AMY ABE SUGAWARA  
Chapter President  
Ikebana International  
San Francisco Bay Area

The grand works and contribution of the late Professor and Mme. Obata were featured as a special personality story by Marie Kurihara (now of Spokane) in 1964 Holiday Issue. We are glad to have this update.—Editor.

## 'Ojisan'

Editor:

Let me comment too on Bill Hosokawa's column on Ojisan (PC Jan. 26). Ojii-san or obaa-chan is childish talk aimed at any elderly person. Sometimes an adult person uses them without "san" or "chan", thus referring to older people in a contemptuous manner.

It's wrong to compare the English "grandfather" to ojii-san as they do not have the same dictionary meaning. Grandfather is correctly translated as *sofu* or *sobo* for Grandmother and *sofubo* for Grandparents.

I believe Japanese to be the most beautiful language in the world, so let's not ridicule it. Unfortunately, it is also

lowers the suspension of constitutional guarantees solely on the basis of ancestry."

However, educating the public is, at best, a costly and time consuming process, and its results are not always immediate or apparent. Instead, JACL might initiate a move to amend the American Constitution to the effect that no U.S. citizen shall have his rights abridged solely on the basis of ancestry.

This change in tactics by JACL would accomplish at least two things:

(1) It would remove any objectionable connotation of Redress that now exists.

(2) It would be sustained wholeheartedly by all Japanese Americans.

Naturally the reaction of other minorities is expected to be positive.

Conceivably it would be easier to obtain support for

this right's amendment in Congress than to generate Congressional support for funding an educational foundation costing millions, if not billions, necessary for a meaningful program, which JACL would need to achieve its desired goals.

Upon its approval by Congress, this amendment in its ratification procedure by states would have tremendous "grass roots" exposure. What a great educational opportunity this would be and what a unifying effect it would have on the Japanese Americans with other Americans in rallying for its mandated state by state!

Such an amendment to our national Constitution would lay to rest any suspension of "constitutional rights on basis of race."

GEORGE SHIOZAWA  
Pocatello, Idaho

probably the most impractical one in these modern times. Nevertheless, it was created as such by our ancestors yours and mine.

GEORGE MORI  
San Jose, Calif.

## Student Relocation

Editor:

Senator S.I. Hayakawa is entitled to filibuster (Feb. 9 PC) against the rights of Japanese Americans if he so wishes, but his assertion that the Government opened up colleges for the Nisei should not go unchallenged. In fact, the government set up many road-blocks to the student relocation program. Dillon S. Myer, director of the War Relocation Authority, recognized—"the first impetus to resettlement outside the (internment) centers was provided by Student Relocation."

It was not the government but a private organization of concerned educators and religious leaders—the Japa-

nese American Student Relocation Council—which opened Swarthmore, Oberlin, Chicago, Mt. Holyoke and 500 other colleges and universities to the Nisei in wartime.

It was the Council which sponsored the students and set up welcoming committees in the various communities. The financial support did not come from the WRA or any other government source; it came from individuals, foundations and the Catholic, Jewish, Protestant, and Buddhist communities in the United States.

ROBERT W. O'BRIEN  
AMY IWASAKI MASS  
Whittier, Ca.

Dr. O'Brien headed the Student Relocation Council which culminated in the 1949 publication of "The College Nisei". He and Amy Mass are now up-dating their study with College Nisei Project, details of which are being announced in this week's issue.—Ed.

## From Nobuyuki Nakajima

### Higher Education—IV

Most of us have, one time or another, wondered if we are talented enough to do what we wish. How can we overcome this apprehension? First, let me divide the "talent" into intelligence, physical and mental stamina, and confidence. Let me discuss "intelligence" this week.

At age 18 one's intellectual maturity varies widely. A person of mediocre intelligence may in ten years attain a leadership capacity. Without a college degree it is very difficult for this person to assume a deserving position.

Then, how do we go about it if we are not one who does anything easily and well? Here is my advice: first, any course you choose must be within your capability. If it is too difficult, withdraw before getting a "failure" on your record. If it is a required course or one you want, go back to an easier "make-up" course. Remember to go one step backward in order to go forward two. (I took one course three times in order to prepare for the qualifying exam for an advanced degree.)

Above all, know your teacher and have your teacher know you. In the first year of my graduate study, there was a professor who gave a very interesting lecture but spoke very fast. I was afraid that I was not absorbing everything he said. So, I went to him and told him so—I still had a language difficulty even though it was my third year in the U.S. To my surprise he loaned me his lecture notes. After an exam I went to see him and asked him why some of my answers were not good enough. After the discussion, he found out that I understood more than my written answers had indicated; he changed my grade from B minus to A minus.

At the college level, you are considered to be an adult; that is, nobody helps you unless you ask. On the other hand, if you ask, professors are more than willing to help. If you are a type needing more attention, I recommend a private college, where classes are smaller and professor's primary concern is on teaching rather than research.

## 35 YEARS AGO

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

Feb. 26, 1944

Feb. 14—U.S. war correspondent John Lardner describes 100th Infantry action for control of strategic Italian city of Cassino.

Feb. 17—Nisei GIs cited by 7th Army commander (Gen. Corlett) for action in capture of Kwajalein in Central Pacific.

Feb. 20—JACL Intermountain District counterbalances anti-Nisei stories in press with stress on heroics of Nisei GIs in battle.

Feb. 20—Prominent citizens of Utah uphold rights of Nisei to secure business licenses; race bigotry seen in Salt Lake City AFL

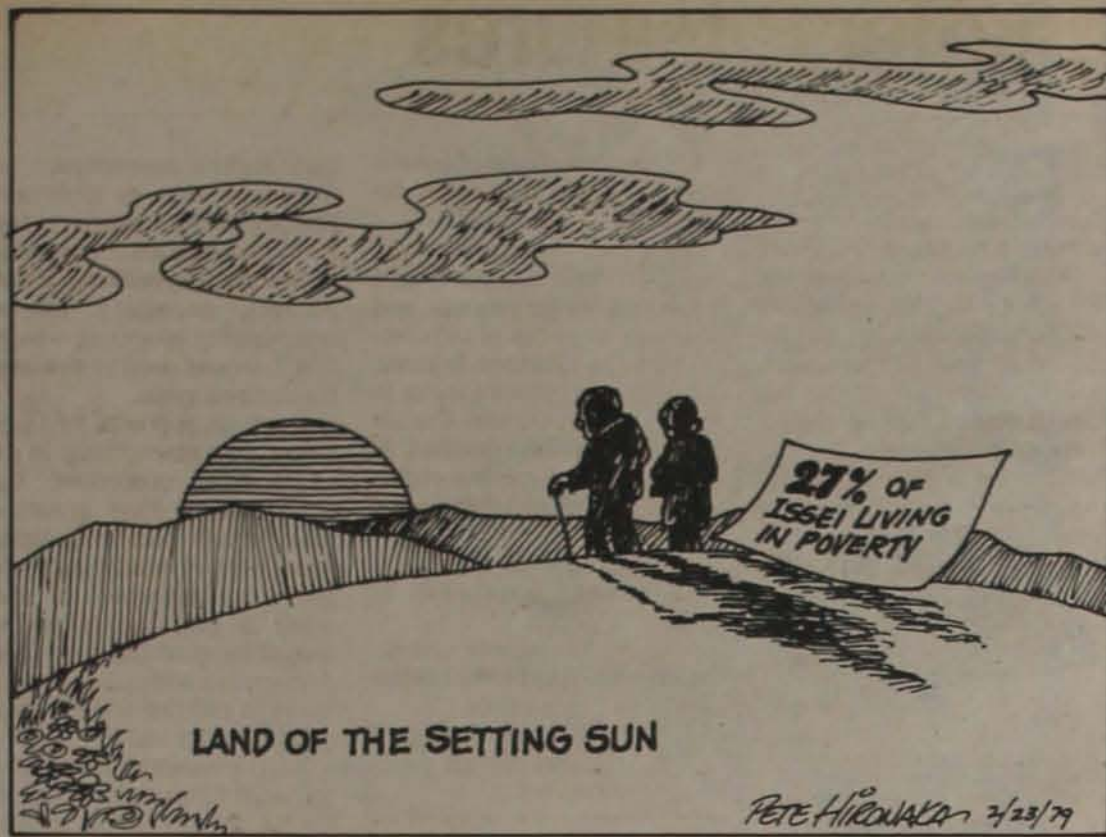
Federation attitude to limit Nisei. Gov. Maw to investigate situation.

Feb. 21—Utah CIO Council backs rights of Nisei.

Feb. 22—Sgt. Ben Kuroki finally appears on NBC's Ginny Simm's Show; had been disallowed by NBC executives when scheduled Jan. 25.

Feb. 23—House passes (HR 4103) Administration bill 111-23 permitting denaturalization in time of war; reject Calif.-sponsored amendment 82-76 that prior disloyal statements by interned Nisei constitutes renunciation of citizenship.





WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ronald Ikejiri

## Where Y'All From?

or stopped, two young men stepped in and smiled—all of us in the elevator smiled back in the best Sansei tradition. Nothing further was said.

When the elevator reached the first floor, one of the young men asked, "Where y' all from?" In unison we said, "California." (Apparently this was not the proper response since the man in puzzlement asked, "I mean originally?")

For a moment we were taken aback, but Karl, mustering up an honest assessment of the situation,

said, "Originally, I'm from Arizona!" (Karl was born in Gila River Relocation Camp.) That answer only added to the young man's confusion, and as he left the elevator in bewilderment, he said, "Y'all have a nice day, now."

As the elevator closed, all of us laughed and chided one another about our origin ... but still we all knew, albeit painfully, that as Americans, the Japanese Americans and in particular the Sansei have a long way to go before others look upon us as part of the American experience.

FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

## Gila News Courier and 'Sasha'

Salt Lake City:

I get letters that begin, "Dear Sasha." It is an old nickname, one of many I have collected along the way. Veronica, Olive Oyl, Wada Gal, Legs. All the others have somewhere, somehow slipped away. But to a select few, I remain, "Sasha."

There is a story behind the name. Not the kind that one would write about, because it seems even now, too intimate, like a family secret. And we were a family of sorts, those of us who worked on the Gila News Courier. It was the best family I ever had.

In retrospect, I think my age at that time influenced this sentiment. Through an extraordinary stroke of luck, I was picked from a high school journalism class to work for the camp paper, the youngest reporter on the staff.

On a day when frost whitens the pines, colors my hair in this 51st winter, I remember being 15. I was the skinny kid, who perennially wore pencils in her hair, was never without a stack of writing pads. It seems now that I was always hurrying here or

there, with the hope of uncovering some big story.

The beat I had was the very worst. Crumbs reserved for the youngest and least experienced. But no one pounded a beat with such dedicated fervor, goaded on by her elders. Sometimes I spent hours tracking down a silly tip, while they played bridge. Years later, they expressed surprise that I wasn't a card shark. They had forgotten that it was I who was sent into the blistering heat to cover stories that no one else wanted.

For someone who was born the oldest child, it was a new experience, like acquiring instant older brothers and sisters. I can't remember exactly when I figured them out, realized the true sense of their affection and protection. The depth of their impression is recognized when others notice that I tease and tell outrageous stories only to people whom I genuinely like.

There is a saying that two things cannot be purchased, more time or true friends. Never before or since have I known such collective friendship, with

its give and take. It was the motliest crew of individuals, as unique as the historic accident that brought them together.

Each of us knew it would end. By the summer of '45, most of the staff dispersed, into the service or the outer world. For a period letters were exchanged on a fairly regular basis. As years passed and circumstances changed, Christmas notes were a way of keeping in touch. Funny how most writers I know hate writing letters.

And Wat, who was the editor of the Courier, is no exception. So I am surprised at the bulk of this writer's envelope. His words take us both on a nostalgic trip back 35 years. I match faces to names and anecdotes he mentions in the letter.

He writes, "Memories of that period tear at the heart, more so than other memorable events of a lifetime such as campus life, occupation of Japan, or courtship and marriage. Having gone through trying times, I'm sure we felt a closer affinity for each other than we would have



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

## Florida's Issei Colony

IF ANY reader of this column has knowledge about the Japanese Yamato colony established near Delray, Florida, about 1904, please get in touch with Bernie Ward. His address is 606 Mercury St., West Palm Beach, Fla. 33406. Ward is working under a grant from the U.S. Office of Education's Ethnic Heritage Studies Program, to prepare a history of the Yamato colony.

Basically, its story begins with the arrival of Joseph Sakai and Count Shokoku Okudaira in 1904 or perhaps a little earlier. They had an agreement with Henry Morrison Flagler's East Coast Railroad and Model Land Co., to recruit Japanese farmers to work land along the right of way between Palm Beach and Boca Raton. As they did in the West, railroads sought to persuade various immigrant groups to take up land and grow crops they could haul.

Initially the Yamato colony was to grow pineapples but later it turned to a variety of produce for northern markets. Crop failures, natural disasters, growing competition from the Cuban pineapple industry, the general economy collapse and a variety of other factors led to a gradual decline of the colony. By 1941 only a few families and a sprinkling of bachelor farmers remained. One of the latter was George Morikami who donated his land a decade or so ago to establish the Morikami Museum and Gardens.

Ward is trying to recreate the story of pioneers who struggled to establish an agricultural industry in that part of Florida—their day-to-day activities, their lives and hopes. The material will be adapted for use in the Florida schools. To do this, Ward is attempting to trace friends and relatives of Yamato residents.

A JAPANESE HISTORY project on the other side of the continent already has made substantial progress. This is research into the story of Japanese Americans in San Diego County at the southern

tip of California, being undertaken by Donald H. Estes and his wife Toshiye. Their latest milestone is a pamphlet titled "Before the War: The Japanese in San Diego," published by the San Diego Historical Society.

The pamphlet is illustrated by photographs from the Estes' collection of more than 500, dating from 1885, many of them copies of pictures in family albums. Estes and his wife have had long interviews with more than 75 Issei and 25 or so Nisei for their local history project.

The work being undertaken by Don and Toshiye Estes is priceless. It should be an inspiration to others to undertake research in their own areas.

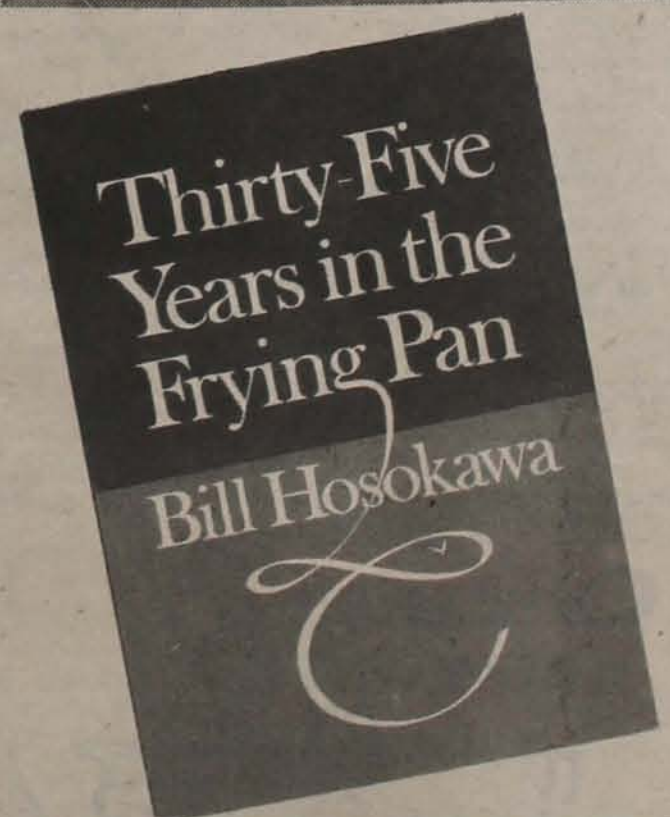
IT'S INEVITABLE, but something of a shame, that newspaperman Gene Oishi should be best-known as the reporter referred to by Spiro Agnew as a "fat Jap." Oishi, then employed by the Baltimore Sun papers, was covering Agnew's campaign for vice president of the United States, an office he later dishonored by accepting payoffs for political favors he had dispensed as governor of Maryland.

Oishi made news again recently when he left the Sun to become press secretary to Harry R. Hughes, incoming governor of Maryland. Oishi had covered state government from 1967 to 1969 when Hughes was majority leader of the state senate.

Oishi, 45, is a graduate of the University of California and has a master's degree in journalism from UCLA. He was evacuated from his native California during World War II and joined the Baltimore Sun, one of the nation's more distinguished newspapers, in 1965.



Gene Oishi



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## CHIAROSCURO:

## Threat of Filibuster

By KEN HAYASHI  
(Orange County JACL)

I see where Sen. Sam Hayakawa, the great American apologist, put on his latest carnival act on the Redress Issue. His interview with ABC newsman Joe Templeton was a farce (Feb. 9 PC). His filibuster of a Redress bill in the Senate would show him up for what he is... a twisted, self-righteous demagogue. He has yet to show understanding or sympathy towards Japanese Canadians or Japanese Americans who were forced out of their West Coast homes and imprisoned in concentration camps during WW2. He refuses to acknowledge that this incarceration was due to racism, economic greed and political opportunism of the worst kind.

Chiaroscuro is reserved for JACL Chapter Presidents.—Editor

He prefers to call the camps by the government propagandized term, "Relocation Centers" and almost praises our unconstitutional removal as a benefit because it resulted in our dispersal. That's like praising slavery because it resulted in bringing African blacks to America. He then defends incarceration because it was for our own "safety". In our democratic government, I was always under the impression that the innocent were protected and that the guilty were punished.

One of Senator Sam's problems is that he still retains a patronizing "refugee's mentality". A transplanted Canadian, who was at best, only a 2nd class citizen of his native country, he "made" it in the U.S. Nothing wrong with that. It's fine to be grateful and appreciative for the opportunities he received in this country, but it should not blind him to the fact that this great nation of ours has made some big mistakes and the forced evacuation and incarceration of Japanese Americans was one of the biggest. Civil libertarians, historians, religious leaders, educators, and even politicians are in agreement about this gross miscarriage of justice. Yet, Senator Sam, who escaped this experience by living in the relative isolation of the Midwest, glibly dismisses this crime as a justifiable act by our government.

Senator Hayakawa states that we were compensated for our wartime losses and that we promised the government that we would ask for no more compensation. The Evacuation Claims Act was redemption for property losses. If he had identified himself with the Japanese at that time, he undoubtedly would have been against the payment of these claims... a meager pay-off of 7½¢ on the pre-war dollar. He claims the Nikkei are well-off and do not need the money. I know he doesn't need it, but I also know many Issei and older Nisei that do.

JACL has fought long and hard for this Redress Bill, and the 100 per cent commitment they made at the 1978 National Convention in Salt Lake City means just that... Senator Hayakawa notwithstanding. As a JACLer and a former prisoner of Pinedale and Tule Lake, I do not consider it an insult to demand monetary redress from our government. I really consider it an insult that they have ignored us for so long in not trying to make any amends at all.

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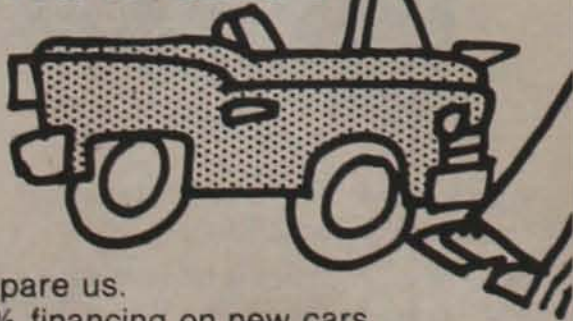
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## ● FEB. 23 (Friday)

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

## ● FEB. 24 (Saturday)

Nat'l JACL—Credit Union annl dnr, Prudential Bldg, Salt Lake City, 7pm.

IDC—Qtrly sess, Mt Olympus JACL hosts: Prudential Bldg, 3300 S State, SLC, 1pm.

Sacramento—Inst dnr, Red Lion Motor Inn.

\*Los Angeles—JWRO annual dinner, Nishi Hongwanji, 3-7pm.

Detroit—33rd Inst dnr-dance, Raleigh House, Southfield, 7pm; Dr Jitsuo Morikawa, spkr.

Stockton—Inst dnr, Yoneda Restaurant, 7pm; Jerry Enomoto, spkr.

## ● FEB. 25 (Sunday)

\*Boston—New JACL info mtg, Cambridge Friends Mtg House, 2pm; Ron Ikejiri, spkr.

New York—Joint JACL-Niko Niko party, Carnegie International Cntr, 345 E 46th, 5:30pm.

## ● MAR. 2 (Friday)

Tulare County—Reno fun tour

Cleveland—Bd mtg (every 1st Fri), Buddhist Church, 8pm.

## Wasatch Front North—Mtg.

Oda Insur office, Clearfield, 7pm.

## Dayton—Mtg, NCR Educ Ctr,

7pm; Film: "Geisha".

## ● MAR. 3 (Saturday)

Sacramento—Aux display (2 da), Camellia Festival, Metropolitan Rm, Conv Ctr.

Nat'l JACL—Redress Comm mtg (2 da), Hq, San Francisco.

## ● MAR. 9 (Friday)

Philadelphia—Bd mtg.

Oakland—Bd mtg (every 2nd Fri), Sumitomo Bank, 7:30pm.



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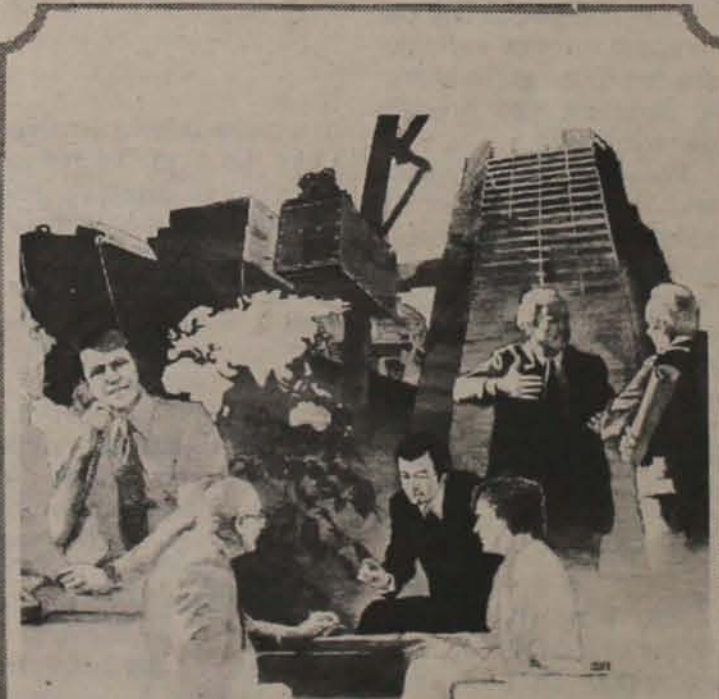
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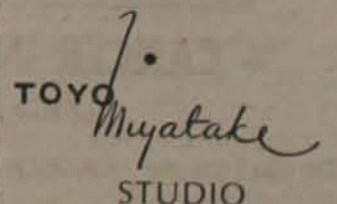
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Retired Calif. Chief Justice Phil Gibson, 90, (left) of Carmel Valley chats with J.D. Hokoyama, associate national JACL director, who was guest speaker at the Monterey Peninsula JACL installation dinner, and Jack Nishida (right) now serving his second term as chapter president. Gibson

wrote the majority opinion in 1952 declaring the provisions of Calif. Alien Land Law barring Japanese aliens from owning land were in violation of the equal protection clauses of both the U.S. and State Constitutions.

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mayors were in attendance, including Robert Ouye of Marina, who swore in the new board and officers.

Goro Yamamoto was recognized for his leadership and devotion to the Issei as longtime chairman of the Monterey Peninsula Issei Kai. Otis Kadani was awarded the JACL Creed, and William Branson, former county supervisor, was presented the JACL citizenship award.

—DOUG JACOBS

#### ● Riverside

#### CHAPTER AWARDS ITS FIRST SILVER PIN

Dr. Gen Ogata was presented with the Silver Pin at the Riverside Chapter's 11th annual installation dinner held at California State College, San Bernardino on Feb. 3.

He was given a standing ovation when presented the award for his unselfish dedication, continued

support and leadership throughout the chapter's ten-year history.

Ogata is a Charter Member of the Riverside Chapter and its first president.

Dinner speaker was Dr. Harry Kitano, noted UCLA sociologist, who provided the audience of 110 guests with an insight into the Japanese in America. He delved into the contrast between the behavior pattern of the Nisei as opposed to the American norm.

PSW Gov. Paul Tsuneshi was the installing officer. Carl Bristol, a school teacher by profession, continues into his second term as chapter president.

#### ● Stockton

#### GEORGE BABA RE-ELECTED PREXY

George Baba was re-elected for his third consecutive term as Stockton JACL president and will be installed during the annual

dinner Feb. 25, 5 p.m., at Yoneda Restaurant. Judge Bill Dozier, who has been swearing in the chapter officers for some 20 years now, will continue the tradition while Jerry Enomoto, past national president and now director of the Calif. Dept. of Corrections, will be guest speaker. Baba was also chapter president in 1954 and 1959.

#### ● Tulare County

#### GENERAL MEETING AND RENO TRIP SET

Tulare County chapter's next general meeting will be Feb. 26, 7 p.m., at the Visalia Buddhist Church Annex.

A trip by bus to Reno March 2-4 is planned, with lodging at the Riverside Hotel for two nights. Trip coordinator Doug Yamada noted that this year, "we will be handling our own baggage, so notify your bell boy."

#### ● Fort Lupton

#### AL WATADA HEADS CHAPTER

Fort Lupton JACL held their annual installation dinner at the Lotus Room in Denver Jan. 20, with Fort Lupton Mayor Joe Martinez installing new officers, who are:

Alfred Watada, pres; Sam Okamoto, 1st vp; Tom Urano Jr, 2nd vp; Ida Sasaki, rec sec; Daisy Kiyota, sec; Sam Koshio, treas; and area representatives.

Toastmaster was Sam Koshio and guest speaker was A.M. Watada, an Issei JACLer, who spoke on the history of Japanese entering the U.S. and Canada.

The chapter held its annual Chow Mein Shrimp dinner on Feb. 11, their only money-making project.

—JOHN KIYOTA

#### ● Monterey Peninsula

#### MAYOR PROCLAIMS NIKKEI CITIZENS DAY

The day the Monterey Peninsula JACL installed its 1979 officers on Saturday, Jan. 20, was also proclaimed by Mayor Gerald T. Fry as "Japanese American Citizens Day", recognizing that the chapter was established over 40 years ago, encourages integration of the Nikkei into the American culture and preservation of Japanese heritage, providing care and facilities for elderly shut-ins, participating with the schools to promote ethnic studies and spearheading local efforts to bring Japanese TV programs via cable.

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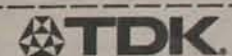
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## ● Religion

### Rev. Fujimoto named rinban

#### San Francisco

The Rev. Hogen Fujimoto was appointed, effective Jan. 1, rinban of the Sacramento Buddhist Church Betsuin, Bishop Kenryu T. Tsuji of the Buddhist Churches of America announced.

Rev. Fujimoto was honored last February for 25 years of service, which began with ministerial posts at Fresno Betsuin and Placer Buddhist Church before his assignment at BCA national headquarters here as director of Buddhist education in 1966.

During his 13 years tenure he was instrumental in introducing new programs for the young Buddhists. He developed the Metta Award for the Cub Scouts, the Karuna Award for the Campfire Girls and the Dharma Award for Buddhist Youths. For many years he served as chaplain at San Quentin and conducted through correspondence a Buddhist study class for inmates in prisons throughout the nation.

Rev. Fujimoto reorganized the BCA monthly newspaper and as editor combined the three monthly bulletins—the Japanese language Horin, the Newsletter and the American

Buddhist—into one monthly organ, The Wheel of Dharma, with a circulation of over 17,000.

Rev. and Mrs. Fujimoto have two sons; Kenneth, who is minister of the Fresno Betsuin and Dennis, who is also preparing for the ministry at the Institute of Buddhist Studies.

At the Governor's Prayer Breakfast, an inter-denominational religious function held at Convention Center each year, Rinban Fujimoto gave a reading from Buddhist scripture.

The Rev. David T. Kagiwada has been named the senior minister of Crestview Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Indianapolis, Ind., after serving 25 years in California, most recently at the San Lorenzo Community Church (United Church



Rev. Kagiwada

of Christ). Kagiwada is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. Kagiwada and his wife, JoAnne, have three children.

## ● Science

Hiroshi Nikaido, M.D., was awarded \$44,995 by the American Cancer Society to study the ability of cancer cells to escape the normal control mechanisms. He is a researcher at the Univ. of Calif., Berkeley.

Genetic professor Sadao Ichikawa of Saitama University described the properties of the spiderwort flower that changes its color from "safe blue to dangerous pink" in the presence of low-level nuclear radiation during recent lectures at San Francisco. The plant also undergoes mutation in the presence of radioactive gases, industrial pollution and smog.

## ● Sports

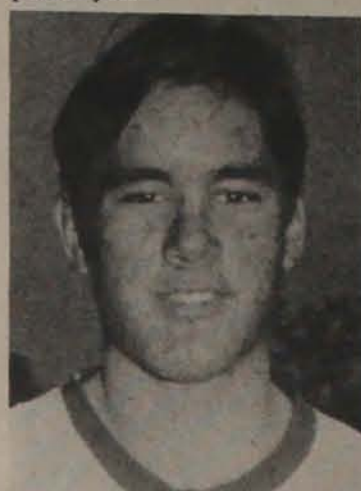
Water poloist Dave Okawa, top Sansei swimmer in Northern California high school competition, of San Jose's Lynbrook High, scored the first goal to help defeat Buchser High 5-4 to win the recent Central Coast section championship in water polo. It was Lynbrook's first league title in the sport.

Taul Watanabe of Seattle made the local sports front page the other week when talk floated that Walter Schoenfeld, one of six owners of the Seattle Mariners wanted "out". Schoenfeld not only denied the story but indicated he wants to be the major owner of the American League baseball franchise ... Washington, D.C. JAYS adviser John Yuasa finished 2,288th in the time of 3:49 at the recent Marine Marathon. A field of 6,000 began the run.

Randy Negi, a senior at San Leandro's Marina High School, was picked on the first team of the All-Hayward Area Athletic League football team, All-South County football team and Honorable Mention for All-East Bay team. He co-captained the Titan team. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Yoshio Negi of San Leandro.

Don Blasingame becomes the first Hakujin to manage a team in the Japanese professional major

leagues, having been hired in November to head the Hanshin Tigers. The Tigers finished the 1978 season in bottom of the Central League, 30½ games off. Blasingame, who played 11 years in the U.S. majors in San Francisco, St. Louis and Washington, has been coaching in Japan for the past 12 years.



Tom Kuramata

Air Force Academy Cadet Tom Kuramata, son of Dr. and Mrs. Akira Kuramata of Covina, is earning a varsity letter in wrestling at the Academy. In high school, he lettered for four years in the sport and as a senior was team captain and MVP.

## ● Military

Tim Y. Tokuno, a life member of the Gridley (Ca.) VFW Post 5731, was appointed a national aide-de-camp for 1978-79 by Eric Sandstrom of Tacoma, VFW commander-in-chief.

## ● Agriculture

Taky Kimura, Seattle importer of Japanese mandarin oranges, received his shipment of 5.2 million special Christmas oranges in time, making it his 11th consecutive season. The sole U.S. importer of the mikan is permitted to market them in the non-citrus growing states such as Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska and Hawaii.

Redwood City flower grower Hiro Higashi was re-elected president of the San Mateo County Fair and Exposition Center Board ... Herb Baum, chief operating officer and most recently executive vice president was elected president-general manager of Naturipe Berry Growers with the retirement of Tad T. Tomita of San Jose. Baum and Tomita both joined Naturipe in 1958.

## ● Business

Takeo Taiyoshi, proprietor of a Japanese art and book store, began his third term, as president of the Little Tokyo Busi-

nessmen's Assn. last month ... Suzusaburo Ito, president of Nagoya-based Matsuzakaya, and Nagahisa Ono of East West Development Corp., developers of the \$8-million shopping mall facing Weller St. in Little Tokyo have announced a two-level structure will be built as the anchor store of Weller Court. Opening in the spring of 1980 is planned.

San Francisco JACler and past Board member Richard Tsutakawa, currently vice president and manager of the Sumitomo Bank of California Geary office, has been named chairman of the Establishment Committee for the bank's planned San Francisco Japan Town office to be opened in March, 1979. Replacing Tsutakawa is manager of the Geary office will be Eden Township JACler Toshio Yamada, who formerly served as an Assistant Vice President and Marketing Coordinator at the bank's San Francisco Head Office.

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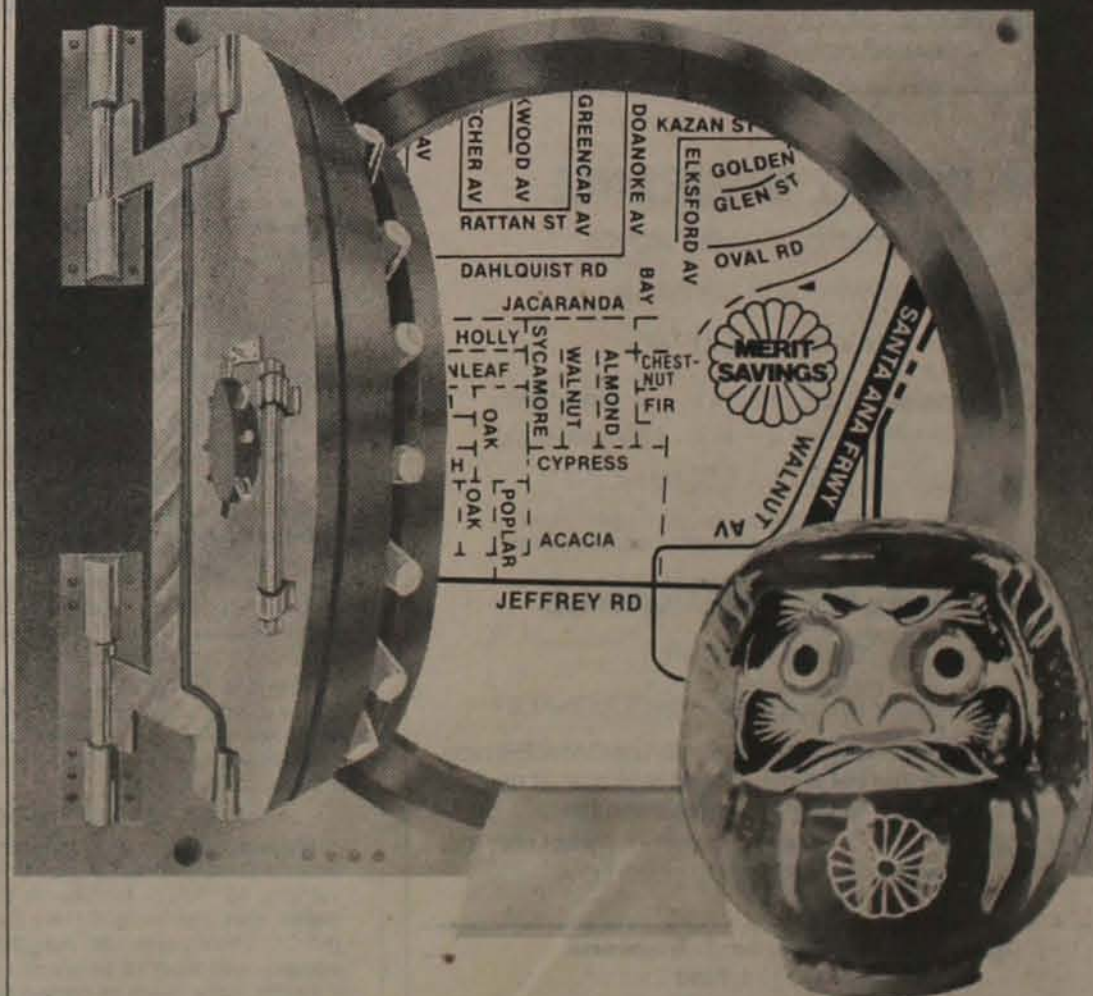
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## Secret role of Nisei in America's Pacific victory

### CHAPTER 4

(Continued from Last Week)

ON Sept. 19, a novel unit of MacArthur's command was inaugurated. This was the Allied Translator and Interpreter Service (ATIS) which had nearly as many words in its title as it had staff members. Eight graduates of the Presidio, plus Arthur Komori and Yoshikazu Yamada, joined the group under a recovering David Swift, who had been ill.

One of the first documents translated by them was a diary taken from a dead Japanese officer on New Guinea. It told a tale of malaria, diarrhea, and lack of medical supplies, plus having to fight for 16 days on eight days of rations. When the Aussies took Iroibaiwa, furthest point of the Japanese advance, with bayonets and hand grenades they were puzzled to find many dead bodies without any indication of wounds. Autopsies were performed. Starving, the Japanese had eaten poison fruits and roots. New Guinea was not a convenient place to fight a war.

In Brisbane, Komori became the first Nisei to be done out of a deserved commendation. He'd been recommended for the Purple Heart, a medal inaugurated during America's early days for gallantry. The recommendation came back down, denied. Komori was told Washington had changed its policy on the Purple Heart Medal. It was to be given only to men who got wounded.

Besides the special, hurry-up class of 12 linguists from Savage, another six were snatched out in mid-course and led to New Caledonia by Frederick P. Munson, arriving on Christmas Eve. They were Tetsuo Hayashida, Hiroshi Matsuda, Makoto Sakamoto, Terno Odow, Joe Yoshiwara and Roy Uehata. Hayashida, because he'd been a medical technician earlier, was made a "doctor" en route. The rest alternated with a six-man Navy gun crew on watches.

Sam Fujimura might have been with the sextet, but he'd been yanked from school because his father had chosen repatriation to Japan on the Swedish liner Gripsholm, the ship that brought Munson and others back from Japan. They'd been trapped there at war's outbreak, before Munson completed his language studies.

Fujimura was only one Nisei under suspicion. Many months after arriving in New Caledonia, after having worked on hundreds of high-security documents, Hayashida was walked out into the boondocks by Munson and grilled about a remark he'd made while taking a shower back at Camp Savage! The author has difficulty understanding how so

many Nisei did so much good work under such clouds.

The 37th Division, from Ohio, arrived during June in the Fijis to defend it from in-

was quite a switch, from plantation doctor on Maui to counterspy in the Fijis. Burden loved it. He would not practice medicine again for another five years, but would cross the Pacific four



John Burden (right) share intelligence information with combat commander on Guadalcanal.

vasion. John Burden and the Kubo brothers joined it there, but found no language work to be done at Suva. Burden was given charge of 10 counterintelligence specialists who until then had no officer.

The Maui medic was quite a character. He was an *Edoko*, the Japanese expression for anyone born in Tokyo. Burden grew up in Shinjuku and Yoyogi areas, and could send Tokyoites into gales of laughter by telling how those were "out in the country" when he was a boy. His printer-publisher father gave John a steamship ticket to the U.S. and a \$50 gold piece when he was 16, saying, "Go get yourself an education." Burden did, washing dishes, operating elevators, and working as an X-ray technician with a medical unit in Colorado while Boulder Dam was being built. He was 36 before he became a doctor, "but had a lot of fun along the way."

Burden joined the Army Reserve when a friend mentioned there were two weeks summer training and \$125 in the deal. His intern's pay was then \$9.13 a month, and he was really too old to qualify for a commission, but when Burden mentioned his language ability all barriers were dropped. The Army got another indifferent Reservist.

Burden liked being where the action was, and staying busy. He nailed a couple of enemy agents in Suva, one an Englishman working for the Nazis. The other was an American male. Burden never was totally convinced the man was guilty, but shipped him off the island anyhow. It

times and see China.

David Swift had lived in China and Japan. His spoken Japanese was excellent, his written less than fair. He and Burden had expected extra training, especially in *heigo* (military Japanese) when they finished at the Presidio but this was not to be. They shipped out in the SS Uruguay, Swift continuing on to Australia when Burden turned at Auckland to head for the Fijis. Underway from San Francisco, the two got yellow fever shots. Swift, just ahead of Burden in line, reacted to his. On arrival in Australia he was hospitalized for weeks, leaving eight enlisted men adrift and leaderless, hence their being assigned to study Dutch-Malayan. The Japanese-Dutch Malayan dictionaries they were starting were scrapped when they left to form ATIS, except for a souvenir copy Gary Kadani filched.

Linguists continued to flow into the Pacific. Some even got to put their skills to work. Shigeo Ito went into Alaska. So did Mas Imon, Ben Moriawaki, and Roy Ashizawa. All worked with Bill Nishikawa there, translating a batch of mail received from Japan by a Japanese family with extensive real estate holdings in Seward. (Alaska, unlike California, didn't forbid Issei owning land.) Ito and his buddies also tested sleeping bags and other arctic equipment.

Other Nisei also went to the Aleutians, an area that worried both Tokyo and Washington. It was the short-

est route between the two antagonists, but nearly impossible to defend. They were Roy "Snuffy" Miyata, Howard Nakamura, George Tsukichi, Satsuki Tanaka-tsubo, Mitsuo Shibata, Frank Otsuka, Sam Umetani, George Kobata and Mickey Kuroiwa. John White, who'd studied some Japanese years before at the Univ. of Washington and who was on active duty in Alaska on Dec. 7, was ordered north to head the growing group.

On Oct. 23 the 43rd Infantry arrived in New Zealand and moved up to Noumea the following month. Attorney Eugene Wright and former Osaka newsman Mike Mitchell led a language team out to join it.

Their team consisted of more volunteers who'd been asked to ship out before the course was completed. Shigeo Yasutake ended up as team leader after a while. Kiyoshi Nishimoto, Richard Matsumoto and Mamoru Noji were quiet, scholarly types. Yasutake described Haruo "Slim" Tanaka as "go-go-go," and Wright called him "the finest soldier I ever met." The Seattle lawyer said Tanaka constantly itched and volunteered for front-line action, and got it. Charlie Hamasaki, roly-poly and always cheerful, was the elder of the group and constantly talking about his baby girl, who was born just after he left the U.S. The other four slots on the 10-man team (things were starting to get organized, now) were filled by Lloyd Sato, Charles N. Nakagawa, Ted Kihara and James Sato (no relation to Lloyd). All but Kihara and Noji were Californians. Kihara was from Winnemucca,

would occur in the war's final years.

IT WAS almost 1943 before the brainchildren of prewar Army language officers got anywhere near organized, although they were scattered up and down the Pacific's seascape. Robert Lury, a motion picture executive, and Charles Fogg, a Caucasian NCO commissioned upon graduation (which did not make Nisei college grad NCO's too happy), wandered from the Fijis to New Caledonia trying to report to the Americal Division. It was the end of January, 1943, before they got transportation to Guadalcanal and joined

were working like hell turning out linguists, and a lot of the students were working like hell, too, staying up so late trying to study that special officer watches had to be posted to turn off latrine lights and make men at Savage go to bed.

The Army, however, was having difficulty getting commands to accept the services of these men, and was trying to decide how best they might be exploited. Still, suggestions for their use poured in. Two teams were made up and sent through an air intelligence school, for the express purpose of training them to work with crash teams over-

### Novel unit of MacArthur's command inaugurated at Brisbane, ATIS: Allied Translator and Interpreter Service.

the division's headquarters.

Kei Sakamoto had to be brought up from Bora Bora, and Mas Minamoto from Tonga.

John Burden, monitoring broadcasts relayed via Suva to Hawaii, Australia and the U.S., noticed that Guadalcanal kept screaming for a language officer. Demands got so vehement that he packed, sure someone would order him there. Nothing happened. He unpacked. He packed again. And again unpacked. When Adm. Nimitz was in Suva, passing through, the 37th's intelligence officer asked how he was making out with assigning a language officer to Guadalcanal. "They're hounding the hell out of me!" complained Nimitz, whereupon the G-2 dropped Burden's name. Nimitz directly

seas.

America had toppled, rather than climbed down, from its tower of superciliousness. Although the Zero fighter had already claimed over 200 air victims before it appeared over Pearl Harbor, and despite a full report on it having been sent from Col. Clair Chennault in China two years before, there were those who refused to believe in 1942 that Japan had any decent aircraft.

Minds finally changed, and two teams were set up for assignment overseas. The idea was that crash teams would recover shot-down Japanese aircraft, and the Nisei linguists would swiftly identify all parts and instruments. George Goda led an air technical intelligence team to Australia. It consisted of judo expert George Marumoto, plus Eichi Nakazono, Albert Fujikawa, Kaoru Tanita, Haruo Ashida, Yutaka Hasegawa, George Hikida, and Walter Tanaka. Not one ever examined an enemy aircraft.

Shunji Hamano led another such team to Caledonia. Richard K. Hayashi, Kenji Kato, Joe Shiraishi and Ray Nakabayashi were on it. They didn't examine any enemy aircraft either. All did translating or interrogating.

Paul and George Aurell were in the first Camp Savage class, the sons of a businessman who'd had them living with him in Osaka. Paul led a team out from Savage with Faubian Bowers, a man destined to step onto Japanese soil at the side of Gen. MacArthur. George Ichikawa was enlisted team leader for these two officers. He had Kazuo Kozaki along.

A large team accompanied them. Roy Fugami, Chikateru Inouye, Hiroshi Kubota, Wataru Shintaku and Marumi Kawaye were the team's guts. Like Kozaki, they were

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Nev. Ted's Japanese was scanty, and Yasutake said "he worked like hell to do his fair share." Mamoru Noji was an Oregonian from Hood River, a town that would cover itself with disgrace in an incident that

ordered the Maui medic to Guadalcanal, where he arrived in October, 1942.

He then heard of another "lost" Nisei on Tonga Tabu, so he flew down and got him. This was Tateshi Miyasaki, a Kibei from the Presidio class, who stayed on Guadalcanal with Burden for nearly a year. Miyasaki had been driving a general's jeep, no one on Tonga having an idea of what to do with him.

Gilbert Ayres and Jerome Davis led out a team, headed for the 37th Division. Kazuo Komoto was its leader. With him were Dye Ogata, William Ishida, Frank Sanwo, George Tokunaga, Taro Asai, Haruo Ota, Kiyoto Shintaku, Tomoyoshi Uyeda and Seichi Okazaki.

Kai Rasmussen's people

\* Nisei got an unfair deal regarding advancement during the war, although 100 or so were commissioned in 1945 as a public relations ploy. Very few got commissions before then, and the author has made no special attempt to write in their NCO ratings. Despite their colossal combined accomplishments, few Nisei ended the war higher than Staff Sergeant, and most finished at a lower grade. Except where necessary for clarity, commissioned ranks are not used, especially since Caucasian officers rose an average of three grades working side-by-side with Nisei who rose hardly at all.

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Kibei. Their first-hand knowledge of Japan, joined with that of the two officers, was vital to the whole team's success. George Kayano, Ernest Hirai, Robert T. Kimura, William Kodama, Paul T. Tamaki, William S. Yamaki, Mitsuo Ichisaka, Tatsumi Kawamoto, Jack K. Nagano, Toshio Nakatsuru, Harry S. Okubo, Takeo T. Sekiya and Narihiko Yamanaka were also in the crew.

Adding color to it with their personalities were a judo expert named Masao Matsumoto, and a chicken-sexor from Fresno named Tada-shi Mori. Plus the lad from the "non-Japanese" part of San Francisco, Terry Takahashi, and Case A. "Casey" Kawamoto. Rounding off the team was a lad with the unlikely name of Elbridge K. Okazaki. This group would win a helmetful of medals. Some would stay on and make a career of the Army.

Five graduates were kept on as instructors. They were George Matsui, Ronald Chagami, Toshiyuki Sakai, John Kawachi, and Kan Tagami, the guy whose Oriental face had so terrified the drunk on Fisherman's Wharf. The quintet joined Noboru Tanimoto, who was Mike Sakamoto's cousin, on the Savage staff, which had begun to expand and deepen.

The Navy, late, was fighting its own prejudice against Japanese, and seeking teachers. Rasmussen's men had to move fast. They got Shoji Takimoto, George Yamamoto, Shizue Hamaura, Tetsuo Imagawa, Masato Morikawa, and Yutaka Munakata to join them, some being recruited out of concentration camps.

By the end of 1942, more than 100 Nisei had been dispatched to the Pacific. Some were on New Guinea and Guadalcanal at the moment their relatives were getting herded into concentration camps. Some already knew what it was to sell family possessions for a pittance, so confined parents would have some money in the camps.

There is a poignant Issei story woven in here about Walter Tanaka's dad, Tsunejiro, who was picked up by the FBI. A pioneer farmer, he was head of the Japanese Association at the San Luis Obispo at the time and had started the Japanese school there. Harrington's message: The Tanaka story mirrors those of other mainland Japanese (who were evacuated and lost everything, including what had been stored). "A lot of pap has been fed the American public over the years about how stoic, uncomplaining, persevering, dedicated and patriotic 'our Japanese' were. It is all just so much bushwah. Japanese were, it has slowly been brought out, as infuriated and enraged as American citizens of right ought to be." —Ed.

When viewed from Australia, the picture looked less bleak even to George Takekita, whose family lived in one of the rows and rows of tarpaper shacks that made up the Tule Lake concentration camp. David Swift's men set up shop for ATIS in a place called Indooroopilly, just a few miles outside Brisbane.

All were housed, not in tents or barracks, but in a

sprawling mansion. Other than having outside toilets, it was luxurious. Men bunked two to a room, except for corporals and sergeants, each of whom had a room to himself. To top things off, a civilian couple worked in the mansion as cook and houseboy. Set in the southern

termines who it was safe to let out of the camps. So, bureaucrats devised a form which they felt, if completed, would do the job. It was a double-barreled, gold-plated disaster! Labeled "Application for Leave Clearance," it was distributed indiscriminately to all confinees.

## Questions 27 & 28 on the list were, are, and probably always will be referred to by Japanese Americans as the "Yes-Yes, No-No" questions.

hemisphere at about the same latitude Hawaii occupies in the northern one, Indooroopilly was blessed with sub-tropical climate.

ATIS was not quite accepted yet. It was feeling its way along. The pace of work was not frenetic. During the free hours, the Nisei used some of their per diem to feast in Brisbane on Chinese food.

IF THE 10 Nisei in Australia found life pleasant, there were 10 in the U.S. who did not. It all came about because of one of those incredibly stupid errors the mindless Washington bureaucracy regularly makes so that people like the author may continue to call it a mindless Washington bureaucracy.

Not long after 110,000 Japanese Americans were locked up, some bright mind realized that this had been a pretty stupid thing to do. So had been the discharging of Nisei from the Army. The Navy simply refused to take in AJA's, the Army stalled them off, and Selective Service wouldn't draft them.

Meanwhile, crops were in danger. A suggestion was made that Mexican labor be imported for the harvest. Even Californians preferred Japanese to "those stinking greasers," so some inmates went out to work the harvest. They liked the idea of making more than \$19 per month. When they returned peacefully, it occurred to someone that an awful lot of troops were tied up watching people who made no trouble, so it was decided to let younger ones out to attend college, plus others who could get employment away from the West Coast area. Talk had started about making an all-Nisei fighting team out of the unit at Camp McCoy, too.

Some kind of filter system needed to be set up, to de-

Rage, rebellion, rack and ruin resulted.

Question 27 and 28 on the list were, are, and probably always will be referred to by Japanese Americans as the "Yes-Yes, No-No" questions.

No. 28 asked "Are you willing to serve in the armed forces of the United States on combat duty, wherever ordered?" This query absolutely bowled over Issei men, nearly all of whom were past the mid-century mark. As for women, both Issei and Nisei, they could either wag puzzled heads or grin at it. Teenage girls just giggled.

Nisei men of draft age, some of them recent discharges from the Army, some recently turned down by recruiters, and all rejected by their draft boards, wrote qualified answers like, "It depends on whether you are going to keep violat-

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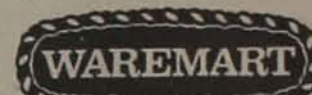
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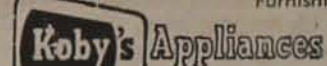
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ing my Constitutional rights by keeping me locked up here," instead of yes or no. Lots, feeling they'd been harassed, herded and humiliated enough, scornfully refused to answer the question at all. On paper, at least. Many did answer it verbally, some responses suggesting insertion of the questionnaire into a bodily orifice the U.S. government did not possess.

No. 28 was truly a marvel. It asked, "Will you swear unqualified allegiance to the United States of America and faithfully defend the United States from any or all attack by foreign or domestic sources, and forswear any form of allegiance or obedience to the Japanese emperor, or any other foreign government, power, or organization?"

One can imagine Walter Tanaka's father, Tsunejiro, who left Japan 42 years earlier, trying to fathom this question. The United States had rejected him. Its citizens had discriminated against him. Its school system had refused to educate him. Its police had allowed his last few possessions to be stolen. He had nothing to show for four decades of work. Nothing except his *jus sanguinis*, his right of blood, to be a citizen of Japan, the only land that wanted him. Walter Tanaka's father had not read Edward Everett Hale's "Man Without a Country," but he had no intention of being such a man. No Issei wanted to be such a man. Nearly all either refused to answer Question No. 28, or answered in the negative.

At Camp Savage, Kazunobu Tamura was given a set of orders for himself and nine other linguists. Paragraph 2 of a commendation all 10 received, read in part, "Your assignment, no doubt, at times was very difficult and trying and required you to exercise the utmost of your ability in understanding and judgment in working towards the objective of your team's mission."

This piece of gobbledygook went into Tamura's service record, plus those of Edward H. Aburamen, Isamu Adachi, William T. Ishida, Akira Kato, Hisato Kinoshita, Fred H. Odnaka, Kenneth M. Uni, Kazu Yoshihata and Taro Tsukahara. Of all the rotten jobs the Army has ever come up with, this assignment certainly rated some special award for lowness. The 10 Nisei were assigned to do *loyalty checks* associated with the infamous questionnaire, in concentration camps. They were to do this while wearing the uniform of a country that oppressed them, their relatives and their friends.

One cannot but attempt to guess the feelings of Fred Odnaka. He worked it out so he could be sent to the camp at Granada, Colo. That would give him a chance to visit his imprisoned parents there, before asking for an overseas assignment.

Odnaka might have asked for the Wyoming concentration camp, too, but he knew he could only get one. His wife, Fuki, was locked up at Heart Mountain.

### CHAPTER 5

THE 1942 winter could have become one of discontent. Although the war's tide was turned at Midway, a mighty Japanese effort had nearly turned it back. By fall two more American aircraft carriers, Hornet and Wasp, were on the bottom and Roosevelt was sounding



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public sentiment. Off-year elections were coming up. The President needed to know how much strength his party would lose if he pulled the stymied marines off Guadalcanal.

Arthur Castle and 13 other linguists sailed under Golden Gate Bridge just as Australians began pushing Gen. Tomotaro Horii's troops back over the Stanley range. To lend a hand, MacArthur's air chief laid on America's first mass airlift. Cramming most of the 32nd Division into bombers, transports and whatever commercial craft he could get his hands on, Gen. George Kenney had them flown from Australian bases to Port Moresby. By Sept. 25 part of the division was protecting the Aussie left flank, keeping the enemy off-balance by constantly threatening his flank and rear. On Guadalcanal, meanwhile, marines were doing no better than holding. They were chopping up the Japanese there, a job made easy because the enemy believed in charging.

October found Horii's troops doing *tenshin*, making what Japanese preferred to call a strategic "turned advance" rather than a retreat, falling back on Buna. The airstrip there had been mauled by Kenney's bombers. It was the job of Allied infantry to keep pressure on so it couldn't be repaired and try to take it for their own planes' use. On Oct. 6 a re-

markable man named Sidney Mashbir arrived to take over ATIS, and a week after that 2,852 soldiers of the Americal Division joined the marines on Guadalcanal. Now 23,058 Americans were on the islands, facing 5,000 sick and starving Japanese. Nimitz thought the enemy forces tripled their actual number, and figured he needed a total of 35-40,000 troops to defeat them.

Nimitz emulated MacArthur on Oct. 18, replacing a flag officer with one more aggressive. William Halsey took over the South Pacific naval forces. MacArthur ordered another airlift, now that his men knew how to manage one, and put more troops on the north side of New Guinea. Fred Nishitsuji and Bill Hirashima were with one pincer trying to take Gona and Buna, while James Tsumura was working his way over the mountains with part of the 32nd making up another pincer. The three quickly learned about being wet round-the-clock, rattling with malaria, feeling clothing grow moldy, and having shoes rot off in a week. What they endured caused design of better equipment for later South Pacific foot soldiers. Meanwhile, they subsisted on bully beef and hardtack, with occasional rice.

Japanese air and sea efforts accomplished their ends, although at a price, but

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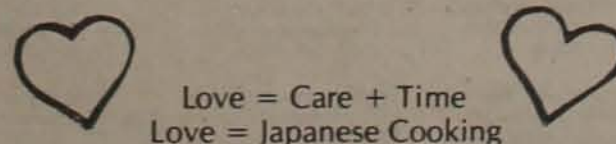
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Americans won the ground struggle. This makes an interesting story because war-time writers did not get the full truth of it. As a result, neither did the American public. Marines got all the Guadalcanal headlines, documenting a Thorpe-ism that "History is a collection of lies agreed upon." USMC accounts of the Battle of Bloody Ridge, which saved Henderson Field, credits its own members for doing the job, under a pigeon-breasted colonel named Puller. Truth to tell, Army men saved the marines' necks. Specifically, Army men of the Americal Division. More specifically, its 164th Regiment. Or, right to the point, that regiment's 2nd and 3rd Battalions.

When the Japanese threatened in October, marines to the east of Henderson Field were exhausted and their ranks thin, so the 2nd Battalion was given a flank to hold. It did. Puller's lines were broken by charging Japanese on the night of Oct. 24. The 3rd Battalion was fed in, amid pouring rain, to stiffen them. It did. Next night another Japanese attack came, but the Kawaguchi Detachment was stopped in its tracks, 1,000 members

killed. That was it. Henderson Field was never threatened again. Overwhelming numbers of American troops began to pour ashore under the protection of its planes. They drove the enemy toward the island's western end.

Strategically, the battle was over, although fighting on the island continued for another 14 weeks. Guadalcanal was American, and both sides knew it.

During November's second week, the Americal Division killed another 300 of the enemy on Guadalcanal. Paul Sakai, of Seattle, landed in North Africa with the 9th Infantry Division as sergeant-major of one of its battalions. Sakai almost was suspended from active duty when a dispatch from Washington ordered reassignment of men with German, Italian and Japanese surnames. "They missed names like Ohara," recalled Sakai, "thinking the guys were Irish." Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy told Washington what it could do with its message and took his division overseas intact. Sakai may have been first Nisei in combat on

that side of the world.

Japanese on New Guinea lost their leader that week. Rushing down-mountain to take charge of his forces at Buna, General Horii was swept from a raft in the Kumusi River, and drowned.

During the third week of November, an interesting group of 14 Nisei from Camp Manzanar, California, volunteered for MIS school. One of them, Koji Ariyoshi, would later be accused of being a Communist.

Another, Karl Yoneda, had been one for 15 years, and in fact ran for Assemblyman in San Francisco on the Party ticket. Yoneda told the author he didn't challenge the concentration camps because "the immediate objective was to destroy Fascism, and thus there was no choice for us but to 'accept' the U.S. racist dictum at that time over Hitler's ovens and Japan's military rapists of Nanking."

Ariyoshi and Yoneda were kicked off San Francisco's docks, where both were longshoremen, after Dec. 7. They did not fight Evacuation, their rationale being that all human rights, not just their own Constitutional ones, would be lost if the Axis powers were victorious. Yoneda, a Kibei, was actually a deserter from the Imperial Army, having gone over the hill and back to the States when drafted in 1926.

Many Nisei volunteered from concentration camps, tough as the decision was. Pro-Japan factions made pro-American individuals the targets of their contempt or worse. Yoshiaki Hirabayashi, fearful of this life after volunteering, got himself locked up overnight in Manzanar's MP office for safety. Families of some Nisei were ostracized when their sons answered the call for MIS school. The situation was puzzling. Volunteers were wanted for that assignment, but no other.

While troops on Guadalcanal developed a giant offensive against Japanese in the island, those on New Guinea worked to defeat the enemy in the Buna-Gona-Sanananda area. It was needed for the airstrips from which to launch further Allied advances. Things hadn't been going too well on New Guinea, and MacArthur decided to have a firsthand look. The war showed his use of airpower to be more knowledgeable than any other U.S. officer's. He insisted on control of the skies before each forward thrust. On the day after Thanksgiving, MacArthur was on New Guinea, staff officers worried about his being tired, but he still had to defeat the Japanese. He took the 32nd Division out from under Australian control and told

Gen. Eichelberger, "Go out there, Bob, and take Buna, or don't come back alive!" Soon after that American troops got their hands on flame-

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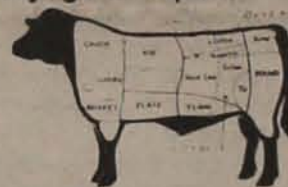
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