

'A Day of Remembrance' observed coast to coast

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Portland, Ore.

Estimates of the crowd for Portland's first-ever "Day of Remembrance" held Feb. 17 range from 1,200 to 1,500 Nikkei and friends.

While Issei comprised the first third of the seated audience at the Multnomah County Expo Center,

more Issei and other Nisei occupied the remaining two-thirds.

One observer commented the afternoon event reminded her of "a pre-war Issei community meeting," with lots of speechmaking and children running around. Another Nisei commented, "We saw a lot of people we haven't seen

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Sen. James Mills speaking on behalf of the California State Senate at the Capitol ceremony, presents statewide Day of Remembrance resolution to JACL. (From left): Sen. Diane Watson, Assemblyman Floyd Mori, John Tateishi, Sen. Mills, Sen. Milton Marks, Sen. Ralph Dills and Assemblyman John Knox.

—Photo by David Takashima



Dr. Clifford Uyeda acknowledges resolution for JACL. With him are (from left) Floyd Shimomura, Karl Nobuyuki, Tateishi; Uyeda; Sen. Dills, Assemblyman Mori, Sen. Marks and Assemblyman Knox.

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Min Yasui, identified in the U.S. Supreme Court books as a challenger of the WW2 evacuation of Japanese, spoke at both the Portland and Tanforan ceremonies.

Photo by Gary Akiyama



Oregon Nisei Vets color guard at Portland's Day of Remembrance. (From left): Toshi Kuge, Ed Fujii, Shig Hinatsu and Homer Yasui. Photo by Gary Akiyama

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The crowd at Tanforan's ceremonies wear name tags like those used in the Evacuation of Nikkei from West Coast.

JACL to draft its redress bill this weekend

BY HARRY HONDA
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In wake of the ceremony and coverage endowed upon "A Day of Remembrance" around the nation two weekends ago, the time has come for the Japanese American Citizens League to hatch its redress bill to be filed in the 96th

Congress.

The redress bill seeks partial compensation for the wrongs inflicted by the U.S. government during World War II—the arbitrary relocation and unjust detention—of some 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry because of their race.

The question facing the National JACL Redress Committee, which is meeting this weekend (March 3-4) here at JACL Headquarters, is what kind of a redress bill to draft. After years of discussion and especially after meeting with four Nikkei legislators in Washington last month

(Feb. 16 PC), three concepts prevail:

1—An IRS check-off plan, which was initially espoused by the Seattle JACL evacuation reparations committee five years ago.

2—A direct appropriations plan, as proposed in the guidelines approved by the National JACL last summer. (This proposal calls for \$25,000 for each eligible detainee or direct heir who also may renounce the disbursement, and that

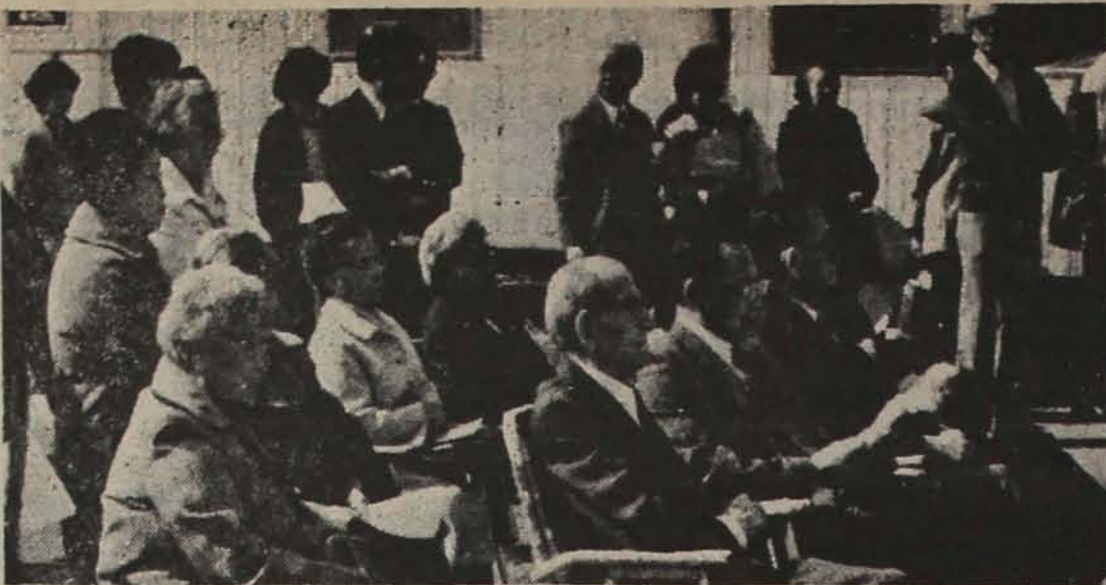
any unclaimed or renounced monies be placed in a special trust to be administered by a Japanese American Commission appointed by the President.)

3—Establishing a congressional committee to study the redress question, a procedure similar to House-Senate efforts to consider how aboriginal Hawaiians should be compensated for substantial wrongs committed by the U.S. government in the 1893 overthrow of the Hawaiian Monarchy.

John Tateishi, redress committee chairperson, commented there were "advantages and disadvantages" with any of these plans but that it was now time "to bite the bullet" and decide on a draft of the redress bill.

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SACRAMENTANS REMEMBER Feb. 19. John North, 95, (center foreground) helped build the Camp Walerga, the initial detention center for Sacramento-area Japanese American evacuees in 1942, and

now a housing tract by Interstate 80 and Palm Ave. To his left is Frank Hiyama, spearheading JACL efforts to have a historic plaque placed at the campsite.

Sacramento Bee Photo by Thelma Burnside

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since camp days."

The Oregon Nisei Vets presented the colors of the U.S. and the State of Oregon. Jim Takeshima blew the bugle call as Homer Yasui, Ed Fujii, Shig Hinatsu, and Dr. Toshi Kuge marched forward. Nola Sugai Bogle sang the "Star Spangled Banner" as the guard dipped the Oregon colors.

Two Issei speakers spoke in Japanese. Masaki Kinoshita recalled that "Four months (in the detention center) seemed like ten years." He added: "I sincerely pray that this will never happen again to Niseis and Sanseis who are American citizens." Mrs. Harue Akiyama brought back the terror of FBI house arrest for her husband, who was not permitted to leave his import store for ten days under 24-hour surveillance. The FBI held pistols drawn on her even when she went to the toilet, she said.

Mayor Neil Goldschmidt made a strong statement supporting redress of the wrongs of the camps: "We must convey lessons, and we must as a community, as a nation, build support for a position that says, 'never again, never again.' ... Remembering the past is not an automatic safeguard. Memory is not a panacea. It can lull us—you, me, our friends, our neighbors—into a sense of false security. We gather today not merely to build a memory, but I hope to forge an alliance amongst all the peoples of this land to be

sure that 37 years from now there will be no need for this people or any other people to have their Day of Remembrance. We should never do it again."

Min Yasui, the day's main speaker, declared: "It is our duty and our obligation to put this country right. We know today that this country is trying to make amends. We owe it to our country to help make those kinds of amends." Min answered Sen. Hayakawa's assertion that the camps were good for Japanese and for our protection: "I say to him, until you have walked in my moccasins, don't tell me what my troubles are!" Portland responded with spontaneous applause.

County Commissioner Gladys McCoy, on behalf of the Multnomah County Historical Sites Project, presented the plaque to Dr. Toshi Kuge, a community leader, who has pressed for such a plaque for nearly two years. Dr. Kuge read the plaque text. He then urged all the Nisei veterans present to stand. They were applauded. He also introduced the parents of Roger Okamoto, a Sansei born in the Portland detention center, who later

gave his life in the service in Vietnam. Dr. Kuge then closed by announcing the Vets had reached their goal in raising funds for Sansei-Yonsei scholarships. He praised the Sansei for "their ideas, their energy, and their imagination," and said, "I'm sure that we're going to leave this country in good hands." He added, "This program today really makes me feel good and all of us Nikkei feel good."

Poet-professor Lawson Fusao Inada read a poem he had written for the occasion, "Grandfather's Song".

In Sacramento, the California Legislature on Friday (Feb. 16) marked the 37th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066 with the House Joint Resolution co-authored by Assemblymen S. Floyd Mori and Paul Bannai and signed by over 80 of the 119 members of the legislature.

The half-hour ceremony was described by longtime observers as a "very rare occurrence" as the legislative pause on the Assembly floor saw framed copies of the resolution

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Photo by Ken Shiotani

NEW YORK JACL members receive "A Day of Remembrance" proclamation issued by Mayor Edward Koch at City Hall. In the picture are (from left) George Yuzawa, human-civil rights committee chairperson; Philip Tajitsu Nash, redress committee chairperson; Herbert Rickman, special assistant to the Mayor; Ruby Yoshino Schaar, chapter president; and Riki Ito, vice president. Calling the camp experience "one of the dark pages in the history of our nation", the Mayor urged New Yorkers "to reaffirm our belief in the viability of the basic constitutional principles of justice for each individual American"

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Washington

Nearly 400 have been nominated by various JACL chapters for listing in the first edition of the Japanese American Resources Registry, a compilation undertaken to have available to the public and private sector a list of Japanese Americans for appointments of various kind, it was revealed by this past week by Seiko Wakabayashi, JARR committee chairperson.

Chapters have until March 31 to submit to JACL Headquarters nominations for the JARR First Edition, expected to be compiled by this summer. This is the final extension of deadline for this edition, it was stressed.

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In quest of 1,000 names

By HARRY HONDA

A good idea that no one has faulted is being defied by the foibles of human nature—apparent disinterest, probably linked with lack of communication.

When the concept of a talent bank was taken up years ago in JACL, the sheer task of organizing the search and beating the bushes for response was formidable, especially for staff with its limited number of available hands and other projects of higher priority; thus, it has been on the back-burner—till last summer.

Mrs. Seiko Wakabayashi, Eastern District governor, took up the challenge. She devised a simple two-page questionnaire for the Japanese American Resource Registry (JARR), to be made available to public officials and corporate executives in search of Japanese Americans to fill prospective appointments.

The idea to have the list of nominations published was to give the rest of the chapters an idea of whom to nominate and coming up with the addresses so that Headquarters can send the nominee the form and a letter why the JARR is being compiled. While some separation was made by occupation or industry, the nominations from chapters thus far fail to indicate the line of business. This list is by no means exhaustive for a given community as some may have declined to be perched with others who might be tapped for community service by government—being named to citizen advisory groups at various levels of government, or possible appointment in the private sector.

Deadline for the first edition is now March 31 for chapter nominations reaching JACL Headquarters. Seiko thought there'd be a 1,000 names in by this time—had every chapter sent in at least ten nominations. Some chapters have done an eminent job coming through with twice or thrice as many.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Clifford Uyeda

Hayakawa

Senator Hayakawa's frankness is his asset, but his source of information needs serious reappraisal. It makes him look bad, sound careless and grossly insensitive.

Japanese Americans in the latter 1940s had just been released from years of incarceration. Many were jobless and without means of support. While they were destitute, disillusioned and depressed, a pittance was dangled before their eyes. Take it or leave it! And never come back for any more! That was the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948. It was a drop of water to a dehydrated person where a cupful should have been offered. Many former evacuees could not see beyond the moistening of their parched lips.

That Japanese Americans are today living in the Midwest and in the Eastern seaboard states evades the issue of why they are there. I'm sure the Senator would not hold the view that slavery was justified and indeed good because it brought Africans to the United States where their present lot is better than those whose ancestors remained in Africa.

If Japanese Americans are to remain silent about the abuses they encounter, if Japanese Americans can only be accepted by being subservient citizens, if Japanese Americans believe that any prejudice against them "is really wiped out", and if this is what is meant by "ancestral traditions of pride and self-dependence", then we admit we have come a long way in cutting aside the second-class mentality with which we were forced to live.

I do not believe any American can filibuster in the Senate chamber against constitutional guarantees and responsibilities and expect to win.

It was just a short time ago that the Senator said that since the Supreme Court upheld the Evacuation it was not only justified but good for us. Now he has stated that he is sympathetic to overturning the Supreme Court decisions which justified the curfew of the Japanese Americans. That's quite a change—at least a 90-degree turn. Another 90 degrees and he will have completely reversed his former stance. We hope that day is not far away.



DOWN TO EARTH: Karl Nobuyuki

More to Remember

keynote speaker at Tanforan. He was coming in from Portland where he had just completed a similar event. Min looked sharp. I was glad that my sons would have the chance to meet him before the program. My boys were a bit nervous about the whole thing. It almost felt as though they were attending a funeral rather than a commemorative service. We dropped Min off at the podium and parked the car. We had a long walk to the site of the ceremony and not much was said.

The rainy San Francisco skies cleared up for the "Day of Remembrance". A bright blue sky was framed by soft white clouds. The weather was perfect. The ceremony went well. Because I was busy running around taking snapshots of the gath-

ering, I didn't have too much of a chance to get any feedback from my kids about what they were hearing. We had to rush home so I could take off for the office and meet with the planners of the event, and I didn't get much of a chance to talk about it with the boys. All I remember was their comment that while they stood for two hours, they "didn't even notice it".

The other night I got home before their bedtime. I had hoped to spend this evening with the kids to get their reaction to the Day of Remembrance ceremony. I didn't have to worry about it. As I walked into the house, I heard the stereo playing the song "Tanforan" by the Sansei group Yokohama, California. My wife Hiro told me Craig had been playing the

album all week.

Before I even had a chance to take off my coat, my sons were showing me a collection of news articles they had compiled in a scrapbook on Tanforan and kept asking me if I remembered to bring home a poster. My oldest boy told me that he talked with the social studies teacher at school about the Tanforan event, and she told him that there were many people who are ashamed to talk about Evacuation, even today. He asked me if I would be willing to come to school and talk to his class about Japanese Americans. He asked me for a copy of the "Teachers Resource Manual" on Japanese Americans and asked a lot of questions and expressed his own personal feelings about the Day of

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'Yankee Samurai'

Editor:

Joe Harrington brings out at length the exploits of Arthur Komori and Richard Sakakida, intelligence operatives serving under Gen. MacArthur on Bataan and Corregidor since pre-war days. I had often heard about their heroic exploits, but this was the first time I read it in print. Any Japanese American would love to read the story.

I believe, however, it is not a representative story of Nisei GI's. The bulk of them came from evacuation camps where they were stripped of citizenship status and classified in the draft as 4-C—a classification rendered only to enemy aliens. Yet, from behind the barbed wire, linguists volunteered for overseas duty. I remember a recruiting officer tell-

ing us in Manzanar in 1942, "We need volunteers for dangerous missions behind the enemy line." Almost a hundred responded to the call, only to be turned down because of their lack of knowledge of Japanese language.

Thus, when one tells about the Nisei GI's, he has to touch upon their background—life in concentration camps. For instance, it is important to relate how the JACL campaigned among the evacuees for re-institution of the draft system for Nisei—a prerequisite for regaining the full citizenship status. This was not a popular cause in that darkest period of time. The JACL carried on and never faltered. It bolstered patriotism and the spirit of self-sacrifice among Nisei. It provided a guiding light for bewildered

Nisei in making a crucial decision of a lifetime. For this endeavor, JACL leaders were ambushed and beaten up by pro-Japan gangs within the compounds of institutions operated by the U.S. Government which offered a little or no protection for them. However, their sacrifice was not in vain, for from there soon emerged hordes of heroic Nisei combat teams.

The role of the MIS school must likewise be evaluated in this perspective. As far as we were concerned, it was not merely a branch of G-2, U.S. Army. It had a far greater meaning. The MIS, together with the 100th Infantry and 442nd Combat Team, became the bulwark of pro-American influence among the resident Japanese in America. We were motivated. We did our utmost in dis-

playing our identity and capacity under the inspiring leadership of John Aiso.

In concluding I would like to call attention to a passage whereby Harrington states that Caucasian students of the MIS School were trained to detect whether or not the Nisei were translating and interrogating accurately and not deceiving our intelligence people with false information. This is indeed deplorable. The U.S. Army owes us veterans a public apology for this double standard policy. I feel particularly strong about this because Ken Omura, first Nisei killed in action in the South Pacific, was my best friend and Frank Hachiya, killed in action in Leyte, was my classmate who sat next to me.

JAMES ODA
Fontana, Ca.

'Sen. Hayakawa'

Editor:

The famous Senator Hayakawa, who is known for his sleeping in the halls of Congress and who should have remained sleeping, woke up and stated, among other things, that Japanese Americans have no rights to reparations (Feb. 9 PC). How can the Senator state such a thing when the Japanese Americans have done no wrong, and it was the U.S. government that committed mass violation of our constitution by imprisoning 110,000 Japanese Americans without due process of law?

Here is a Senator who also gave JACL a tremendous amount of flack in the 1950s when Japanese Americans were working for passage of the Walter-McCarran Act to get our parents naturalized and our semantics prof. stated then that it was a prejudicial bill because of other inequities to other minorities, but when the bill was passed (over President Truman's veto in 1952), who was first

in line to get his citizenship but our Canadian-born Nisei professor!

But, ladies and gentlemen, can you imagine if this man were incarcerated without due process of law and put into a concentration camp? What a ruckus he would be raising. But since he was overlooked at the time because he was a full professor at the University of Chicago and a member of other reputable organizations, he did not have to endure any of these uncomfortable hardships, and he kept on making money all along. There are countless persons whose productive lives were curtailed, and many of us were not able to get the maximum benefits of education and earnings, much less being able to recover from the anguish and degradation of incarceration. So I think that anyone who interviews good old sleepy Sen. Hayakawa ought to remember that he is not a victim of these injustices.

DR. FRANK F. SAKAMOTO
Chicago, Ill.

'Esther Rhoads'

Editor:

I was deeply saddened to learn (Feb. 16 PC) of the passing of an old friend, Esther Rhoads.

It was her encouragement and understanding of my purpose, many years ago, that I was able to establish my International Hostess Homes.

Through this humanitarian effort, we were able to care for hundreds of war orphans, help many a bewildered "war bride", and to this day, have assisted hundreds of serious students to attain University degrees.

It is gratifying to receive letters from my former stu-

dents in Japan telling me of their many accomplishments.

The world is a better place because of Esther Rhoads. I know the Japanese community will never forget her. She touched many lives. We will all miss her greatly.

MRS. MARIE BELT
North Hollywood, Ca.

'Short Notes'

Editor:

On behalf of the Stockton JACL and "Committee for Reception Honoring Miss Elizabeth Humbargar", the wonderful coverage (Nov. 3 PC) on Miss Humbargar was most gratifying.

RUBY T. DOBANA
Stockton JACL

35 YEARS AGO

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

March 4, 1944

Feb. 15—Chicago Sun Times editorial sees economic rivalry as basis for anti-evacuee feelings in California.

Feb. 21—Over 400 Nisei evacuees in camps inducted by U.S. Army; only 7 fail to report since Selective Service call-up Jan. 21.

Feb. 24—Five Granada evacuees plead guilty to draft evasion.

Feb. 26—Amache WRA camp council seeks restoration of Nisei rights, Issei naturalization rights, etc.

Feb. 27—Hearst papers attempt to smear Nisei GIs at

Camp Grant, Ill.; Rep. Parnell Thomas of New Jersey, bitter critic of WRA program, demands removal of Nisei orderlies at Camp Grant station hospital.

Feb. 28—Nisei 100th Infantry first to storm Cassino, captures San Michele by night; on front for 28 days.

Feb. 29—Nisei (Sgt Gary Hisaka of Hilo) defies Nazis, rescues wounded U.S. Army major lying in rain in Cassino battle.

March 1—San Francisco Chronicle writer William Flynn finds only half of 112,000 west coast evacuees intend to return after the war, even if permitted.

'From Nobuyuki Nakajima'

Higher Education—V

Getting through college is not an easy task; it requires persistence and resilience. But, not everybody has the physical and mental stamina to succeed. Then, how do we manage with our limited ability?

First, on physical stamina: When I was in the late teens and early twenties, I had more energy to burn than necessary. Yet, I was impressed by feeble-looking fellows excelling me by far in athletics. Obviously they were using their energy more effectively. Running around briskly does not necessarily lead to accomplishments, but we often fall in this pitfall, especially when we are an industrious type.

In contrast to physical limitations, the mental stamina is more difficult to recognize. It is sometimes misunderstood as one who lacks motivation or is just lazy. Staying with one subject too long taxes one's mental ability. If we allow extraneous thoughts to disturb our concentration, study becomes more difficult. What are the extraneous thoughts? These may be the "peace", "social justice" or "racial prejudice"; by themselves, they are rather noble concerns. Yet, if we are hung up on them, these thoughts can ruin us, just as any other distraction can.

My best advice on the mental stamina is to recognize the problem. If you have it, seek proper counselling, instead of keeping it to yourself. This is a problem which one may overcome.



EAST WIND: Bill Marutani



Before It's Too Late

never-ending cornucopia, who realizes the value of knowledge and how helpless one can be without it—for such a Nisei it is sorrowfully grating to see one's offspring boot the ball away, so to speak. If the offspring were intellectually handicapped, that would be one thing; the Nisei parent would understand, accept it and let it go at that. The tragedy is that invariably the Sansei offspring is well-equipped; the problem is that he/she doesn't appear to give a damn.

I DON'T KNOW how a Nisei parent conveys to his/her offspring the critical importance of arming oneself with knowledge, to absorb high skills, to broaden one's mind and thereby his/her life's horizons, to see intellectual vistas far beyond the television set, to have one's mind stimulated by something more than idle chatter, to be attuned to appreciate the finer things in this wide world—be it mathematical principles, philosophy, culture, new ideas, the meaning (and, yes, the mystery as well) of life itself. But for the present, and personally I'd settle for a desire on the part of the Sansei offspring to appreciate the need for material enrichment, as a starter. All too many Sansei offspring do not appear to be aware of the cold, economic reality of attained material stability. As my Issei parent summed it up: "If one could be a success by taking it easy, everyone would be a success."

IN OUR FAMILY we seem to have a couple of offspring who seem to be proceeding (if one wishes to call it that) on the principle of Oh-what-the-hell. And as a parent who has been "through the mill" (haven't we all?) and who therefore hopes to have his offspring take it from there, it is somewhat dis-

couraging to see them so blase, naive, not motivated. During the course of broaching the concern, the Sansei will hit you with the argument-stopper that they have to make their own mistakes to learn. (And of course they do; but do they have to start from point zero? Can't they at least start somewhere near where their parents have brought them?)

I REMEMBER my Issei parents urging me on with something about "shusse". They never sat down and explained the precise meaning of the term, and to this day I'm not sure of the precise definition.* However, I sensed that it meant that I'd better get off my duff and hustle if I were to survive with some dignity in this world. And as I looked about at my fellow Nisei, I knew they, too, had been admonished with something akin to "shusse". While we Nisei have come a ways from the abyss that was once our lot, at the same time there are many unrealized goals, many achievements denied, and dreams that yet remain a dream. And having brought our boat up to the modest point that we have, it is indeed sad to see our progeny decline to take over the oars—and permit the boat to drift back, downstream.

THIS PLAINT IS articulated more out of sorrow than anything else, the tragedy of seeing great opportunities being kicked away. In the meantime, time is passing by so quickly, while those Sansei progeny drift, backward. There was something else our Issei parents warned us about: it was called "yudan". But how does a Nisei parent convey that concept to a lackadaisical Sansei?

* The jiten defines "shusse" as to "go up in the world." Indeed, that is the literal translation of the two characters (出世) that make up the term.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

At the Woolworth's

Denver, Colo.

On a stroll recently through Woolworth's, the store that gets a lot of my business, I noticed a jumbled pile of books on a counter. They had been offered at three for a dollar, but now in apparent desperation they were marked down to 25 cents apiece. Now, it costs a quarter to buy a candy bar in a vending machine, so a book for a quarter seemed to be an astonishing bargain.

Well, as it turned out, there weren't many bargains in that pile of cats and dogs. Publishers make some ghastly mistakes in taking on books that few people will buy and read, and some very bad examples of faulty judgment were represented in this closing out sale.

But as I pawed through these literary rejects, I found a slim paperback titled *Our Oriental Americans*. It was one of a series about American ethnic minorities published by the Webster Division of the McGraw-Hill Book Co. The one on the Orientals was written by Dr. Ed Ritter, managing editor of *The Daily Independent of Corona, Calif.*; Helen Ritter, identified as a columnist and writer from *Riverside, Calif.*, and Dr. Stanley Spector, director of the Committee on Asian Studies of Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. It was published in 1965. There was no way to tell what the book had sold for back in 1965, but I bought it for a quarter plus 2 cents tax.

It turned out to be a somewhat simplified but generally interesting and accurate history of the Chinese, Japanese and Filipinos in the United States. One notable error: Among those quoted is "Seattle-born William Hosagawa (Ho-sah-gawah)—who is now associate editor of the *Denver post*."

The book contains photographs of a youthful-looking Saburo Kido, a youthful-looking Dan Inouye, a youthful-looking

Larry Tajiri and sundry others. Masao Satow is quoted at length, which indicates the authors depended on him for much of their source material.

The Japanese American story is told succinctly in about 40 pages, covering the Issei migration, the problems of Nisei assimilation, the Evacuation and postwar readjustment, the Sansei outlook, and the notable achievements of all Japanese Americans.

I am not sure where the authors found the passage, but Mr. Hosagawa is quoted as describing the Nisei of the late 1930s in this manner:

"In our youth, we kept asking ourselves solemn questions like: What is my mission as a Nisei? What can I do to win acceptance? We were asking ourselves these weighty and virtually unanswerable questions at a time when our Caucasian classmates were concerned almost entirely with such matters as: Can Dempsey beat Tunney in a rematch? Who's going to play in the Rose Bowl? Will Prohibition ever be repealed?"

"If many of us appeared to be overly serious and owl-eyed, we probably were just that. Like most introspective persons, we were shy and sensitive. We felt people were discriminating against us, and the truth is some of them certainly were. I know what it's like to go from door to door, diploma in hand, in search of a job and get nothing but polite brushoffs for no reason other than my skin was the wrong shade.

"But if other individuals wanted to be friendly perhaps we frightened most of them away because we were so terribly self-conscious, so desperately desirous of making good, so deeply aware that we were different, so anxious to avoid being hurt."

Well, it was worth a quarter, I guess, to learn that Mr. Hosagawa had written that somewhere, sometime, for Woolworth's shoppers to read.

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Remembrance. We made a tape of the album "Yokohama, California" that evening, and as I handed him the tape, he looked at me and said, "You know, Dad, I'm really proud of what I am."

February 19 is indeed a day of remembrance. And now—at least for me—there is even more to remember.

EDITOR'S NOTE:—"Yokohama, California" is a record album featuring Michael Okagaki, Keith Inouye, Peter Horikoshi, Robert Kikuchi-Yngogo and Ms. Sam Takimoto and is available on Bamboo Records (1977).

BY THE BOARD: Cathy Hironaka

Lack of Staff Hurts

Dayton, Ohio

We are already into the second quarter of the first year of the 1979-80 biennium. And many are still wondering about the youth, JAYS and NYCC. What have they been up to?

To date, very little has been done to initiate any program for individual youth chapters from my point of view: a nationwide perspective. One reason for this can be attributed to lack of staff personnel. (Announcement of job opening for two regional youth workers appears in this issue.—Ed.)

To give further insight into some of the problems encountered by youth since July, when the JAYS had their national convention (a week prior to the seniors' at Salt Lake City), here are some highlights of that convention—which, unfortunately, was attended by very few JACLers.

1—Regionalism is the key for the future growth of JAYS. Youth said this would best fit our needs.

NYCC believes in decentralization because:

a) Continuing decline in the number of youth participation (loss of four youth chapters in the Midwest alone). A "local" (or regional) person could revitalize the chapter; a person closer to the picture could also express program needs better.

b) Youths today are fac-

ing "double duty", being policy makers and implementers as well.

c) Socio-eco-environmental settings across the country are too varied for a single person (from National) to deal with; yet a cooperative effort can be initiated to exchange ideas and resources to ensure national cohesiveness.

2—Validity of having two regional youth directors, as proposed at the JACL Convention and found acceptable, remains untested but which the youth feels can be justified.

Without staffing for youth, the budget has not been touched. Had there been staffing, about \$11,000 would have been expended by this time.

At the EXECOM meeting in January, the NYCC proposed a National Leadership Development Workshop for Youth to focus on a historical perspective of the JAYS, promote leadership skills for JAY presidents and others. It would enable current JAYS to grasp the past, present and what to expect in the future.

Since we realize tight monetary restraint affects the entire JACL operation, the NYCC is looking into all funding alternatives. It is only hoped that other JACL programs exercise the same care and consideration for the budget. #

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presented at the Assembly podium to:

Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national JACL president; Floyd Shimomura, national JACL vice president for public affairs; Karl Nobuyuki, national executive director; and John Tateishi, chairman, national JACL redress committee.

Assemblyman Mori acknowledged the overwhelming support of the Legislature in observing "A Day of Remembrance" and explained why it was essential "not to forget the injustices which can be inflicted upon our own citizens in the heat of anti-foreign sentiment."

"Just the other day," Mori added, "while lunching with school board members from my district who are good friends and supporters of mine, one of them asked me 'where in Japan I was born! This really points to the fact that even our so-called informed and enlightened policy makers still tend to view those of us whose physical features were 'non-traditional American' as foreigners—or in times of trouble as the enemy."

Assembly Speaker Leo McCarthy (D-San Francisco) said that while Japanese Americans were interned and suffered, "the rest of us suffered in a sense because we did not protect (their) rights ... we should feel a deep sense of embarrassment."

Minority Floor Leader Paul Priolo (R-Malibu) commended the Japanese Americans "who have never asked for anything from anyone and who have been exemplary citizens of our state."

State Sen. Diane Watson (D-Los Angeles), second woman ever to serve in the state senate, wondered, "If the U.S. were to go to war with Africa, would black Americans be interned? ... We (must) remember history and not repeat our mistakes."

State Sen. Ralph Dills (D-Gardena) remembered driving his best friend and family to the Santa Anita race track in 1942. "It was a difficult and sad time for me, but I know it was much more difficult for my friends who ended inside the camps."

When presented with a

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Calendar, pulse

JACL youth directors wanted

San Francisco

Two positions for a JACL regional youth director are now open for applicants, who must be a college graduate, it was announced by JACL Headquarters this past week (Feb. 22).

Filing date will be April 2 with pre-screening and interviews tentatively scheduled before the Easter holidays in San Francisco, according to Debbie Nakatomi, administrative aide to the National Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki.

One regional youth director will cover the Pacific Coast states (Pacific Northwest, No. Calif.-W. Nevada, Central California and Pacific Southwest JACL District Council areas) and the other will work with youth in the remaining four JACL districts (Intermountain, Mountain-Plains, Midwest and Eastern).

The regional youth director is responsible for planning, implementing and coordinating regional activities involving the Japanese American Youths (JAY) under direction of the National Executive Director.

Applications should be made to:

JACL National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco 94115.

Calendar

*A non-JACL event

● **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.

Hoosier—Girls' Day dnr, Benj Harrison Mem Home, Indpls, 7pm

● **MAR. 5 (Monday)**

Fresno—Amerasia Wk (5 da), CSU Fresno; Sat Festival, 7:30pm.

● **MAR. 9 (Friday)**

Philadelphia—Bd mtg.

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

● **MAR. 10 (Saturday)**

Contra Costa—Ladies night.

White River Valley—Inst dnr, Eagles Nest, Auburn, 7pm; Ron Mamiya, spkr.

Mile-Hi—Inst dnr, Little Shanghai, 7pm; Karl Nobuyuki, spkr.

Hoosier—Interest Wkshp: Japanese pastries, Chas Woodward res, 1pm.



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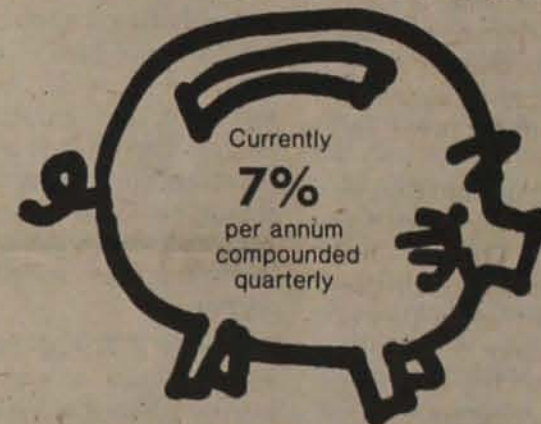
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copy of the Day of Remembrance resolution, Dr. Uyeda stepped to the podium to express his appreciation to the Assembly. The 80-member house stood and applauded in honor of the national JACL president.

Again in Sacramento, but about nine miles up Interstate 80 toward Reno at Palm Ave., a group met on Monday, Feb. 19, in the open square mile of what was a corner of a detention center for Sacramento area Japanese and Japanese Americans as the aftermath of Pearl Harbor.

Walerga Assembly Center is now filled with tract housing. The man who helped build it, John North, now 95, was among the speakers present for the Day of Remembrance program sponsored by the Sacramento JACL. Doris Matsui, wife of Congressman Bob Matsui, who was born in a concentration camp, was another speaker.

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and

Despite it being a "last-minute" program planned by Don Ito, chapter president, it received excellent coverage in the press and television.

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and the City Council had passed resolutions declaring Monday as "a Day of Remembrance".

North, a civil engineer, said he reluctantly had been promoted to director when the original director had a heart attack. "I hope I didn't hurt some of their feelings while I was director," he later said to Bee reporter Diane Alters. "They really suffered while they were in here."

Frank Hiyama, also a civil engineer, served as liaison between North and the detainees who spoke no English. He said a memorial park would be constructed at the Walerga campsite by the Sunrise Recreation and Park District and local community groups.

Henry Taketa, past Sacramento JACL president, after the ceremonies said the government had abandoned the Japanese Americans in 1942, succumbing to racists and bigots of the time who were intent on destroying "us" economically and individually.

"We never were afraid of being deported or exterminated. We believed in the democratic process, and believed that somehow, with a little help from the outside, we could prove our government wrong and eventually return to the communities of our choice," Taketa added. "I am truly proud of the Japanese Americans having

(proved) Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart and not one of race and ancestry."

William "Wild Bill" Matsumoto was emcee. The Rev. Hei Takarabe of the Parkview Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.

Sacramento Mayor Phil Isenberg and County Supervisor Ila Collin presented resolutions proclaiming Feb. 19 as a "Day of Remembrance". Isenberg said people should be aware of "going along with the tide during emotion-packed periods of stress" as he pointed to the relocation action. Collin remarked the day was special to her because throughout her schooling, "this action by our Government was never mentioned in the history books."

Karen Sonoda, administrative assistant to Assemblyman Floyd Mori, presented the State Legislature's proclamation. Sacramento JACL president Dave Takashima accepted the three resolutions.

dog."

He remembered inside Camp Minidoka watching a little girl there tug at her mother's skirts and say: "Mommy, let's go home to America." He recounted bitterly how the U.S. spent \$350 million "to incarcerate us" after the military knew in late 1942 that imperialist Japan was no longer a threat to the continental U.S. after the Battle of Midway had been fought.

Yasui chastised (not by name) Sen. Hayakawa for making light of the Japanese American plight during World War II. "I know there is a man who now sits in the Senate who tells me this is good for me, and I say to him 'Until you have walked in my moccasins, don't tell me about my troubles'."

The emotion-packed speech ended with, "Let us never forget... Let us remember!"

The same message came from John Tateishi, JACL national redress committee chairperson, who argued that legal precedents for Evacuation still remain

the fences or we'd be shot."

After recalling other things which he had completely forgotten, the pre-war Oaklander told the crowd: "It is not enough (for the U.S.) to say 'Ex-

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● Mile-Hi

NOBUYUKI TO SPEAK AT MAR. 10 DINNER

National Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki will be the main speaker at the Mile-Hi JACL installation dinner on Saturday, Mar. 10, 6:30 p.m., at Little Shanghai, 460 S. Broadway, Denver.

Subjects to be discussed after the dinner will include a proposal to have a monument placed at the Amache camp site, redress, membership and chapter program, it was announced by Dr. William Takahashi, newly-elected president.

Chapter membership dues are \$20 single, \$25 couple, payable to Mile-Hi JACL, care of:

Min Yasui, Commission on Community Relations, Rm 302, 144 W. Colfax, Denver, Colo. 80202.

● San Mateo

DIALOGUE WITH EDUCATORS HELD

San Mateo JACL's monthly business meeting for January (every third Wednesday at Sturge Presbyterian Church) featured a 75-minute dialogue with Dr. Julian Crocker, acting superintendent of the San Mateo Elementary School District, and Donald Hill, chairman of the SMESD board of trustees.

With Suzu Kunitani, chapter president, presiding, many problems such as quality education, special needs, citizen participation, affirmative action, Asian in management and principalship, English as a Second Language, etc., were discussed. Both school officials and members benefited from the dialogue, it was agreed.

● Washington, D.C.

OVER 400 SERVED AT MOCHITSUKI

Regarded as one of the more successful programs of the year, the year-end mochitsuki held Dec. 30 at the River Road Unitarian Church was co-chaired by Jim Ota and Gerald Yamada. Over 400 servings of ozoni, teriyaki chicken and mochi were sold. Among those joining the festivities were Rep. Norm Mineta and his family.

Hideki Hamamoto was elected chapter chairman at the January board meeting. He and his cabinet officers were installed at the annual dinner dance Jan.

27 at the Sheraton Potomac. Freshman Rep. Bob Matsui (D-Calif.) was guest speaker.

● White River Valley

RON MAMIYA SPEAKER AT MAR. 10 DINNER

White River Valley JACL will install Harvey Watanabe as president during the annual dinner Mar. 10 at the Eagles Nest in Auburn. Seattle attorney Ron Mamiya will speak on JACL's redress campaign.

Emi Somekawa, former PNWDC governor, will be installing officer. The new chapter membership dues are \$18 single and \$35 couple.



Los Angeles Mayor Bradley (right) and City Councilman Dave Cunningham (left) present city proclamation for Day of Remembrance to Shisei Tsuneishi, Issei speaker at Little Tokyo observance. —Kashu Mainichi Photo by Ninomiya Studio

At Tanforan Park (San Bruno) Shopping Center, caravans from around San Francisco Bay Area were converging Monday noon for the "Day of Remembrance" program emceed by Noriko Bridges.

A crowd of about 1,000 stood in the shopping center parking lot to hear Min Yasui, the keynote speaker, repeat some of the things he had remembered and recited while addressing a similar event at Portland the previous Saturday.

"Your experiences (as the result of E.O. 9066) should never, never be forgotten," Yasui remembered challenging a military curfew order in 1942 and then being confined for nine months in the Multnomah County Jail.

"Thirty-six years years ago I lived like a dog," Yasui said. "I was brought to court manacled, a chain around my waist. I was led through the streets like a

and unless money is involved, Congress will forget what happened in 1942. His redress committee is seeking \$25,000 for every man, woman and child who was incarcerated. "Money is a way of making sure that this never happens again," he explained.

Ben Takeshita, now of Richmond, remembered how his parents and family of seven children were forced to leave their home in San Mateo with only their clothes on their backs and as many bundles as they could carry. "The neighbors were peeking out their curtains. No one wished us well or said goodbye. It was as if we were lepers or criminals."

Ernest Iiyama recalled Japanese Americans being herded into camps and told it was for their own protection, yet he wondered who was being protected from whom. The armed guards "told us to keep away from

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Hayakawa change in view of redress encouraging to JACL

San Francisco

Sen. S. I. Hayakawa's remarks that he would "certainly be sympathetic" to a move to have the U.S. Supreme Court overturn its ruling in the Yasui and Hirabayashi cases were greeted warmly within JACL this past week.

National JACL President Dr. Clifford Uyeda, as he assesses the Hayakawa-ABC interview (Feb. 9 PC) in his President's Corner column this issue, adds the Senator has changed his attitude regarding Evacuation "at least 90 degrees" by becoming sympathetic to overturning two cases which justified the curfew of Japanese Americans.

John Tateishi, national redress committee chairperson, was similarly encouraged by Hayakawa's statement to the Rafu Shimpō. "This marks a major change... a significant change in his position on redress," Tateishi beamed.

But Tateishi found it unfortunate the Senator was "misinformed" about Evacuation in his interview with the ABC newsmen Joe Templeton who began by asking about giving reparation to Japanese Americans who were held in prison camps.

Hayakawa insisted, "They weren't in prison

camps (but) in relocation centers." Tateishi's retort: "We were confined within barbed-wire compounds with armed guards and anyone attempting to go beyond the limits of the barbed wire without permission was shot!"

To the Hayakawa contention that "many young Japanese got a far better education" than had Evacuation not taken place, Tateishi says that "ignores the fact that college-age Nisei, a relatively small number at the time of Evacuation, had been gaining admittance to better universities of their own choice for many years—even the finer eastern colleges mentioned by the Senator."

To the Hayakawa argument against redress because Japanese Americans over the national median income (\$9,598) and implying no need of financial aid, cause Japanese American median income is over the national median (\$9,598), Tateishi posed three questions: (1) "But what does one's income level have to do with seeking justice? (2) Are the wealthy then excluded from exercising their rights as citizens to seek indemnification from the government or by the courts for any injustice? (3) And what about the Is-

sei below the median who live at sub-poverty levels today?"

Tateishi stressed the redress is an exercise of democratic principles and not the matter of money. While as the Senator says Evacuation and detention may be "understandable", Tateishi said, "But the hysteria of the time in no way justifies what happened to us."

The argument that Japanese Americans were put in camps "for our own protection is totally unacceptable," Tateishi continued. "If indeed our welfare was threatened, it was incumbent upon the government and law enforcement agencies to protect us not by placing us in prisons against our will but to provide proper protection. One does not imprison the intended victim."

While Japanese Americans believed in the American system, "it was this very system which failed us in 1942," Tateishi concluded. "Contrary to Sen. Hayakawa's statement, we Japanese Americans do not feel it is beneath our dignity to exercise our duty as Americans to strengthen the Constitution and to guarantee the rights of all individuals who live in this country." #

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San Jose, Ca.

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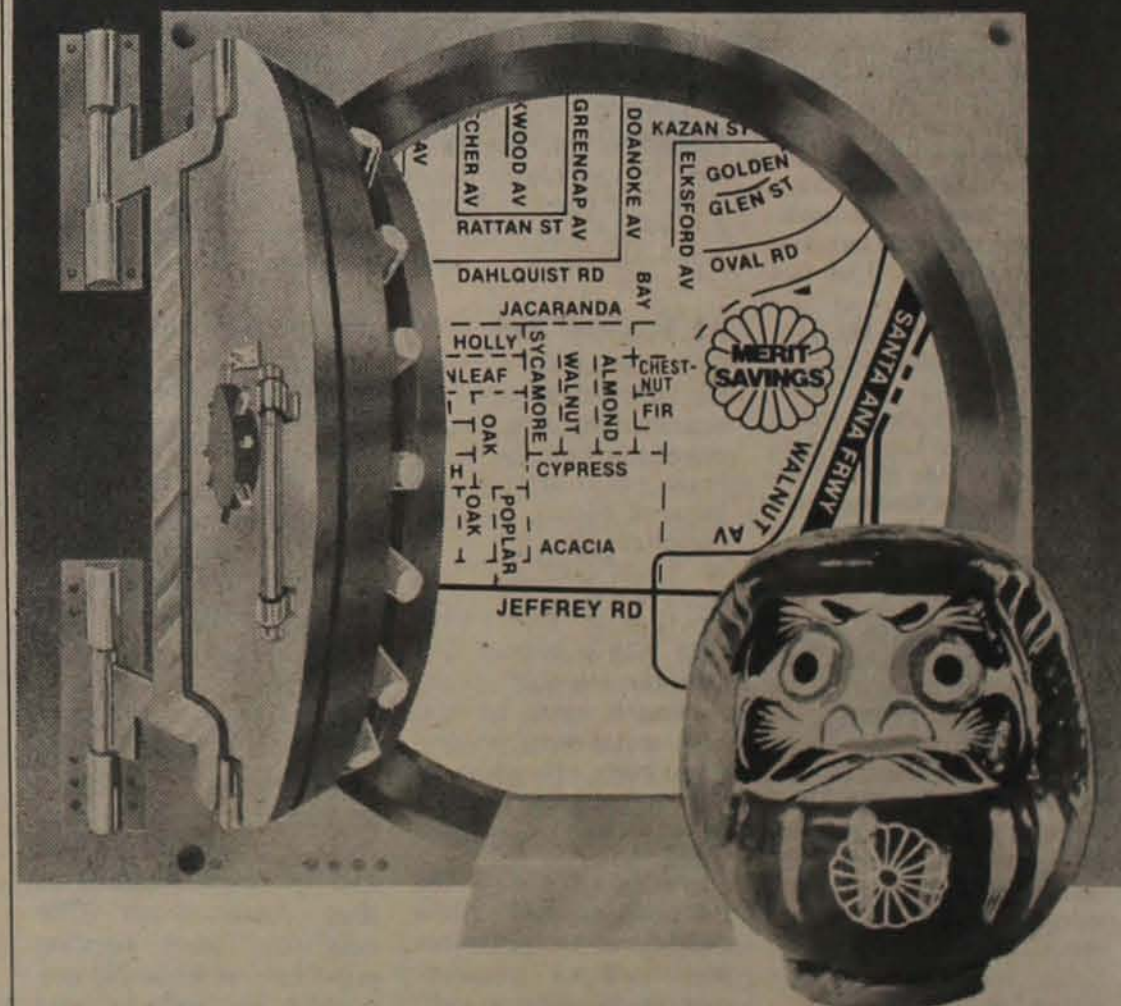
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Action at Guadalcanal accelerates Nisei G-2 demand

CHAPTER 5

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EARLY in December, after desperate fighting, Aussies flashed "Gona gone!" to MacArthur. The general was elated. The Diggers took 40% casualties, but they had a victory. Using delayed-action fuses that let their artillery shells burrow into the ground before exploding, they stunned their enemy, then finished him off with grenades and an archaic tactic called the bayonet charge. Gary Kadani, Paul Kuyama and others at Indooroopilly translated diaries that praised the fighting spirit of Australian soldiers, saying they "fought like Japanese!" American soldiers would have to wait a while for similar praise.

Arthur Castle (translating his name from Ushiro via a Chinese-Japanese combination made it come out "Right castle."), Phil Ishio and Kazuhiko Yamada moved up front in Buna, to be closer to interrogation of prisoners and translation of documents the 32nd captured. The three Nisei were ordered to stay very near the command post, a policy in effect since Fred Nishitsuji had nearly been mistakenly shot weeks before.

As the 32nd started its drive to control the Buna area, the Japanese seized Wewak, Finschhafen and Madang, further up the coast, in case they were needed for other strategic retreats. The Japanese cleared out of Buna Station, one of two local strong points, before month's end, the 32nd too exhausted to prevent this. The real enemies in New Guinea—malaria, dysentery and hunger—were taking a toll of both sides.

On Jan. 4, 1943, the Japanese high command ordered Guadalcanal evacuated. Forces in Buna were told to move back to Lae and Salamaua. The tide of war was turning again, nevermore to be reversed. Whether she accepted it or not, Japan was on the run.

America's forces in the Pacific were building. Three American divisions were under Alexander Patch in the XIV Corps; the Americal, the 25th, and the 2nd Marines. Eichelberger had three others in I Corps; the 32nd, the 41st, and the Australian 7th. Backing these up were the 37th in the Fijis and the 43rd on New Caledonia. Nisei linguists sometimes worked with all six divisions and the two Corps headquarters, but pretty much on a catch-as-catch-can basis, in spite of the war being a year old. This was because of something the Army calls a "Table of Organization." No linguists listed on your T/O? Then you couldn't have any. If you did have any, you couldn't promote them, be-

cause they weren't on your T/O. This failure of the Army to get organized would cause a lot of resentment, because only people like Sidney Mashbir had enough imagination and guts to get their men promoted for work done, without waiting for approval to come in triplicate from a faraway uniformed bureaucrat.

Until the end of 1943 (half of the war), Nisei linguists were generally free-lancers, provided they could get someone to trust them. This wasn't easy, because officers instructed to watch them were pretty busy working, too. Nisei volunteered to go here, or were suddenly ordered to go there. All they could do was what they were told. Nisei on Guadalcanal went there because of panicked appeals. They worked for whoever yelled loudest and sweated on the day when every headquarters would insist on having its language team, just as it insisted on having a special jeep for the general.

Nisei on New Caledonia worked for Admiral Halsey, although the Navy officially

nay.

Mashbir took a liking to Gary Kadani. He had him interview the first POW brought to Indooroopilly, giving the ex-salesman a list of questions to ask. Kadani felt "like I was in a mystery movie, with a microphone hidden in the inkwell, and all." The prisoner, at once recognized from Kadani's accent that he was not a native Japanese, was more relaxed than the Californian. Nothing of value was obtained from the POW.

A pattern, however, had been established. Arthur Komori's earlier recommendations were applied. Thenceforth a prisoner's wounds were tended. He was given a cigarette, perhaps, and spoken to in calm tones. Kibei linguists, who had lived in Japan, knew that country's military customs from experience. On reaching draft age, each man had to register in his home prefecture. Each prefecture, vying with others since the 1870's, when peasants were first allowed to serve in the Army, produced its own proud divisions. Thus, if a man

Families of some Nisei were ostracized when their sons answered the call for MIS school.

didn't want them. Nisei in Australia and New Guinea were under Gen. MacArthur, whose chief of intelligence recognized their potential. Willoughby personally shook hands with Steve Yamamoto and the first group on Independence Day, 1942, and welcomed them in his high-pitched, Prussian-accented voice. Otherwise, the Nisei language effort was an administrative mess. Except in the Americal Division. Perhaps that was because it was the first U.S. division to be activated overseas. Far from paper-shufflers, Alexander Patch's G-2 officer knew the value of Nisei linguists. He exploited Mac Nagata and his team, a faith that in a short while would pay off handsomely.

At Indooroopilly, Sidney Mashbir made it clear that he was in charge. He said hello to David Swift, whose missionary parents he'd known in Japan years earlier, and gave all hands the word. ATIS, a joint Allied operation, would be joint! Let no one be mistaken on that score. All hands would pull together, and all information received would be pooled. Rank would be ignored for the moment so that a job could get done! With those few words, Mashbir laid the foundation for the Nisei's remarkable military intelligence success in the Pacific. Since he had Gen. Willoughby's ear, and Willoughby had MacArthur's, no one could say Mashbir

turned out to be born in Kumamoto, the Kibei knew at once he was with the 6th Division, Japan's best, which was made up from the hardy people living in that southern area.

While Castle, Phil Ishio and Kazuhiko Yamada were working in the Buna-Gona-Sanananda area, Tom Masaharu Takata and Howard Ogawa went up to Port Moresby, and there worked for Aussie forces under Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey. They grilled POWs brought in from the other side of the mountains, and Takata was appalled at conditions they described. Port Moresby was getting bombed daily by planes from Rabaul, but Takata still felt bad about being "in the rear." To save his conscience he sent a dozen peaches over the mountains, via a messenger heading that way, for Ishio.

George Aurell led the three Nisei to Buna. John Anderton ended up in the same area, through some kind of a mixup. Although he was supposed to be working in intelligence, the lanky lawyer found himself leading soldiers in combat for the 41st Division in the Durapan Valley. When someone found out what he'd been trained for, Anderton was ordered back to Indooroopilly. There he became Mashbir's second-in-command.

Arthur Komori got assigned to General Elliott Thorpe for counterintelligence, and other Nisei were



Mike Miyatake lived at Indooroopilly's "tent city" before seeing lots of action well to the north of Australia.

divided into translation and interrogation sections. About this time, captured diaries began to arrive in quantity, taken off dead Japanese.

There were usually more diaries than POWs. Far more. The Aussies, having learned what happened to some of their own after capture, were reluctant to take the enemy alive. Soda pop helped change the attitude of a few jungle fighters. Three bottles of Coca Cola were awarded any infantryman credited with a prisoner. Pretty soon business got brisk.

There appeared to be no restriction in the Imperial army, as in the American one, against keeping private diaries. These proved revealing, it being the habit of Japanese to inscribe their deepest feelings in these books, which became part of "remains" (along with hair cuttings and fingernail parings) shipped home if they got killed. Diaries often revealed where a man had been, with whom, his unit's name, his officers' names, his home prefecture, and the state of morale, equipment and supplies, as well as his movements since leaving the homeland. Clues to Japan's "order of battle" (what troops she had, and where) could be ascertained.

Some diary writings were most intimate. Several Nisei told the author "Those Japanese had to be the sexiest guys on earth!" when referring to what they wrote wives and sweethearts in clinical detail. Too, pornography was as popular with Japanese soldiers as Allied ones. Gary Kadani still laughed, 35 years later, telling how a document given him in haste to translate turned out to be a lurid composition titled "One Night in a Hotel."

On Guadalcanal, things were as fouled up as anywhere. Despite being ordered there personally by Nimitz, John Burden got little work to do. He'd been told that a POW was on the way in, then later told the man died enroute. When this kept happening, Burden got suspicious. Taking Tateshi Miyasaki along, he went to where the prisoners were supposed to be. Things improved. When one group of Japanese got surrendered, Burden was called by Maj. Gen. J. Lawton Collins, com-

mander of the 25th Division. "You said these Japanese would surrender," the general told the tall doctor. "O.K., you've got 48 hours to bring some in!"

It took Burden most of that day to get the necessary equipment together. That night he made his first loudspeaker broadcast to the enemy. No results. He made two more broadcasts next day, and a single Japanese soldier finally began working his way out of the surrounded gully. When the man kept sliding back down the wet slope, Burden clambered down and gave him a hand. The grateful POW offered to cooperate with him. Another dozen gave up that day. "I might have gotten more," Burden said, "but the time allowed me ran out."

The doctor, Miyasaki, and the Kubo brothers then pooled their efforts with 10 enlisted marines who'd supposedly been given a cram course in Japanese. "They jabbered pretty well to one another," Burden said, "but when I gave them a prisoner to work on, all they got out of him for a full day's effort was his name, rank, and birthplace. I knew then why Admiral Nimitz had been so urgent."

Don Oka's . . . brothers, Isao & Masao, followed him into MIS, . . . but his brothers, Takeo & Keiji, would fight for Japan.

SHIGEO Yasutake was asked to take over a platoon when he landed on Guadalcanal, officers being in short supply. Yasutake led his men inland from the beach, but was pulled out of the jungle later and, with his language detachment, sent to the 43rd. A wholesale produce worker from Gardena, Calif., he preferred combat to language work, even though parents and three brothers were in an Arkansas prison camp. "Hell, I was young and full of beans in those days," Yasutake said, "As long as I was in, I wanted to fight!"

It was in the Solomons that Nisei linguists brought off their first grand coup. It made officers all the way to the top realize how important were the Nisei services. Mac Nagata had gone up to

Guadalcanal with Isao Kusada and Shigeru Yamashita from Noumea. They were later joined by Kei Sakamoto, who arrived in USS Ward when the destroyer escorted a half-dozen landing craft needed for putting assault forces ashore behind enemy lines. Then a thick document turned up. One version is that it came off the Japanese submarine I-1, which ran aground on Guadalcanal after having been rammed by the Australian corvettes Kiwi and Moa. None matters. The document was photographed, the original sent to Washington, and copies given Yamashita, Sakamoto and Kusada to translate. When the three Nisei finished, they had provided for Nimitz, Halsey and MacArthur a full list of Imperial Navy ships, plus their call signs and code names, and the same for the Japanese Navy's air squadrons and bases.

Japan's naval "order of battle" was now known to the Allies. It contained some surprises; the names of ships America didn't even know existed, and a couple of ship types that were new, as well. The translation provided a solid base upon which to base the necessary composition of American task forces thereafter and,

until the Japanese code was changed, a convenient means of identifying where various units of the Imperial Navy were. Only one's imagination limits one's recognition of how vital to the U.S. Navy's efforts was this one piece of work by three Nisei enlisted men of the Army.

At Camp Savage, the grind continued. Word was filtering back from the Pacific, and pressure built on Kai Rasmussen to keep linguists coming. But, he wondered, where was he going to get them? Hundreds of Nisei had been summarily kicked out of the Army, almost all the kind he needed — Kibei with a command of Japanese — discharged simply because they'd been schooled in Ja-

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pan. Hundreds more were still in uniform, but scattered to hell and gone, thanks to panicky West Coast citizens. Nearly all other able-bodied Nisei were heading for concentration camps. What to do?

The only thing to do, Rasmussen decided. Simply ask each one if he wanted to serve and take a chance he'd say yes.

The Dane was sure that a lot would seize upon a chance to demonstrate loyalty, and he was right. More than 30 responded from the Tule Lake concentration camp, including Satoshi Nishijima and his kid brother, Victor. "Suts," the elder, had gotten married in April. He and his sweetheart didn't want to be separated while locked up.

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He'd see Tokyo before they could settle down.

S. Bill Doi went with the Nishijima brothers, along with his brother-in-law, Noboru Yamada, who helped a Kibei girl named Mariko Horike drill Bill in Japanese long enough for him to pass a screening test. With them was Harry Iida, who'd been helping in the camp with the Boy Scout effort.

Masao B. Ishikawa left a mother, two brothers and sister behind in Tule Lake when volunteering, despite his being "asked to resign" from a State job when war broke out. His mother approved. She said, "I do not know Japan. This is my country. Kibei tell me the treatment of Nisei in Japan is not good. Our future is with America." Charles Nagano was with the group. He and his fiancée had married at an assembly center and honeymooned in Tule Lake. Tom Taketa, whose brother George was already in Australia, sending his total pay home, signed up. His father, who encouraged Tom in the martial arts of judo and kendo while also making sure he joined Boy Scouts, told the boy with tears in his eyes: "This is your country. Go fight for it, even if it means fighting against your mother and father's native country, Japan." Eddie Fukui and George Nakamura came out of Tule Lake, too, to die in the Pacific. Among others who signed up were Tom Osasa, Aki Hayashi, Salem Yagawa, Jim Sugimura, Paul Hayashi, Gus Hikawa, Fumio Yokobe, Frank Oikawa, and John Tanikawa.

The last man was really something. Tanikawa was 41 years old at the time, holding the Purple Heart and Croix de Guerre for valorous actions in an earlier war, which he got into by lying about his age. Fired from an ice plant laborer's job when Pearl Harbor was attacked, Tanikawa worked on farms around Sacramento until a curfew prevented his travel after dark. Fellow members of the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans brought food to his home after dark, to feed his four children, but John turned down their offer to petition against his evacuation. He felt his family would be safe, imprisoned, from burnings and bombings that had begun to occur.

Another camp that provided language students was Poston, Ariz. Roy Takai told how he, James Sasano, Yumiji Higashi, Juichi Nishi, Tom Tsuyuki, Sam Rokutani, Minoru Hara and Pat Nagano had to be smuggled out of Poston after dark because a big strike was taking place against the camp rule. Pat's brother William was already in the Army, and his father objected to Pat's leaving but relented after 24 hours of reconsidering. The Naganos were prominent and prosperous in Morro Bay, Calif., which may have been why the FBI picked up the father. The Kumamoto native had bought a lot of land in the names of his three sons.

Out of Gila River in Arizona came some more volunteers, including "bad boys" Ben Sugeta and Hiroshi "Bud" Mukaye. Ben got into

trouble for punching a mess-hall attendant who'd been rude to a sick lady, and Mukaye had a streak of rebelliousness that observant military seniors later converted into leadership. Sugeta loved to entertain friends by singing Japanese songs and did so throughout the war, even when surrounded on a Burma hill. Harry Fukuhara, John "Nana" Fujimoto, and

His brothers, Saburo and Shiro, were living in Japan. They would wear the Imperial uniform.

MIS candidates were gotten from at least a dozen Army camps. Lots had been interviewed and tested before the war. Rasmussen had to order out as scouts every officer and NCO he could spare, then go out him-

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Frank Mori also came out of Gila River. Except for his sister Marion, all of Fukuhara's family was in Japan, where his widowed mother had earlier taken them. One brother, drafted into the Imperial Army, was fighting in China. Two younger ones would enter the Imperial Navy. Shoso Nomura, along with Shizue Kunihiro, Sam Takahara, Hilo Fuchiaki and George Itsuo Nakamura were also in the Gila River contingent. Nomura and Nakamura would see China, where Mao Tse Tung would attend the latter's 21st birthday party.

Harry Akune signed for his brother Kenjiro, a minor, when they volunteered from the Amache, Colo., camp.

self to help with the recruiting. Although the Dane believed in the essential loyalty of Japanese Americans, all of his Caucasian associates didn't. Rasmussen made it clear he wanted only volunteers, but his example was not always followed. Most Nisei who showed up at Camp Savage were volunteers, but even the bitterest Minnesota winter in years was better than conditions nearly all had been enduring at other Army camps. There are other ways to chill a man than low temperatures.

From Camp Robinson, Arkansas, came Harold Hanaumi, Noboru Nishimori, Nobuo Furuiye, Frank Hachiya and Ken Uyesugi. Ken's fiancée was locked up

at Gila River, and he hoped to marry her if he got any leave later. Hachiya, of Hood River, Ore., was a studious, reflective Kibei who kept saying, "Nisei are going to play a vital part in this war!" Hanaumi was probably the shortest of all MIS'ers. Born in Hawaii, he demanded that a Los Angeles recruiter enlist him. Gazing down his nose at the sawed-off Oriental, the NCO asked, "How the hell tall are you?" "Five feet and one-half!" shouted Hanaumi.

"What? Wait a minute!" The NCO made Hanaumi stand still for measuring, and the "one-half" turned to be a half-inch. He was about to throw Hanaumi out but asked him what he did. "I'm a bacteriologist," said the Hawaii Nisei, and got sworn in, but he was ordered to school against his wishes. "I have trained to save lives, not take them!" the ebullient lab tech told an interviewing major. Tatsuo Matsuda got to Savage from Ft. Leonard

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Wood, Mo., where he and five other Nisei were marooned when the 6th Division shipped west without them. His family had voluntarily moved from California to Nebraska, escaping confinement.

From Camp Grant, Ill., came Shigeto Mazawa, a photography student from Chicago, who got so scared after his Dec. 7 going-away party that he hid in a friend's house for three days before undergoing his Dec. 10 induction. Taro Tsukahara came in from Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. His nearest rela-

tives were in Texas. They never faced evacuation. From another Kansas camp, Fort Riley, came Moffet Ishikawa, Spady Koyama and Taro Yoshihashi. Taro's father had been locked up because he'd been a member of the Japanese War Veterans Association, although he, as many Americans do, long since dropped out of his military organization because of boredom. Koyama's real name was Ayato. He inherited the nickname "Spady" from his pick-and-shovel wielding father, a longtime laborer for Grant Northern Railway. The spoilsport Army made Koyama legalize his name to keep it. Ishikawa had shivered his way into the Army the day after Pearl Harbor, scared spit-

less of several hundred Caucasians who were taking physicals in the same San Jose civic auditorium.

Seishin Kondo and Larry Saito arrived from Ft. Harrison, Indiana. Kondo, a Kibei, said "I sacrificed myself, so Sansei and Yonsei (third and fourth generations of Japanese in America) might have a better life." Those were his sentiments at the time. A declining Nisei soldier called him stupid, saying, "You're going against your own mother and father!" Kondo got ready to attack his attacker, shouting, "I'm an American, in an American uniform! If you don't agree, take yours off!" The jeerer subsided.

Up from Ft. Bliss, Texas, came Shigeru Iba and Ben Honda. Iba was to find himself in New Guinea with the 41st Division, from which he'd gotten booted with other Nisei at the war's start. Honda had been refused emergency leave to attend the funeral of his brother, who died as the family was assembling for prison camp. No Nisei, in uniform or out, could return to the West Coast once he'd left it.

Don Oka reported from Camp Carson, Colo. His brothers, Isao and Masao, followed him into MIS later, but his brothers, Takeo and Keiji, would fight for Japan. Shigeo Tanaka came from Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, after marrying Bernice Matsumoto in the Arkansas camp at Rohwer. She, her parents and six brothers were there, along with Shig's parents and brother.

Victor Abe and Calvin Morimatsu came from Ft. Warren, Wyoming. Abe's father in the 1920's was California's first Nash automobile dealer. Morimatsu had bucked Dave Beck's prejudices in Seattle and won grudging

permission to start a Teamsters Union local for Japanese produce salesmen and drivers. Despite preconceived opinions of Nisei from Hawaii about those on the mainland, lots of Californians, Washingtonians and Oregonians of Japanese ancestry were plenty gutsy. Many had to be because there was no way they could melt into a background of other Japanese faces.

Hiroki Takahashi, Susumu Toyoda and Frank Tokubo came north from Camp Walters, still described decades later by Nisei as a "Texas hell-hole." Tokubo and Takahashi were Kibei, while Toyoda had done years of "stoop labor" with his father growing fruits and vegetables for sale. He had "fooled around in Japanese school, though, dipping girls' pigtails in the *sumi* ink we used for brush writing. It was a wonder I learned any Japanese at all," he said. Toyoda's brother Robert was the Whittier High School classmate of a driving, determined boy named Richard Nixon.

From Ft. Sheridan, Ill., came Nobu Tanabe, who'd been orphaned at age 19. Never possessing robust health, Tanabe spent a bunch of months in Army hospitals but held up well enough to serve overseas with OSS cloak-and-dagger types.

All this dashing about the landscape, doing what had already been done the year before, didn't net Rasmussen and his men anywhere near the number of students he needed. Men who showed interest in 1941 had become completely turned off, thanks to the William Hearsts, Earl Warrens and others whose sentiments gave the families of Nisei

grief. Hardly any of the new crop of students could really be called "volunteers," although their records indicated they were. Their main motivating factor had been getting away from lousy concentration camp environments or even worse Army camp ones. Even then, bad as Army conditions elsewhere were for Nisei GI's, a batch had to be ordered to Savage against their will. Kai Rasmussen had headaches.

They would get bigger. Over in Wisconsin, at Camp McCoy, were nearly 1,500 brawling, boiling Hawaiians, who'd had it up to here. All had now "twice" completed basic training, and a man gets awfully tired of the manual-of-arms and military drill, especially at zero temperatures. On arrival in their three shuttered trains during June, the Hawaiians headed for the Post Exchange and bought out its entire beer supply in minutes. They'd been repeating the process nearly nightly since. To the fun-loving, free-wheeling men of Hawaii, there was only one thing to do with money—spend it. "Keep the change!" was as common an expression with them as "Aloha."

It's not clear to the author why Rasmussen and Weckler hadn't approached Nisei soldiers in Hawaii before the war. Perhaps fearful on-the-scenes seniors in Hawaii wouldn't permit it.

One can't tell. Evidence is available in enough quantity to establish that senior officers in Hawaii feared the Nisei. If they didn't want them in military intelligence, a military bureaucracy provided sufficient means for thwarting realization of a good idea. In late 1942, Rasmussen was getting desperate.

A decision was finally made. "Use the Hawaiians!"

It would prove a wise decision. Far more Hawaiians than mainlanders were Kibei. The islands were closer to Japan. It cost less to send a son to the home country from Hawaii. Too, Japanese communities in Hawaii were more cohesive and comfortable. They weren't scattered up and down a 1,500-mile shoreline, and they didn't dot the landscape like earth-bound islands. Issei could speak their native tongue all day to nearly everyone they met. As a result, their children spoke it well also. Hawaii Nisei went mostly to McKinley High School (called "Tokyo Tech" by local Caucasian kids), and usually to the University of Hawaii campus if college was possible. They rarely strayed far from touch with parents. They were more "Japanese" than the mainland Japanese Americans.

Rasmussen had to get his hands on some of them.

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REDRESS

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the meantime, has heard strong preferences being expressed for No. 3—a congressional study committee—in the belief that their public hearings would elaborate the basis and procedures for the final form of redress.)

In 1948, JACL was successful in having the Evacuation Claims Act enacted. In 1951, a compromise plan was passed to expedite the claims process. In 1958, the compromise process was completed with \$36,800,000 being paid to 26,552 claimants. The remaining eight cases were settled in the U.S. Court of Claims for an additional \$1,200,000. Originally, the claims totaled \$129 million. Settlement for property losses was equivalent to 10 cents on the 1941 dollar as the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco estimated in 1942 evacuee losses to be some \$400 million.

The 1979 redress bill acts on the principle that "no individual or group, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin or any arbitrary designation (should) be forced to give

up their homes, their properties and their associations to be detained—even temporarily—as we were in 1942." (Mike Masaoka on "Redress": 1978 PC Holiday Issue). #

J.A. Optimists to mark 25th year

Los Angeles

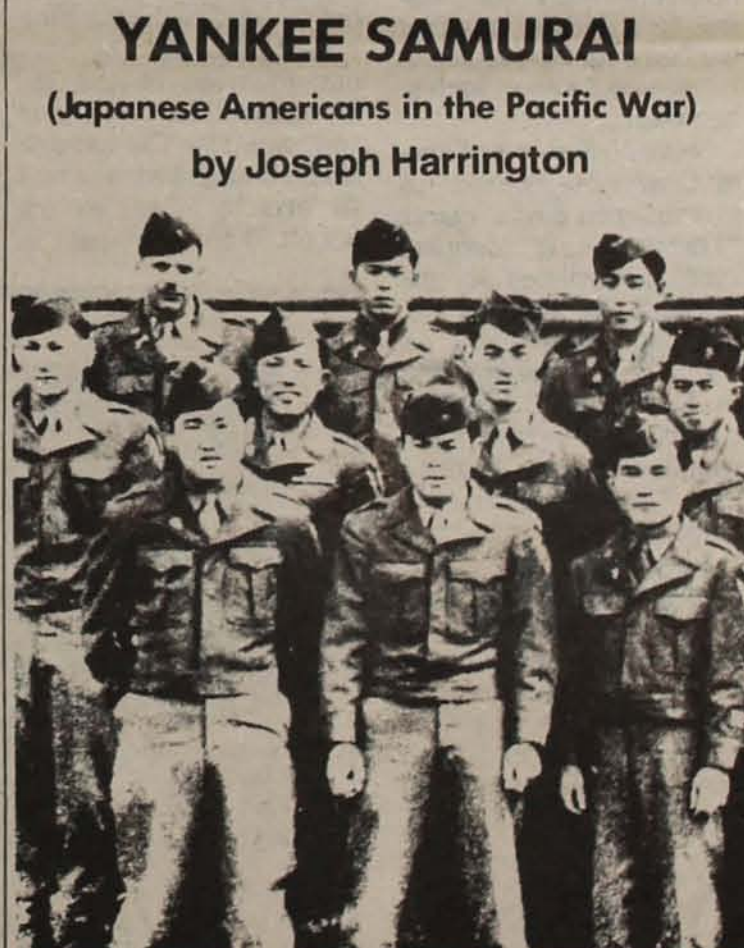
The first of many Nisei Optimists, the Japanese American Optimists, will celebrate its silver anniversary on Saturday, Mar. 10, at the Biltmore Bowl. It was founded by the late Eiji Tanabe. For tickets, call: Jim Uyeda (321-5050), Kiyo Maruyama (624-6087) or Dr. Martin Ono (943-3794).

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'A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE'

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cuse me, I was wrong.' We suffered and the government should do something."

San Francisco and San Mateo papers, covering the noon-time event, also printed comments of other Nikkei who remembered.

Retired head gardener for the San Francisco General Hospital, George Tanaka, his wife and then 10-year-old daughter recalled how they were herded like sheep, lining up for everything and the mud that went with a racetrack in the spring.

Oakland City Councilman Frank Ogawa remembered he and his wife were billeted in horse stalls, "no chair or table, just an Army cot", and added he has talked frequently of his experiences since then to various groups and clubs.

Lillian Miyachi, now of Los Angeles, is a San Mateo native who remembered looking out from her Tanforan barracks close to El Camino Real and seeing guards march back and forth. Crowds walking by would "spit at us and call us names".

Gray-haired Iku Tokunaga of San Jose said it was miserable and embarrassing. "It's just recently that we can begin to talk about it," she said with a catch in her voice.

Steve Nakashima of Santa Cruz remembered his grandmother died in camp. "There weren't adequate medical facilities so the doctors just watched her die," he explained.

Chuck Kubokawa of Palo Alto recalled Japanese American leaders were rounded up and detained first, "so we couldn't fight back".

James and Nobu Kajiwarra had to sneak out of their San Francisco home after the 8 p.m. curfew in order to get married before they were sent off to camp. Otherwise they would have been sent to different detention centers.

In Little Tokyo, "A Day of Remembrance" began auspiciously Feb. 19 with Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley presenting his proclamation and recalling how his Nisei friends at junior high and high school were being shunted to detention camps. The joint proclamation, also signed by all members of the City Council, urged citizens to remember "that sad day in American history" and to renew "our commitment to the preservation of justice and dignity for each individual". It was presented in the company of Councilman David Cunningham.

Deputy to Supervisor Hahn, Mas Fukai of Gardena, recalled his disbelief

in seeing his parents and other Japanese being taken off to camp. "Their eyes seemed to be asking—Why are they doing this?—and I see that same look in the eyes of many here today," he said before presenting a county proclamation.

Haiku instructor Shisei Tsuneishi recalled his experiences as an Issei block manager at Heart Mountain, Wyo., and of his appeal on behalf of the "no-no" boys in camp.

Betty Kozasa, president of the Asian/Pacific Coalition on Aging, remembered as the Nisei representative the poor conditions at Jerome, Ark., internment camp and added what her neighbors in Madison, Wis., reported to the FBI. The FBI was told she and her husband were sending secret messages to Japan every morning at 7:30. It was, she explained, static from an early-model electric shaver playing havoc with the neighbor's radio reception.

With guitar in hand, Warren Furutani as the Sansei (postwar) voice recalled how the first Manzanar Pilgrimage was organized and recited issues facing the community today, before leading the thinning crowd into song. The turnout in front of the old Hongwanji for the day at best was 250. The ice-cold shade had sprawled across the area by 3 p.m., leaving about 50 to participate in

the traditional Japanese folk dance or view the photographic mementoes of camp life.

"A Day of Remembrance" was almost forgotten in Little Tokyo when one considers the scant turnout of 250, as compared with 1,500 at Portland and 1,000 at Tanforan. Maybe people stayed away because of the parking problem in Little Tokyo, one observer mused in the late afternoon.

Shinya Ono was the emcee, interpreting the proceedings in both Japanese and English. The East West Players entertained.

In Denver, Colorado Gov. Richard D. Lamm proclaimed Feb. 19 as "A Day of Remembrance" to acknowledge and condemn the denial of liberties and the injustices to human dignity suffered by

JACL plea out for Heritage Week pics

Los Angeles

The Asian/Pacific photo contest and exhibition will be held during Asian-Pacific Cultural Heritage Week (May 4-10) at William Grant Still Community Art Center in the southwest area here, it was announced by the JACL Pacific Southwest regional office.

Portfolio of five B&W prints in keeping with the theme of cultural heritage should be submitted by April 6 to the JACL Office. Winners will be notified in advance and presented at the exhibit's reception on May 1. For information, call Wayne Shimabukuro (626-4471).

those affected by E.O. 9066 and in recognition of the travails experienced by Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

Colorado had been a "most notable exception to the hysteria and bigotry of

Bill in for annual Feb. 19 observance

Sacramento, Ca.

Assemblyman Floyd Mori is chief author of a bill to make Feb. 19 an annual "Day of Remembrance". He noted this past week that almost all of the 119 members of the State Legislature (80 Assembly, 39 State Senate—one vacancy to be filled next month) are now co-authors.

Announcement of the bill's preparation was made at the close of the Day of Remembrance observance at the Capitol Feb. 16.

Japanese Americans remember Feb. 19 since in 1942 President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which resulted in their mass detention and since President Ford terminated the order the same day in 1976.

New U.S. check on aliens in Chinatown

New York

A new strike force on exploitation of illegal aliens working in Manhattan's Chinatown district was announced Feb. 12 by the U.S. Dept. of Labor. It will concentrate efforts on 400 contractors who operate garment factories employing more than 10,000 Chinese workers, according to Frank Mercurio, regional administrator, Employee Standards Administration, which monitors wage practices.

that era" when then Gov. Ralph L. Carr not only protected the rights of Colorado Japanese but also welcomed West Coast evacuees without restricting them to detention camps.

E.O. 9066 had detained some 7,000 at Amache, Colo.

Denver Mayor W.H. McNichols Jr. signed the city proclamation which was presented Feb. 16 to a Mile-Hi JACL delegation.

In Dayton, Ohio, the mayor and city council also proclaimed Feb. 19 as "A Day of Remembrance". Longtime Dayton JACLers Lily and Mas Yamasaki

also recalled their Evacuation experiences to the newspaper.

In New York, Mayor Koch proclaimed Feb. 19 as a citywide Day of Remembrance "to reflect upon the meaning of this day for our fellow Japanese Americans and for all our citizens". In a short City Hall presentation ceremony, Ruby Yoshino Schaar, chapter president, and her group accepted the proclamation signed Feb. 16.

The mayor called the camp experience "one of the dark pages in the Nation's history".

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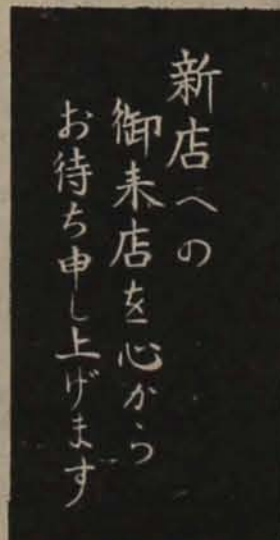
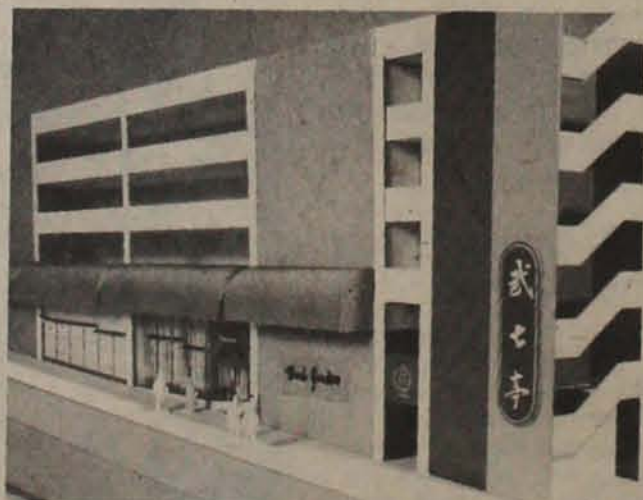
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