

JACL drafting bill for redress commission

By HARRY HONDA
San Francisco

Two crucial votes were taken during the National JACL Redress Committee meeting here Mar. 3-4 at Headquarters. Both tallied 4-2 with no switches. The motions were:

1—To endorse the concept of a (legislative) commission as opposed to any other methodology for redress.

2—To endorse the "one-step" concept to examine the remedies for the wrongs of expulsion/incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II.

A draft of the JACL redress bill is being prepared by Ronald Mamiya, a committee member and Seattle attorney. "We're still on schedule," noted Ron Ikejiri, Washington JACL Representative who will be conferring with the Nikkei and other members of Congress when JACL's

legislative proposal is ready for introduction sometime in the midyear.

The committee, chaired by John Tateishi of Marin County, was toying with three concepts, which had been discussed a month ago in Washington with Senators Inouye and Matsunaga, Congressmen Mineta and Matsui. The concepts were:

(a) An IRS check-off plan, (b) a direct appropriations plan, and (c) a legislative commission to study the issue and recommend the method of solution.

Political reality of a Congress hit by the message of Calif. Prop. 13 to cut spending, of an accommodation that should be made with the junior senator from California, Dr. S.I. Hayakawa (R), and of the need to stay on JACL's redress

schedule as mandated at the Salt Lake City convention, the committee did indeed "bite the bullet"—at 3 p.m., Mar. 3, to be exact.

The vote to endorse the legislative committee concept in preference to the other two methods was by roll call with the chair choosing to vote to break a tie. The first tally:

YES (4)
MINORU YASUI (Denver): A "reluctant" yes because there are unknown dangers involved with committees, but it does not ignore the (JACL) Convention mandate.

PHIL SHIGEKUNI (San Fernando Valley): A "yes" because the (commission) would be in line with the main thrust of the redress campaign—to educate the public, and because of political reality.

BILL MARUTANI (Philadelphia): "Yes" for two reasons — A direct-appropriations bill is a short-run, disastrous method; a commission method shows greater possibility.

RAYMOND OKAMURA (Berkeley): A "reluctant yes". Though opposed in principle to the commission concept, political reality dictates.

NO (2)
HENRY MIYATAKE (Seattle): Opposed because I believe intent of a commission is not within the mandates.

RONALD MAMIYA (Seattle): Opposed because of inadequate discussion of other alternatives; commission concept is too broad and not in the mandate.

The second vote was taken up on Sunday morning as some wanted to "sleep" on the discussion of whether JACL should go "one-step" or "two-step" with the commission concept. The same four voting "yes" the first time favored the more assertive "one-step" concept.

The "two step" pattern would have sought to es-

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Asian-Pacific census data for '80 still ? mark

Washington

Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) has called for early congressional consideration of a Senate Joint Resolution which would improve the collection, analysis and publication of census data relating to Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

In a letter to Subcommittee Chairman John Glenn (D-Ohio), Matsunaga pointed to reported undercounts of minorities in the 1970 Census and said that the alleged inaccuracies of the Census have "cast a cloud of doubt over policy decisions based on population statistics ever since."

"Moreover," the Hawaii lawmaker continued, "one of the nation's largest employers, Sears, Roebuck and Co., has recently filed suit against the government, alleging, among other things, that census data relating to minorities and women are inadequate for its equal opportunity programs."

The Director of the Census Bureau recently resigned, amid reports that the Bureau has failed to develop remedies which will prevent a repetition of the errors in 1980, Matsunaga



Sen. Spark Matsunaga

said. In Hawaii, local planners and elected officials found that the 1970 census data were broken down into the categories of "White," "Black," "Spanish speaking," and "Other." Since 58 percent of the State's population—including all residents of Asian American and Polynesian ancestry—fell into the "Other" category, the data were unusable for planning purposes.

"Although Hawaii might be considered unique in this regard, a number of other states such as California, Washington, Oregon, New York and Illinois

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Hayakawa aides see boss as 'superficial'

Washington

Sen. S. I. Hayakawa is superficial but harmless, anonymous members of his staff have said to a reporter recently.

Hayakawa (R-Calif.) "skims the surface on most issues, but will not sit through in-depth briefings", accused his staff members. His reportedly superficial study of issues and his legislative proposals may be "harmless", wrote Grace-Marie Arnett for Copley News Service, but perhaps reflect why the public is dissatisfied with its leaders and its laws.

Foreign policy issues usually get Hayakawa's attention, leaving his staff to deal with domestic problems in a shotgun manner, was another criticism leveled at the Canadian-born Nikkei senator by his staff.

A Hayakawa aide echoed what has been whispered on Capitol Hill: "He's really like a puppet. He looks at the world through rose-colored glasses."

However, the aide believes, "Now that he's a senator, he's finally being treated like he always thought he should be. It's a real power trip for him." His staff thinks Hayakawa wants to run for the seat again.

According to the definition given by a chief of staff in another Senate office, "The most effective senators are those who have a solid and broad per-

MIKIO UCHIYAMA

Fowler's outstanding citizen

Fowler, Ca.

Fowler Judge Mikio Uchiyama was recently honored as the Fowler Outstanding Citizen by the Chamber of Commerce.

Uchiyama has been a judge in Fowler since July 25, 1968, and handles an estimated 600 juvenile cases each year, along with everything from traffic citations to preliminary murder hearings.

Informed of his award, Judge Uchiyama asked, "What for? I have only been doing my job."

Judge Uchiyama has been doing "his job" for quite a while.

During World War II, his parents were held in the Gila, Arizona Relocation Camp. Uchiyama was a counter-intelligence agent in Tokyo for the U.S. Army and an attorney at the War Crimes Trial and at SCAP Headquarters, 1948-1951. He is a 1945 graduate in law from the Univ. of Texas and a law postgraduate at Stanford Law School.

Reflecting on that part of his life, Uchiyama said, "I guess we all felt some

measure of bitterness, but my family had taught me that America was our country, and it was our obligation to do what we could for America. In my case, it was serving in the army; in their case, it was being stationed in a relocation center."

Formerly the Fowler City Attorney, Uchiyama has law offices in both Fowler and Fresno. He is the counsel for the Fowler Buddhist Church and past president of the Fowler Lions Club and has held various offices in the JACL.

As a judge, Uchiyama has spent much time involved with juvenile offenders.

"It is so important that it be explained to these young people that you must obey the law for your own benefit," he said. "They need to understand that breaking laws destroys your life and future and not merely told that they should obey a law because it is in the books."

As far as leniency goes, Uchiyama said, "A judge must listen to the points of

law in each case. There must be a balance of consideration given the rights of the victim and the rights of the defendant."

Uchiyama keeps physically active, holding a black belt in judo.

He and his wife Toki have two sons, Robert and Russell.

Nikkei contribute to Steinbeck Day

Salinas, Ca.

Japanese Americans were prominent by their contributions to the celebration of the Steinbeck Day here Feb. 27, which included issuance of a U.S. commemorative and festivities in and around Salinas where the Nobel Prize laureate was born.

Proclamation for the day was signed by Mayor Henry Hibino, prominent lettuce grower here. Tetsumaro Hayashi, president of the Steinbeck Society of America, lectured in the city rotunda.

Margery Y. Ura, 32, was awarded first prize in the Steinbeck fiction writing contest, sponsored by the local newspaper, Salinas Californian. Her story, "Kumiko", is a diary of a ten-year-old girl being evacuated from Salinas to Poston, Ariz.



Photo by Gary Akiyama (Portland)

Nikkei signs an "Open Letter to Hayakawa" for a full-page ad due to appear in the Washington Post April 1.

Open letter campaign to Hayakawa costs \$12,500

Seattle, Wa.

"Days of Remembrance" of Seattle wants to raise \$12,500 to publish an open letter to Sen. S.I. Hayakawa, in form of a full-page ad in the Washington Post, to make it clear that the senator does not speak for Japanese Americans on the concentration camps and redress.

Among the points the letter will cover are:

✓ Hayakawa's claim that there was "nothing prison-like about the camps"

✓ His defense of the camps as "justified" and being responsible for the opportunity for Nikkei to attend prestigious Eastern colleges.

✓ His claim that he speaks for the majority of Japanese Americans.

✓ The fact that Hayakawa, born in Canada, was not evacuated or in-

carcerated during the war, and ✓ The success of "Day of Remembrance" programs in Portland, Puget Sound, San Francisco, Sacramento/Walerga, and Los Angeles indicate support for redress.

A draft of the proposed letter was displayed at the Portland celebration Feb. 17 and raised over 100 signatures and \$800. Among signers of the letter so far are:

Monica Sone, author of "Nisei Daughter"; George Takei, Mako, actors; Michi Weglyn, author of "Years of Infamy"; and Min Yasui.

The Seattle group said that, due to a misunderstanding, 10 Issei at Portland who wanted to sign the letter did not do so because they did not have

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New plan on minorities in federal jobs ready

Washington

A controversial method of calculating when a federal office is underrepresented by minorities and women was due for a public hearing by the Office of Personnel Management.

A "triggering mechanism" is involved, based upon the Civil Service Reform Act, setting up a formula that calls for each federal agency or sizable branch office to measure the respective percentages of blacks, Hispanics, Asian Americans, American Indians, Alaskan natives and women it employs—particularly at the middle and upper levels (GS 9-18), where their representation is now uniformly low.

Each group's percentage to be compared with its corresponding percentages in both the local labor force and the national labor force. A group would be "underrepresented" in a given office or agency if its percentage fell short of either the local or national figure.

Thus, if a federal office in North Dakota, where few Asian Americans reside, employed a smaller percentage of Asian Americans than that available in the national labor pool, Asian Americans would be considered "underrepresented"—even if the proportion of Asian Americans in that particular office in North Dakota happened to exceed the per-

centage in the local labor force.

As a "nationwide employer", the federal government should not be able to "duck behind the fact that" some minorities for a tiny proportion of the population in some communities, according to Eleanor Holmes Norton, head of the five-member Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Minority members would get a better chance "to move halfway across the country" for better paying jobs, she said. "That's the American way of mobility."

OPM said its hearing would be held on Feb. 26.

'Interstudy' trip to Japan slated

San Francisco

American students, 14-21, wishing to visit Japan this summer through Interstudy, an organization which brings students from Japan to America, may be interested in a two-week package of \$1,575 that includes round-trip airfare from San Francisco via Pan-Am, a week's stay with a Japanese family in Kyoto with a June 26 departure for the first 32 participants. Application deadline is Mar. 28.

Jack Mayeda of San Mateo High and Rosie Hori at Lowell High and Washington High, San Francisco, are contacts for this trip, or contact:

Interstudy, 703 Market St., San Francisco 94103 (495-5696).

Travel agency owner ordered to pay restitution to victims

Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Police Department recently concluded the investigation into the improprieties of a local Asian travel agency that catered primarily to the Japanese-speaking traveler. The agency investigated was the Central Travel Agency, Dai Ichi Kanakosha or Taiyo Travel Agency at 3778 Wilshire Blvd.

The Asian Task Force along with Bunco Division of the Los Angeles Police Department investigated innumerable complaints of fraud and misrepresentation of travel documents. The great majority of the complaints were non-English speaking Japanese who had purchased airfare

tickets to Japan. In each instance, the victims purchased airfare tickets in cash with difficulties involving fraud and deceit surfacing thereafter.

The owner/travel agent Hong In Moon was arrested and prosecuted for his unscrupulous business practices which included fraud and grand theft. Moon was convicted of two counts of grand theft with the following sentence: pay \$5,000 fine, not to operate a business

"Spring in Japan", a documentary narrated by its producer, Stan La Rue, will be shown Mar. 9, 7:30 p.m., at El Cajon's Performing Arts Center. Grossmont Community College is sponsor.

without proper license, not to accept money for tour services unless he can provide a written confirmation, not to write checks or drafts without sufficient funds to cover such document, and most

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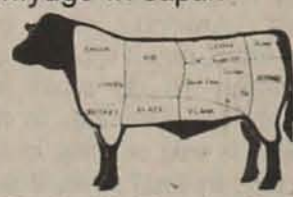
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acknowledges the expressions of sympathy and condolences from his friends. He was a longtime member of the East Los Angeles JACL chapter. He passed away on Feb. 26 at Ross Loos Hospital after a prolonged illness. He is survived by wife Yoshio, son William Ken, daughters Susan Beavers, Leslie Jill Cobas, grandson Gabriel J. Cobas, and four brothers, Roy, Saige, Wilce Shiomi and Jim Onishi. Funeral services were held March 1 at the Sage United Methodist Church, Monterey Park.

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Shirota writes play on L.A. produce markets

Los Angeles

The microcosmic world of the Los Angeles produce market will be brought to the stage when "I Hear You" by Jon Shirota premieres in the Los Angeles City College Caminito Theatre March 9.

The two-act play focuses on eight men and two women whose lives center on the city's market district.

T/L Plaque fund: 24%

San Francisco

Contributions for the Tule Lake Plaque dedication to be held May 27 continue to push the fund toward its \$10,000 goal. Seventy-five contributions, including \$500 from the Sacramento JACL, were acknowledged as of Feb. 21 for \$1,501. The aggregate total is \$2,406.

Though no price has been set for the souvenir album of pictures covering the dedication, 12 requests have been received by the JACL Tule Lake Plaque Dedication Committee. Tax-deductible contributions may be sent to the committee, care of the Calif. First Bank, 1675 Post St., San Francisco, Ca. 94115. The latest fund report follows:

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FUND SUMMARY

Jan. 31 (42) \$ 905.00
This Report (75) 1,501.00
Feb. 21 (117) \$2,406.00

"Theirs is an upside-down world, one which most outsiders are totally unfamiliar with," Shirota explains. "The workday for produce people begins at midnight, when most of the city is asleep."

Wholesale produce activity in Los Angeles revolves around two major markets, one at 9th & San Julian, the other at 7th and Central. With its multi-ethnic population of truckers, swamper, clerks and wholesalers, as well as derelicts from nearby Skid Row, it is a two-fisted, high-crime area where even conversations on the most innocuous subjects are often loudly and liberally punctuated with expletives and racial epithets.

Yet there is a great camaraderie among its citizens, says Shirota.

"People really do like each other, even though it doesn't appear that way to outsiders," he says. "And there is a code of honor there. A man is judged on his reliability, and a person's word is his bond."

Shirota, 51, is no stranger either to writing or the produce business. A native of Maui, he moved to Cali-

fornia in 1949, studied accounting in college, and became an Internal Revenue agent.

In the mid-1960s, he turned his efforts to serious writing. His first book, "Lucky Come Hawaii," published by Bantam Books in 1966, was the story of a family who moved from Japan to Hawaii, as Shirota's parents did.

A second novel, "Pineapple White," described the problems encountered by an elderly Japanese man who moves to Los Angeles to live with his son. Shirota received a Rockefeller

Foundation playwright-in-residence grant to adapt it for the East-West Players theater in Hollywood, where it was staged in 1973.

Since 1974, Shirota has periodically worked as a bookkeeper at the Los Angeles terminal of Mann Transportation, a Watsonville-based produce hauler, leaving his afternoons free for writing.

"I Hear You!" began as a novel, but quickly became a script when Shirota realized his setting, the produce dock, was "a natural stage."

The lead character, a terminal manager, faces stress in a variety of forms: strikes and unions, spoiling vegetables, ex-employees-turned-winners, and a woman who wants to break into truck driving.

The cast will include Preston Hanson, Julio Medina, Evelyn L. Celie, Tyra Tashiro and Winston Butler.

Directing the production will be James R. McCloskey, chairman of LACC's theater department.

Performances are set for March 9-11 and 14-18, 8 p.m.; matinees will be held March 16 and 17, 2:30 p.m.

Mori declares dispute costly

Sacramento, Calif.

In the wake of the fatal shooting of a striking farm worker, Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) called upon the United Farm Workers and major lettuce growers in California's Imperial Valley to redouble their efforts to find a negotiated basis for ending the bitter four-week strike.

Mori has been chairman of the special legislative committee examining the effectiveness of California's new farm labor law and the Agricultural Labor Relations Board set up to administer it.

"After much property damage, personal injury and now the tragic death of an agricultural worker," Mori declared, "this dispute has become too costly."

'Rebop' tells about WW2 Evacuation

Los Angeles

"Rebop", a WGBH-Boston PBS series for pre-teens, has a series showing off America's multi-cultural facets. A two-part set has been produced by Lois Johnson with an assist from Sue Kunitomi Embrey of the Manzanar Committee and the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute.

It was aired in the Los Angeles area over the Feb. 17-18 weekend.

Action Reporter ...



Joanne Inouye (above), the KNX Newsradio Action Reporter, will speak before the Japanese United Information Community Exchange (JUICE) meeting Mar. 12, 1 p.m., at the Union Church, E. 3rd and San Pedro in Little Tokyo. She hails from Chicago, but attended L.A. area schools and graduated in 1976 from Cal State-Long Beach.

OPEN LETTER / ADV.

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money to contribute. The group says that although it is asking for a minimum \$5 contribution per signature to pay for the ad, people are welcome to sign without donating, and Issei signatures are especially wanted.

The group is not connected with National JACL but is pro-Redress and "looking for a means of bringing the non-JACL, the shaky, vague support for redress, out of the cold to publicly inform Hayakawa that he

is wrong about claiming he speaks for Japanese America on the camps and redress."

The letter does not support any particular form of redress, only tries to argue the cause of redress, the group says. Contributions may be sent by Mar. 23 to: "Days of Remembrance", c/o David Ishii Bookseller, 212 First Ave S, Seattle, Wa 98104.

A copy of the open letter will be sent to persons who send in a self-addressed, stamped envelope or call (206) 723-8802. #

Trudeau's adviser

Ottawa

Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau shuffled Thomas Shoyama Feb. 1 from the post of deputy minister of finance to a less demanding job of special adviser on constitutional affairs—still a key position in view of constitutional issues expected in the national elections. #

ADC new officers

Los Angeles

The Asian Democratic Caucus has elected Tommy Chung, executive director of the Asian American Drug Abuse Program, its new president. Other officers are:

Gloria Julagay and Shan Thaver, vp; C. Jay Kim, treas; and Connie Guerrero. #

'Shikataganai' TV series on Topaz, Minidoka lauded

Salt Lake City, Utah

The National JACL Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Michael Rawson and Salt Lake City TV station KUTV for producing and airing a documentary on the Evacuation, the camps at Topaz (Central Utah) and Minidoka (Twin Falls, Idaho, area) during the recent Intermountain District Council meeting here.

IDC Gov John Tameno read the citation commending the producer and the station "for their contributions in promoting a greater awareness of Americans of Japanese ancestry". The documentary appeared on the 6 and 10



"I Hear You", a drama set in the Los Angeles produce market, opens March 9 at L.A. City College Theater Academy. Playwright John Shirota (center), who works as a bookkeeper in the market, checks his two-act play with set designer Ed Gallagher (left) and director James McCloskey outside Shirota's dockside office.

Italian-American remark draws fire against HUD

Washington

Though it has been dismissed as a joke when a staffer with the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development casually made a remark about Italian Americans, the statement was denounced Feb. 14 by

Chi Alpha Delta ready for 50th fete

Los Angeles

Chi Alpha Delta celebrates its 50th anniversary with dinner Mar. 31, 6:30 p.m. at the James West Alumni Center on the UCLA campus. Alumnae members are urged to call for details from Marge Shinno (935-1010 day, 664-1534 eve).

Rep. Andrew Maguire (D-N.J.)

"Highly reliable" sources had told Maguire the comment was part of a "serious proposal" to run FBI checks on any Italian American and any New Jersey person involved in projects for which cities seek funds under HUD's Urban Development Action Grant program.

Maguire said if the proposal were made, "it smacks of the most blatant, defamatory discrimination imaginable". HUD Secretary Patricia Roberts Harris has been asked for an immediate investigation.

In Chicago, Secretary Harris denied such a proposal was ever made or that UDAG intends to run FBI checks on anyone. "That statement represents the kind of racial and ethnic prejudice I would not expect to find at HUD ..."

UDAG is a \$400-million-a-year HUD program designed to spur private investment in declining cities.

On Feb. 23, Secretary Harris said in a letter to Maguire that the unnamed HUD staff member who made the unflattering remark was reprimanded during a department meeting. Maguire said her prompt response allayed "my fears" about an FBI check.

The National Italian American Foundation, however, said the reprimand was insufficient punishment. #

'Two on the Town'

In Los Angeles, over KNXT (2) Saturday, Mar. 10, 7:30 p.m., Connie Chung and Steve Edwards, co-hosts of the "Two on the Town" program, will explore Manzanar and talk with many of the former camp residents involved with having a park-museum constructed at the site and with those who live in Owens Valley, who want the camp destroyed and forgotten.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Clifford Uyeda

Changing Parties

During the depression years of the 1930s I looked upon President Roosevelt as our country's savior. Later I was troubled when he said during a campaign for his third term in office

that he was indispensable to our country. When anyone felt that important it was time to step aside, I thought. He won his third term in 1940.

Adlai Stevenson was a true inspiration and an exciting candidate. Unfortunately he was running against a war hero and a legend in Dwight Eisenhower.

Like so many other Americans of the 1960s I rejoiced in the vigorous and youthful image at the White House under President Kennedy. Anticipation was great, until it was shattered by the assassin's bullet in Dallas.

Continued U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War, increasing centralization of power in Washington, several admired friends who were Republicans—all combined and resulted in changing my registration to a Republican. That was 15 years ago.

Senators Inouye and Matsunaga, Congressmen Mineta and Matsui—they're not only sensitive to but supportive of the constitutional guarantees and responsibilities which apply not only to the dominant Americans but also to Asian Americans. They are keenly aware that protection of the rights of Asian Americans is also a safeguard for the rights of all Americans. In my personal opinion, it is a perspective practiced more by Democrats than by Republicans.

In his sixties Dr. S.I. Hayakawa changed his party registration from a Democrat to a Republican. I've changed mine from a Republican to a Democrat. #

REDRESS

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establish the basis for redress and none of the committee was of the opinion that a bill should hit a "rock bottom line" as one member described it.

A position statement, in the meantime, is being prepared by the committee as it will recall the 1942 history of removal and detention, role of the Nisei GIs and challenging the U.S. to be "a beacon light for human rights".

A question & answer kit is being prepared for chapter use.

Tateishi reported having received 35 resolutions for "A Day of Remembrance", including those from: GOVERNORS—Dixy Lee Ray, Wash.; Richard Lamm, Colo.

STATE LEGISLATURE—Calif. COUNTIES—Los Angeles, San Francisco, Contra Costa, Santa Clara; Colorado: Denver.

CITIES—California: Los Angeles, Berkeley, Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Oakland, Palo Alto, San Bruno, San Jose, Saratoga, Sunnyvale; New York—New York; Ohio—Cincinnati, Dayton; Oregon—Portland; Utah—Salt Lake City; Washington—Seattle.

(Present at the signing of the Gov. Dixy Lee Ray proclamation Feb. 12 were Ron Mamiya and Diane Wong, executive director, State Commission Asian Amer-

ican Affairs.)

Reports and clippings on the various Day of Remembrance observances were presented.

With less than \$1,000 in the committee treasury, the weekend session wound up with organizing a national and regional redress campaign fund drive. Northern Calif.-Western Nevada JACL District donated \$3,000 to revise and print more Redress booklets, it was announced.

With resignation of Ellen Endo from the redress committee on media, Tateishi named Peter Takeuchi and Paul Turner, both of San Francisco, to the task.

Japan Air Lines observes 25th year

San Francisco

Japan Air Lines has celebrated its 25th anniversary of scheduled trans-Pacific service to San Francisco.

On Feb. 2, 1954, JAL's first scheduled international flight departed Tokyo for San Francisco via Wake Island and Honolulu. A DC-6B aircraft named "City of Tokyo" carried 19 passengers. Normal flight time then took 30 hours and 20 minutes. Today, Boeing 747 jets fly Tokyo-San Francisco nonstop in 8 hours and 50 minutes. #

Comment, letters, features

Redress: Pro and Con

Editor:

A legislative bill is now being prepared in Congress to provide redress for the Japanese Americans incarcerated in camps during the Second World War. The effort is to appeal to the national conscience, if not by direct or indirect compensation, for the wrong that can happen in the United States depriving its citizens and residents of personal and property rights. A Congressional approval for redress is sought because the claimants have exhausted the procedural means to achieve this end.

It should be remembered that redress for period of incarceration during the Second World War is only part of the total picture. Each family had to adjust to the post-war era without assistance, and thereafter, further suffering was experienced. My family is an ex-

ample.

On Dec. 7, 1941, my parents were detained in separate detention centers and later routed to different camps in the United States. Three of us, minor children, were left in custody of very distant relatives in Hawaii. The family had a reunion sometime in 1943, at Seagoville, Texas, and spent most of the war time later in Crystal City, Texas.

My father had been a Shin-to priest at the outbreak of the war. During his absence, the church property was deeded over to the City of Honolulu without consideration. Non-cooperating Japanese were at random sent to relocation centers, and, it was believed that indirect pressure was applied to cause such a grant of property.

Upon release in December, 1945, the family had a temporary rental which was

also used for church. In 1953, over 10,000 signatures were gathered in a petition to have the church property returned to the church, which was being reorganized. Thereafter followed one of the longest hearings in the history of the Board of Supervisors (now City Council). Even when the church property was returned by the city, a taxpayer suit was filed, and the case was litigated in the lower and Hawaii State Supreme Court. In 1968, the old church, built in classic Japanese architecture, was again operational. Legal fees, costs and building repair costs were substantial.

Where, as in the above case, a claim of rights is brought against the government (whether it be the federal, state, county or city government), relief is not often achieved without economic, emotional and other sacrifices. Such difficulties have discouraged many peo-

ple from seeking redress from the government.

A claimant proposing to file a claim against any government entity must fully weigh the consequences of such action. There are procedural rules which require filing of timely claim against the entity being involved. There are certain immunities. There must be competent legal counsel. Certain claims are simple. Others are very complex. In the case of the above church property, the church property was returned and relocated almost 15 years after first petitioning. In the case of the JACL redress for wartime relocation, the court process being denied, legislation is now being sought.

I believe some good will result from the redress effort in Washington and thank those who assist in the legislation.

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Sen. Hayakawa

Editor:

I have noticed for quite some time now the devastating effect some of S. I. Hayakawa's proclamation has on many members of JACL.

I see it as a love-hate relationship between some members of JACL and Hayakawa. For some unknown reason, the powers that be that run JACL feel compelled to invite Hayakawa as a keynote speaker to their high level functions, and heaven forbid if they do not get his approval—it is instant paranoia.

Regarding "Redress" he sounds like a white man talking about the yellow peril. There are many concerned, sensitive congressmen who can support the Japanese Americans that have suffered so much, simply because it is the right and honorable thing to do.

Remember we have four of the best supporting the cause; namely, Sen. Matsunaga, Sen. Inouye, Rep. Mineta, and Rep. Matsui. It amazes me that so many in JACL act as if Hayakawa is the High Priest of the Japanese American community.

Dear friends—free yourselves from your emotional ties with Hayakawa. Try it. You will love it. It is great to be free.

So dear sisters and brothers, repeat after me: Sayonara, Hayakawa-san, I must leave you behind for my zoris are taking me onward and upwards.

M. YAMANAKA ISEKE
Palo Alto, Ca.

Editor:

I am appalled with two of Senator Hayakawa's responses to Joe Templeton's interview (Feb. 9 PC).

The first is in response to the question as to whether incarceration was the "right way" to treat Americans of Japanese ancestry at the time. The senator's response was that due to mass hysteria and pressure of the press, it was "inescapable" to do so for the group's own protection. I wonder if every time mass hysteria arises

against any group of people shall we lock them up for their own protection?

The second is in response to the question as to whether Americans of Japanese ancestry who were detained should apply for redress. The senator's response was that since the above group of people is not now a "disadvantaged minority", it would be "beneath their dignity" to apply. This knocks out the basic concept of American justice which is justice for all: the rich, the poor, the powerful, and the weak.

DONNA OGAWA
Chicago

Newsworthy Column

Editor:

The NC-WNDC is fortunate to have among its resources the workforce of volunteers over the years, but one main link which assures continuity and output has been the dedication of our regional director, George Kondo. Our membership and the chapters have truly enjoyed his style. And on numerous occasions, he has assisted the National Organization in a commendable way.

The efforts of the NC-WNDC executive board who served this past biennium also helped to take the National Organization a step closer toward our many goals of equal rights, redress, equal opportunities and seeing that Nikkei are treated as first-rate Americans and human beings.

Our new governor, Ben Takeshita, is well known in our district for his work with senior citizens project, redress, international relations, media, building fund, Iva Toguri, 9066, etc. He is a California state employee, holding a very responsible director's position at Pleasant Hill. We know he'll do a tremendous job during his two-year term. And he has consented to continue our NC-WNDC column for it has been a part of the communication line.

Much is communicated at

district meetings, where three perspectives of JACL—chapter, national and district—merge. We have attempted to share every bit of information directed to the governor and with comments at these meetings. And to bolster the feeling that each member is as important as the officials and delegates, we have tried in my way to communicate through our Newsworthy Column With Notable District Communication in the PC. We believe a well-informed and well-read membership is an important facet to keep the organization lively and cohesive.

It would be worthwhile also for chapters to establish a local communication link through a regular newsletter to stir up interest and strengthen the chapter. And each chapter newsletter should be mailed to Headquarters, the regional director and the PC editor.

CHUCK KUBOKAWA
Palo Alto, Ca.

From Nobuyuki Nakajima

Higher Education VI

Cleveland

Last October I was visiting a country where 60% of its medical doctors and 40% of the engineers were women. It is the Soviet Union. Fifteen years ago women engineers were rare in the U.S.; they were either of Chinese or Jewish background. Today, the enrollment of women in the engineering curriculum is growing steadily. No doubt, there will be more and more women in the professional field. How will this change our future life?

Some answers may be found if we look into the way people live in the Soviet Union, where men and woman share the professional life equally. When I was in Tashkent, I was invited to visit a family. An Uzbeki student took me there by subway. When we got there, several people were watching football on a large color TV, Tempo. They turned it off and started a tape on their Hitachi portable AM/FM cassette player. They played French songs for me. On the opposite side of the room was a new, large upright piano.

We sat on very comfortable couch and matching chairs. They served champagne, red and black caviar, the famous Uzbeki bread and equally famous Uzbeki grapes. I asked what the master of the house (apartment) did; he looked very young, more like 24 than 28. I was told that he was a student of economics, just finishing up. Then, they told me that his wife was a civil engineer. Her salary is sufficient to provide the comfortable living; they had a lovely daughter of about two and a half years old. When I left, my host took me back to my hotel in his Zigli (Soviet Fiat).

I relate this experience because some Japanese Americans may think that women don't need a higher education.

Ojiisan

Editor:

Regarding Hosokawa's column on "Ojiisan" (Jan. 26 PC), the author of the Romanized Dictionary, K.C. Kondo, notes:
grandfather, n, *sofu*; grandpa, *ojiisan*.
grandmother, n, *sobo*; grand-mama, n, *obaasan*.

There is a subtle distinction. The *chiteki kyokai* (intellectual snobs or those who claim to be *Shizoku* or *Bazoku*) would limit their use to *sofu* and *sobo*. A commoner like me makes no distinction.

But seriously, society has a way of making a number of slang expressions acceptable as an integral part of our language.

MIKE M. HORII
Gardena, Ca.

Doc Horii is now recuperating from surgery that eliminated his discomfort from pain in the hip and knee joint through insertion of a prosthesis. He hopes to be playing golf again.—Editor.



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

Chill of 1942

Salt Lake City:

I remember the night I met Robbie. My husband called from the office, saying he was bringing Robbie home for a drink. "You'll like him. He's interesting and witty. And he's a student of Japanese culture."

Robbie was tall, slender and attractive. The smile and voice and eye contact conveyed the correct measure of sincerity which all successful young men of that period cultivated. There was nothing offensive about him.

So I don't know what made me pretend I spoke little English. Using my fingers, I explained that I had only been in this country for a few years. And then I jabbered away in Japanese. It was a peculiar conversation. I passed the drinks and hors d'oeuvres with exaggerated motions of remembered Japanese formality. The utter epitome of abominable female servitude. There was devilish satisfaction in my performance. Everyone should show their horns occasionally. The caprice came to an abrupt end when Robbie said, "Knock it off. I know all about you. You were born in Los Angeles."

Robbie eventually moved to this city. We became acquainted with his family, did social things together. I'll never forget the first time his entire family came for dinner. Robbie called and asked whether his daughter, Sally, who was about five years old at that time, could come in Japanese attire. He explained that they had dined at the Mikado, one of this city's finest restaurants. Sally was so impressed with the waitresses in their native costumes that she decided that night to become Japanese. So they had rounded up a kimono, slippers and accessories. Would I play along with the

game?

No problem, I assured Robbie. One little girl's fantasy was mild compared to the delusions and illusions of the many screwballs I have humored in my time. On the appointed evening, I explained the situation to my son. "Don't laugh," I warned, as the doorbell rang.

He didn't. Instead, he shouted, "Hey, dig that crazy costume." But Sally had a fine evening. Shuffling her slippers, eyes squeezed into a simulation of slits, bowing continuously, she helped serve dessert from a lacquered tray.

I confess that sometimes I suspect persons, including Japanese Americans, who profess being into Japanese culture. Too often, the perspective is superficial, lacking scholarly foundation. And I further admit an instinctive, perhaps defensive, probe for any suggestion of patronage.

Robbie was different in that respect. He had done his homework. Knowing myself to be inadequate for his thoughtful inquiries, I referred him to my mother. They became good friends, saw each other often. It was our relationship that bothered Robbie. He asked my husband why I didn't like him very much. I remember answering, "Maybe he tries too hard to win me over."

After Robbie and his family moved to Seattle, we exchanged a few notes. But most of our communication was through the grapevine. We learned about his cancer. How he scheduled his chemotherapy treatments so he would be sick over the week-ends, well enough to report for work on Monday. Friends and associates spoke admiringly of his attitude. Robbie stories and jokes were repeated

with same zest. Underlined with an unspoken sadness that death would soon take the teller.

Last summer, a phone call from Los Angeles. From the noises in the background, I guessed it was one of those happy convention calls, where friends gang up on you. And then someone said, "I have a friend here who wants to talk to you." Who? Robbie. More than ten years had passed since our last conversation.

"How are you doing?" I asked. "We know about the cancer." And, "You surprise me. I didn't think you had that kind of courage." He laughed, said he was glad I hadn't changed at all. We talked about our families. He assured me that Sally was as beautiful as I imagined, already in high school. Then someone else yelled that it was his turn to talk. "See you," Robbie said.

He died a few weeks ago, word coming quickly. His death disturbed me. Not the fact of death itself. But the unfinished business between us. The reason I could not accept his gift of friendship.

It happened early in our encounter. One night, talk got around to the Evacuation. I was working on some research, had volumes strewn in the study. Picking up a book, Robbie said, "I remember being a kid when all this happened. I thought that all of you should have been rounded up, killed by gunfire."

An unreasonable anger overwhelmed me. My hands turned cold. "You really believed that?" I asked.

"I did. It was all so wrong. But that was 1942, a different time." He rubbed my shoulder in a comforting gesture. I pulled away, the damage had been done. Perhaps I wanted him to repudiate the truth, to tell



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Avant-Garde Abe

Denver, Colo.

Kobo Abe probably is best known in the United States for his novel, "The Woman in the Dunes". The English translation was published in 1964, and some time later the movie version began to appear in art cinemas around this country.

"The Woman in the Dunes" is a strange tale of what happened to an insect collector who disappeared without a trace while pursuing his hobby along a lonely beach. What happened was that he was seized by residents of a remote village in constant danger of being engulfed by the advance of windblown sand dunes. He is kept captive at the bottom of a vast sand pit with a young woman. They are forced to keep shoveling sand day after day just to stay alive and their labor helps to save the village.

The story is a psychological study of a man caught in an incredible trap, his efforts to escape, and the gradual change that comes over his thinking.

But in addition to being a novelist, Abe is a playwright and director of avant-garde productions. Next year one of his plays, "The Little Elephant Is Dead", will be performed in a number of American cities in connection with the elaborate "Japan Today" cultural experience being planned for New York, Washington, Chicago, Denver and perhaps other cities.

Abe and several other members of his production company were in Denver a few weeks ago to scout the theater where his play will be performed, and to get acquainted with some of the people involved in the "Japan Today" effort.

Abe is a quiet, soft-spoken gentleman who looks somewhat younger than his 55 years. Over dinner—he ordered steak, which is astonishingly cheap here compared to Japan—he talked about limiting himself to one novel every three years so he could spend the rest of his time writing and producing plays. The experimental

theater is his real love and he has attracted a considerable following among the young people of Japan. The Japanese masses, he mourned, are now so far removed from the traditional kabuki plays that they no longer understand what is being said on the stage and must depend on explanations provided by a narrator through earphones.

Abe let me have an English script of "The Little Elephant Is Dead" (translated by one Ian Hideo Levy) and since I didn't have an opportunity to read it then, we couldn't discuss it in any meaningful manner. I did read it later, however, and the impression is that Abe makes the most avant of the American avant-garde dramatists look like traditionalists. "The Little Elephant Is Dead" must be to the stage what abstract art is to painting; both need a roadmap of sorts to explain the meaning to clods like me.

"The Little Elephant Is Dead," so far as I was able to discover, contains no elephants dead or alive. Rather, it is peopled by animated cloths that move and laugh and talk, insects, a dream that moves about, screams in the darkness and a lot of other spooky things. Here's the way one sequence goes:

"Two judges enter on stilts. Each of them holds a tennis racket in his hand. Their faces are painted white." (The judges ask the defendant's plea.) "The dream comes running in wearing a referee's uniform. He holds a thin stick on the end of which is fastened a ball. Directly behind him follow Cloth E and F with a film projector. The dream: 'Not guilty!'"

I must see how all this comes out on the stage, and when it is ended and the applause has subsided, I must order another steak for Kobo Abe and ask him to explain it all to me. Explain the play, and explain why the young people of Japan find it so fascinating. Explain where the elephant went. And explain to me why I am so hopelessly old-fashioned and out of step with and perplexed by the modern world. #

CENSUS

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also have significant populations of Asian Americans and Pacific Island Americans," Matsunaga said. "Because of increased immigration from Southeast Asia and the Pacific Basin, it is estimated that the total population of Asian/Pacific Americans may have doubled in the last 10 to 20

years. sympathetic lies. I was temporarily driven emotionally senseless. Maybe it was the wrong timing. I was then reviewing at a steady pace, for weeks and months, every volume related to the concentration camp experience that I possessed.

Is it possible that somewhere during the process, I had hurtled myself backward to a generation past. And so I bore a grudge against the Robbie I never knew, who as a child believed that we should have been gunned down. I held him responsible for the myopia of a time long past. And forever forfeited what could have been in the present.

years.

"Many of these recent immigrants are desperately in need of social services funded by the federal government, but they will only receive such aid if government planners officially 'see' them in the census statistics," said Matsunaga.

"If they remain 'invisible,' their communities may yet become the future breeding grounds of illiteracy, unemployment, poverty, mental illness, crime and other serious social problems."

The Matsunaga Resolution, introduced on Jan. 23, and cosponsored by Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), would require:

The Departments of Commerce, Agriculture, Labor and Health, Education and Welfare to collect and publish reliable social and economic statistics on Asian and Pacific Island American ethnic groups for those states which have significant populations of Asian/Pacific Americans; would require the Census Bureau to establish a permanent advisory committee for Asian/Pacific Americans, similar to existing census advisory committees for Black and Hispanic Americans.

35 Years Ago

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

MARCH 11, 1944

Feb. 27—Lincoln biographer and poet Carl Sandberg upholds Nisei loyalty in his Chicago Daily Times column.

Mar. 2—Nisei (George Fuiji) held on sedition charges for urging Nisei to resist Selective Service draft, ordered held for Federal grand jury hearing.

Mar. 2—Sunnyvale cannery workers (CIO Local 22473) protest city council resolution assuring permanent removal of Japanese Americans.

Mar. 4—Two Nisei in Minidoka arraigned for failure to report for draft out of 120 called for pre-induction physical at Boise.

Mar. 5—Delaware farmer at Rehoboth Beach defends right to hire evacuee labor, others protest importation.

Mar. 6—War Dept. reports first Nisei (Hiroshi Hamada, Honolulu) held as prisoner of war in Germany.

Mar. 6—Report by Spanish consul says Nisei in WRA camps have no obligation to be drafted by U.S.; U.S. officials indicate procedures represent "unwarranted interference."

Mar. 7—FCC official (James Fly) blasts rumors of illegal radio broadcasts by Hawaii residents before House committee; close check of Honolulu Japanese language programs since Pearl Harbor attack show no subversive tinge.

Mar. 11—Nisei officer (Maj. Kahn Uyeyama, San Francisco) commands unit at Camp Grant, Ill., House Military Affairs Committee told; Dies Committee member (Rep. Thomas) seeks ouster of all Nisei GIs at Camp Grant hospital.

REDRESS PHASE TWO: John Tateishi

Do We Have It Made?

San Francisco

We are proud of our history in this country, and rightfully so, to have quietly come through so much adversity for so long, finally to establish our place in the American society and emerge, in the view of sociologists, as "the model minority."

And now we are talking about Redress, the single most controversial issue discussed among ourselves since the Evacuation. And like any controversy, it has created divisiveness within our community.

One of the apparent fears about Redress and the cause for some of the divisiveness among some of our own community is the possibility of backlash from the general public. "Leave well enough alone," we are told, because we have made it in America and don't want to raise the ire of our fellow Americans.

It's a fear, I've been told, of reviving the antagonisms and hostile attitudes of the days of WW2.

If this is true, if our place in this society is that tenuous, then it seems obvious to me that we really haven't "made it". We are, in essence, still second-class citizens.

Worse yet, we are taking on a second-class citizenship mentality, demonstrating all the fears, intimidations and insecurities of a group not yet prepared to assert its rightful place in the society.

Perhaps it's time that we take a hard look at ourselves collectively and individually, and determine where we stand. We can fool ourselves, but it's time that we quit fooling ourselves.

In this regard, Redress will tell us just how acceptable we are to our fellow Americans, whether or not in fact we've really "made it". If trying to propound the basic and fundamental ideals of American democracy is cause for our rejection, then we're nowhere close to "making it".

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● **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.
Mil-Hi—Inst dnr, Little Shanghai, 7pm; Karl Nobuyuki, spkr.
Hoosier—Interest Wkshp: Japanese pastries, Chas Woodward res, 1pm.

● **MAR. 12 (Monday)**
West Los Angeles—Comm Info Mtg, Nora Sterry School, 7:30 pm; Two spkrs—Vicki Hamamoto, PCYA rep; Lyle Kurisaki, exec, Prison Preventers.

● **MAR. 13 (Tuesday)**
Stockton—Mtg, Cal 1st Bank,

CCDC meeting

Fresno, Ca.

Central California District Council was scheduled for a meeting on Thursday, Mar. 8, 7:30 p.m., at the JACL Regional Office here, it was announced by Sachiye Kuwamoto, regional director. #

8pm; Atty Takashi Sugano, spkr.

"Importance of Wills".

● **MAR. 17 (Saturday)**

Contra Costa—Family bowling.

New York—Nisei Awareness

Conf follow-up.

Union City—SFCJAS Center

Players, So Alan Cty Buddhist

Church (Fremont, Tri-Valley

and Eden Township co-sponsors).

Fresno—Issei Appr dnr, Bud-

dhist Church Annex. 6pm.

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● New York

'AINU PEOPLE' BECOMES AN ATTRACTIVE TOPIC

Motoko Spiegel and Haruko Muranaka's "Conversation About the Ainu People" proved to be of enormous interest to the large audience attending the first New York JACL general membership meeting of the year, Feb. 17, at the Madison Presbyterian Church, according to chapter president Ruby Yoshino Schaar.

Muranaka introduced the film, "The Statue of Shakhshain: Ainu Hero", a documentary of the present-day Ainu living in Hokkaido and incognito elsewhere in Japan because of discrimination. Film tells of a Japanese anthropologist who interested a sculptor to carve the figure of Shakhshain for a monument in memory of the tragic hero. Upon completion, the event drew Ainus from different parts of Japan, and generated a pride in their rich heritage.

● Oakland

BOARD TO MEET EVERY 2nd FRIDAY

Oakland JACL held its installation dinner Jan. 28 at the Elegant Farmer Restaurant in Jack London Square. Featured speaker was Michael Kaplan, senior development officer

with the Office of Economic Development and Employment in Oakland.

In the last newsletter, new president Doug Shirachi especially encouraged members to attend board meetings held the second Friday each month in the upstairs conference room at the Sumitomo Bank in Oakland, 7:30 p.m.

● Santa Barbara

MIKE HIDE SWORN IN AS CHAIRMAN

The Montecito Country Club of Santa Barbara was the setting for the installation of the Santa Barbara JACL Chapter officers Feb. 10. Eighty-two JACLers and friends were present, highlighted by the guest appearance of Santa Barbara city mayor David Shiffman and Congressman Robert J. Lagomarsino (R-Calif.).

Tom Hirashima served as master of ceremonies, with George Ohashi bringing the greetings, the flag salute led by chapter chairman Mike Hide, invocation by the Rev. Dan Hodgson, and benediction by Rev. Nobuo Miyaji.

Lagomarsino spoke on the political and economic impact of the new China-U.S. diplomacy on the nations of the Pacific basin, such as Japan, Taiwan, Russia, U.S. and others.

PSWDC Gov. Paul Tsuneishi was the installing officer. —HATSUME KOSAKAI

Belated report of Okubo-Yamada fund San Francisco

Here is the Okubo-Yamada Legal Defense Fund report # 19, acknowledging 22 contributions totaling \$397, which should have appeared with the Feb. 16 PC publication of fund report #20. Grand total as of Jan. 29 is \$9,832.97.

Tax-deductible contributions to the JACL Okubo-Yamada Fund are being accepted at JACL National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, Ca. 94115.

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During the discussion period, members became aware that the hurt and frustrations of the Ainu in Japan was similar to anti-Japanese discrimination in America. Display of Mrs. Spiegel's woodcuts and photographs also added to the understanding of Ainu problems.

Ron Osajima announced the chapter calendar for the year, while Mrs. Schaar encouraged members to assist.

Meeting closed with a supper of "inaka" food at Robata Restaurant.

HOLIDAY FUND-RAISER GROSSES \$3,400

New York JACL's annual fund-raiser started with a record \$1,256 in donations already recorded before the door was open to the one-day program of a Holiday dinner prepared by chef Henry Iijima, the white elephant sale, auction, baked goods, coffee bar and tickets at the Japanese American United Church on Dec. 2.

Treasurer Richard Kenmotsu reported the fund raiser grossed \$3,402—highest in the history of the annual project. Some contributions were designated for the Lucile Nakamura scholarship fund, the General Scholarship and for operations. Co-chairpersons Riki Ito and Ruby Schaar said about 30 local firms and 150 members pitched in to make this the "best ever".

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● West Los Angeles

LYLE KURISAKI, VICKI HAMAMOTO TO SPEAK

Lyle Kurisaki, executive director of Prison Preventers Association and Vicki Hamamoto, Presidential Classroom for Young Americans chapter scholarship recipient, will speak at the monthly West Los Angeles JACL meeting, Monday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. in the Nora Sterry School auditorium.

Public is invited to this community service information meeting, Chapter President Toy Kanegai announced.

Kurisaki will discuss the little known but prevalent subject of Asian adult and juvenile diversion programs. He will be contrasted with Miss Hamamoto, University High School 12th grader, who will relate her week-long PCYA experience in Washington D.C. recently.

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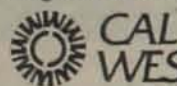


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Oriental Builders Assn. hears Judge Takasugi on 'Bakke'

Los Angeles

Clay Kodama, president of RDC Construction Co., was installed for his second term as president of the Oriental Builders Association (OBA) at a dinner held Feb. 24.

The OBA, whose members include architects, engineers, general and sub-contractors, was formed in 1971 to promote and develop opportunities for Asian Americans in the construction field.

Guest speaker, Federal District Judge Robert Takasugi, who was asked to speak on the Bakke deci-

sion and its possible effects in the construction industry, characterized the Bakke decision as "confusing" and stated that he could not predict its repercussions in the area of affirmative action programs. He stated that the Supreme Court justices must realize that "if we don't have equality in the areas of employment, education, and residence, then we don't have equality at all."

Other officers installed for the 1979 term were:

Al Toyofuku, vice-president; Stanley Murakawa, secretary; and Roy Nakao, treasurer. #

HAYAKAWA

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spective in what they want to accomplish for their states and the country as a whole."

The opinion among Arnett's sampling of senators and aides is that the 73-year-old Hayakawa does not have the perspective.

Senators asked for their opinion of Hayakawa—on the record—accentuate the positive, probably mindful that they need his vote occasionally for their own legislative programs. They said his unique character helps round out the Senate, and marveled at how the semanticist is still interest-

ed in learning at his age, wrote Arnett.

Few expect him to become an outstanding congressional leader, according to Arnett, but neither do they expect him to neglect his basic duties. #

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San Francisco

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JA Demos to hear Mayor Feinstein

San Francisco

Mayor Dianne Feinstein of San Francisco will be the keynote speaker at the Japanese American Democratic Club dinner April 7, at Miyako Hotel.

Planning Commissioner Yoshio Nakashima will be master of ceremonies while Wayne Nishioka will be installed as president. #

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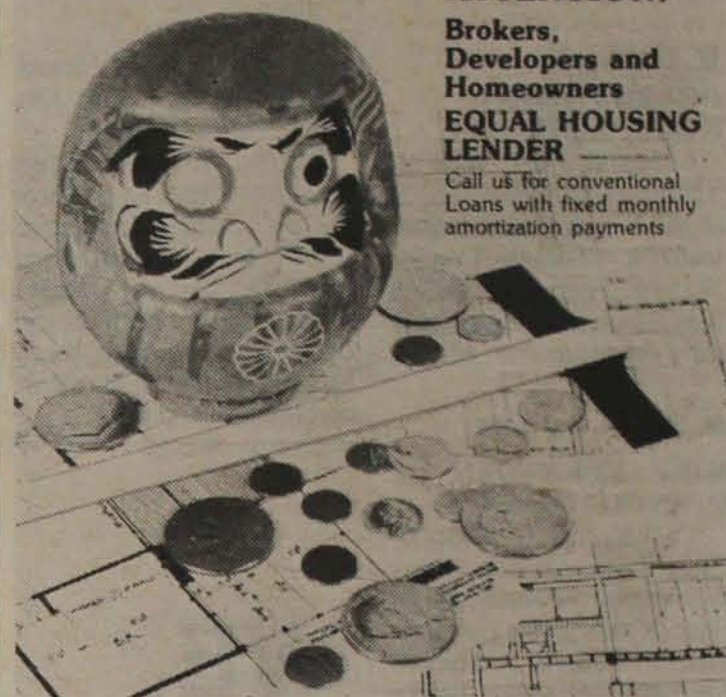
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MIS prizes Kibei GIs kicked out after Dec. 7

CHAPTER 6

Opening parts of Chapter 6 comment on the history of Japanese language schools in Hawaii and the mainland which had been established by the Issei, the matter of learning Japanese and being able to distinguish the kind of Japanese writing: Kaisho—the print-hand version; Gyosho—semi-cursive style of writing kanji; and Soshō—cursive (more or less a shorthand rendering of Kanji) and highly individualized. Almost impossible for a non-Japanese to master.

As Harrington notes, most Japanese military field orders were taken down over the phone in "soshō". Hence, the ability to rapidly translate such documents seized near the front was the "most potent weapon in the arsenal of a linguist"—an ability which showed up best when a Kibei was deciphering. Looking back it now appears ridiculous, says Harrington, as the Army was approaching in late 1942 those Kibei it had kicked out of the army to give the Army a second chance by joining MISLS. Most Kibei by now were behind barbed wire as we pick up the Harrington serialization.—Ed.

RASMUSSEN'S recruiters did what they could in late 1942. It was not enough. Morio Nishita got concentration camp inmates to join the effort, even though his own relatives were being locked up, the sight of his uniform enough to persuade some he was sincere.

Other MISLS staffers worked hard, too, but an early head count showed that the quota was not being met. So, 67 Nisei from Hawaii at Camp McCoy were identified and ordered to Savage and more ordered later as needed. Dick Oguro got passed over in the first selection because he excelled in the martial arts. A qualified judo instructor was automatically suspect. Oguro felt he got shanghai'd with the second batch because of a letter he'd written a Minneapolis newspaper, wondering when trained Nisei soldiers would be put to use instead of just being kept languishing in a camp.

Not all the Hawaii men were sold on language school, but the inside of a classroom had a lot more appeal than drilling—and drilling—and drilling in the snow, at sub-zero temperatures. Besides, McCoy was not really a happy place. Not so long as civilian AJA's were locked up, right next door.

The Hawaiians did eventually accept their situation with resignation, working off anger against "those god-damned Japs!" If it hadn't been for the attack on Pearl Harbor, they reasoned, they wouldn't be in the fix they were in, 4,000 miles away from home and shivering... Linguists from the 100th began calling themselves *Sem-pai Gumi*, taking some pride in the fact they would be the first Hawaiians into the Pacific.

Another 1,000 words follow describing family life as the Nisei experienced it, an explanation of the traditional virtues of filial pi-

ety, "on, gimu and giri". He relates one unnamed MISer who wished he wouldn't ever hear of "Yamato damashii" or "Bushido" again because the MISer was still disturbed about how 70 million people in Japan fell to these tools of the militarists.—Ed.

Although they didn't have to clean up their sleeping areas, as preceding class members did, December arrivals at Camp Savage didn't find the atmosphere inviting. The coldest winter Minnesota had in decades was on.

Three old-fashioned potbellied stoves heated each barracks, and one man was given the "coal detail" in each building. He had to shiver himself awake in plenty of time to stoke up the fires. Woe betide him if at night he didn't bank the first just right, and they went out. John Aiso used the circumstance to get more effort out of his charges, letting it be known that men who flunked the course got assigned to the coal gang until orders came through for duty elsewhere.

A lot of missionaries' sons and former Japan-based businessmen entered the second Savage class, many having been repatriated on the Swedish liner Gripsholm when the U.S. and Japan exchanged nationals. William Laffin, who was half-Caucasian, half-Japanese, was one of these. He was fortunate. James Hamasaki, a diplomatic service employee, was one of the only two Nisei who sailed home from Japan on the repatriation ship.

A 1942 message to Yokohama from the U.S. State Department specifically directed that no Nisei be listed for boarding the Gripsholm. A friend of the author's, Masa-



The men of JICPOA (Joint Intelligence Center, Pacific Ocean Area), the Navy's base in Honolulu for linguists, celebrate at a party around the end of 1944. Pictured from left are: Front—Nobuo Furuiye of Denver (a team leader), Tamotsu Koyanagi, Hisashi Kubota (Honolulu), Hitoshi Okimura (now of Chicago), William Makino, Stanley Tanaka, Eddie Kawamoto, [unidentified]; middle—Steve Yagi (West Los Angeles), Tetsuo Shimamoto, Fred Kuga, Jiro Matsui, James Yoshinobu (Monterey), George Kawamoto, Takeshi Yamashita, Harry Okada, Shogo Nagata, James Saito, Masao Kuroki, Don Oka of Los Angeles (team leader), Roy Miyata of L.A.; top—Norio Terao, Benjamin Kawahara, Joe Harada, Thomas Miyagi, John Otani, Henry Yokoyama, Kazuo Larry Watanabe and Stanley Yamamoto. (Names furnished by Steve Yagi)

one MIS'er said of the second Savage class. Dozens of 100th members put in to transfer back to their old outfit, however, when word came that it was going to go overseas. Every such request was turned down. Rasmussen often resorted to telling a petitioner, "See John Aiso about it," then telephoning Aiso and ordering him to deny the man's request when he showed up there. Demands from the Pacific were building. No potential linguist could be allowed to get away.

Instructor staff lived a few miles down the road from Savage, while students lived on what they quickly

tertain ourselves in more sedate fashion."

"Bud" Nagase was an electronics genius before that term was coined. He was a civilian when first encountered by Rasmussen and "under suspicion" by the FBI. His parents were locked up because they owned binoculars or something but were completely cleared later," according to the Dane, who enlisted Nagase, "so the FBI couldn't touch him," after Bud had given him some Japanese textbooks. The pair then decided it would be a good idea if Camp Savage had a radio station, so students could practice interception of Japanese broadcasts. It would also sharpen their language skills. Higher headquarters said "Impossible! There's a blind spot here. You couldn't pick up Japan!"

Rasmussen and Nagase found a local ham operator who said he'd talked to Japan daily for many years before the war. Nagase built a set just like his, and Radio Savage was in business. James Cullen, Tatsuo Tanaka, Sueki Murahata, Ed Okada and Robert Shiraga helped operate and maintain it. So did George Mizota, Satoshi Yuguchi and Frank Inami. MIS students listened in on Domei news broadcasts, changed these into *romaji*, then translated and distributed them. None had much intelligence value, but they did help estimate the tone of military and national sentiment inside Japan. Radio interceptors who got the basics at Savage, and more training elsewhere, did good work in New Guinea, the Philippines, India and Burma.

Yutaka Murakata also had a special section—translation. He took men who'd completed the language

course, gave them a refresher, and put them to work on captured documents as these came in. He also helped assemble teams, which consisted of three men strong in translation, three strong in interrogation, and three strong in interpreting, plus a team leader. Caucasian officers usually headed up each unit, an item that did not go down well with Nisei, although many developed deep and lifelong friendships with some officers. Nisei couldn't see why men who knew less Japanese than themselves, and often had no more education than some NCO's on the team, got commissions and they didn't. It was a real *shikata ga nai* situation.

THINGS started to go well on New Guinea, but the cost was high. One regiment of the 32nd, when relieved, was down to 200 effectives out of 1,400 men. Makoto Sakamoto and Joe Yoshimura went up to Guadalcanal from Noumea and were joined by Hiroshi Matsuda and Terno Odow a few days later. All worked to get trapped Japanese to surrender but found that dropping leaflets had little effect. Japanese who might have wished to surrender were too weak, from disease and starvation, to do so. On both New Guinea and Guadalcanal nearly all prisoners taken were wounded, in shock, sick, starving, or all four.

Richard Sakakida got released by Manila authorities, who began to believe he might really be a civilian. He was told to report to Col. Nishiharu, of the 14th Army's legal staff. "You are being given amnesty," Dick was told, "providing you work for us."

Sakakida played his role to

the hilt. He declined. "I have already been forced to do military work once," he protested. "I was captured and tortured. What do you think the other side will do to me, an American citizen, if I'm captured again, by them? They'll shoot me as a traitor!"

"You have no choice," said Nishiharu, and took him into 14th Army headquarters as an interpreter. Somewhat suspicious, however, he billeted Sakakida in his own living quarters, so he could keep an eye on him. The Hawaii Nisei found that situation too confining but got out of it by stealing the Colonel's Camel cigarettes until he got caught at it. He was summarily sent to bunk with three Japanese legal clerks. When they went out at night, so did he, but in a different direction. After a while Sakakida made contact with the "ROTC Group" of Filipino guerrillas, under a Major Tupas.

Sakakida then began gathering shipping information in the headquarters and giving it to guerrillas. He fell under suspicion again, and a Maj. Matsunobe tried to trap him into admission of military status by handing him an American .45 pistol with orders to clean it. Sakakida followed orders literally, polishing the handle and barrel until they gleamed. He did not "field strip" the weapon, which would have given him away.

Continued careful reluctance drew from his captors that they wanted to land Sakakida back home from a submarine, as an agent for them. "What? And get tortured again? No thanks!" he told Matsunobe, and the major backed off. Sakakida focused on the stealing of shipping schedules, smuggling

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these out to guerrillas. They then got radio'd to Australia, relayed to Pearl Harbor, and broadcast to prowling U.S. submarines. Not once did the 14th Army suspect it was Sakakida who was damaging their re-supply efforts.

It's possible that MacArthur's interceptor-decoder team in Australia, or Nimitz's in Hawaii, came up with information in late February, 1943, of a major Japanese movement of troops from Rabaul to New Guinea, but Sakakida might have also lent a hand. He stole a copy of Japanese plans for a major movement of troops south and handed it on to Filipino guerrillas. When eight transports left Rabaul for New Guinea, protected by eight destroyers, MacArthur's headquarters knew they were coming.

At Savage, a certain degree of antipathy sprung up between Hawaii Nisei and the mainlanders, partly due to long-held Hawaii prejudices, and partly to a snobish attitude on the part of better-educated mainlanders. They quickly tabbed one another "Buddha heads" and "Kotonks". Journalists slavishly wrote what they were told, that the former appellation came from the islanders having shaven heads like Buddhist monks, the latter being "the noise two Mainlander heads make when one of us Hawaii boys bangs them together!"

Neither explanation is true, according to Robert Honda, veteran of Burma. Nisei kids in Hawaii got called *bobura-head* ("Pumpkin head") by elders when they goofed. They took the joshing appellation into manhood with them condensing it to *bura-head*. Honda also traced the origin of Kotonk. It originated with Hawaii's prewar drafted Nisei GI's. One coined the pidgin word "K-nob" for knob. The fad caught on in the 298th and 299th Regiments. It spread to "K-nife" and "K-knowledge".

In peacetime it was practice at Schofield Barracks for NCO's to refer to their juniors as "donkeys". Whimsical Nisei encountering mainlanders converted it to "K-donkeys", and applied it to their new associates. In time it got shortened to "K-donk" and eventually rattled out as Kotonk.

The attitude of mild mutual contempt didn't last long. Islanders and mainlanders circled each other and sniffed, but soon decided they needed to get along with each other. Few men could wade through a swamp of Kanji ideographs without help. Besides, a common area of agreement came into their lives—bitching! All complained about "Not enough rice!" in the Savage messhall and all commiserated about the extra gear a linguist had to take with him to combat.

Each Savage graduate, after stringing knapsack, bedroll, knife, bayonet, weapon,

canteen, grenades and ammunition, bandoliers for himself, had to find room for three pocket dictionaries. Other team equipment included 14 more thick dictionaries, covering kanji characters and their compounds, nautical terms, aeronautical terms, military terms, Japanese surnames and Japanese first names; plus a copy of Webster's New Collegiate. A portable typewriter had to be included, plus stationery, rulers, paper clips, pencils, pens, staplers, magnifying glasses, and various other office impedimenta. Nisei linguists soon came to agree with William Tecumseh Sherman, their war being a special and burdensome kind of hell. It was never easy to remain equipped with the clerical equipment that gave fellow GI's such laughs at first sight, so Nisei linguists observed a tradition handed down from Caesar's legionnaires—what they needed, they stole. One way or another, MIS'ers scrounged up what got the job done.

A team headed for Indooroopilly while the second class was in session, led by Richard Pang and Donald Botting. Kim Hatashita was team leader. With him were Harry Umeda, Hideo Tsuyuki, Minoru Namba, Kaoru Nishida, Min Masukane, Ralph Kimoto, Kenneth Shimbu and Masaru Yoshio. Another member of the team, Richard Hirata, made enough appeals, often enough, to be finally granted permission to visit his parents in Poston's concentration camp on the way overseas. By the time permission came through, Hirata was so disgusted that he'd gone to town to get drunk. He had to sell his watch, typewriter and some other possessions real quick, to raise fare money, but Dick did become the first Nisei GI in uniform to enter that camp. Then he endured 58 hours of air travel to Australia, from which

three members of his team came down with ear trouble so bad they had to be hospitalized on arrival. Other members went on to New Guinea to serve with headquarters of the U.S. 6th Army, which came into being as U.S. forces in the Pacific grew. Yukitaka "Terry" Mizutani led another team to 6th Army. On it were Harry Fukuhara, Kengo Nagasako, Ben Nakamoto, Shoji Ishii, Yoshiaki Hirabayashi and Terry Teramoto.

GEN. William Slim headed British forces that had been chased, along with Gen. Stilwell and the over-rated "Flying Tigers", out of Burma, an area Slim hoped to retake without help from the covetous Chiang Kai Chek. One of Slim's more colorful subordinates, Orde Wingate, made a deep penetration thrust into Burma, moving well behind Japanese lines and operating there for months. His force tied up and distracted a large number of enemy troops, while blowing up bridges and doing whatever else would hurt the Japanese effort. Wingate proved that an enemy could be harassed by an airdrop-sustained force, although he lost one-third of his 3,000 men making his

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point. His tactic would be tried later in Burma. Nisei would be involved.

Slim asked London for some Japanese-speaking help and got told, "we are just starting up some language courses at Oxford", so he welcomed news that Nisei were being made available to help in the China-Burma-India theater. Hundreds would serve there, although few fellow Americans in the States would learn of it.

By mid-February of 1943, the Pacific picture was brightening. The Japanese had evacuated all troops they could from Guadalcanal, physically giving up the island. In New Guinea, the Buna-Gona-Sarananda struggle was over.

On Guadalcanal only 600 POW's were taken, the Japanese leaving 25,000 dead while evacuating 13,000 in an operation that left the U.S. Navy with egg on its face. Now American troops began staging through Guadalcanal to the Russell Islands in preparation for taking New Georgia, further up the Solomons chain, as a first giant step toward Tokyo. MacArthur had already taken one, to New Guinea's north side.

As both sides paused for

breath in the Pacific, and the Allied picture brightened in Europe, events began to overtake the Nisei. They were suddenly wanted by top echelon U.S. officers, and even more wanted by the desperate British in India. New plans began to be made for Nisei. The 11th Airborne Division was activated in North Carolina, with slots for Nisei linguists included on its T/O. The 100th Infantry Battalion moved to Camp Shelby, Miss. for combat training. Word spread of a decision to form an all-Nisei outfit that would fight in Europe.

Reactionaries reacted, as reactionaries are wont to do. In a number of the camps, and especially Tule Lake, rocks and sticks came through the windows of families who let it be known they answered Yes-Yes to the infamous questionnaire. Few firebrands dared do anything physical to relatives of men who volunteered for active Army service, but families did get ostracized. It was *shikata ga nai* time again. There were certain pro-Japan types in the camps, and they were active. It took years for anger to calm down, for such people and government authorities to forgive one another for earlier, now-understandable attitudes. In the overall picture, however Nisei began to feel they might have a place.

JAPANESE reinforcements

landed at Finschhafen, now threatened by MacArthur, while American ones arrived in the Solomons. The 43rd Division moved up to replace the Americal, which went to Noumea for rest and re-training. Nisei were with both outfits, their positions respected. Another speeded-up class pulled out of Savage, slated for the 32nd Division and headed by Masuo Matsumoto. He had with him George Suda, Yoshikazu Higashi, Harry T. Kubo, Fred Miyata, Shigeru Higashi, George Sugiyama, Kazue Takashima, Milton Tanizawa, and Masato Iwamoto. They, too, would learn to hate bully beef and hard-tack.

At Port Moresby, amid daily bombings from Rabaul, Tom Masaharu Takata found time to collapse with malaria. James Fujimura and Kazuo Kawaguchi arrived to join the New Guinea Forces headquarters (an Australian-commanded organization) on the third day Takata was abed, and he was ordered back to Australia.

From Savage a team led by the man who said he never really "had to watch" his men, Sheldon Covell, headed for a special school in Pennsylvania, then out to India. The intrepid Harold Hanau-mi was team leader. He had with him Richard S. Honma, Joe I. Ichikawa, Shigeto Mazawa, Ted Oda, Koichi G. Okano, James Ueno, Katsumi Baba, Eiichi Nakazono (who'd gotten "lost" temporarily when Dick Hayashi's group raised enough hell for him to get emergency leave and visit his dying father in concentration camp, and who had then to be re-assigned), Harry Tsuchiyama and Samuel Umade. They went in the vanguard of what became almost a mass movement of Nisei linguists into the Indian sub-continent.

Henry Kuwabara headed for India, too, and the enlisted version of an Order of the British Empire, on the team commanded by John D. McLaughlin. Leader was Fusao Uchiyama, and other members included Roy T. Takai, Hiroshi Osako, George P. Okada, Shori Hiraide, Joe Inafuku, Toshio Taniguchi and Hideo Imai. With them was Eiichi Sakauye, another Nisei destined for decoration by the British.

As the 1943 spring bloomed, top U.S. planners knew for sure the war was won. John Weckerling had taken on the job of giving Chief of Staff George Marshall, Army Air Corps chief Arnold, and Secretary of War Stimson their daily intelligence briefing. Solidly in the know, Weckerling gave the author details not publicly revealed before. Like Germany's having weakened even before Americans landed in Europe. And our knowledge of codes being so great that we could knock off Japanese shipping at will. Weckerling, in Washington, even knew which senior Japanese officers had abandoned their posts, leaving junior ones in charge, when American attacks impended.

Washington could see it was merely a matter of time until America would win



Kenji Yasui (left), who gained fame as the "Sgt. York" of CBI; Proctor Melquist, now a Sunset Magazine editor; and Karl Yoneda, San Francisco labor leader, show off captured Japanese battle flags. The trio served with the Office of War Information psychological warfare team at Gen. Stilwell's Hq.

the Pacific war. How was no longer a worry. Everything was rolling off production lines, including battleships and aircraft carriers, at a rate Japan could never hope to match. The U.S. Navy even unbent far enough to admit it needed the help of Nisei linguists, its University of Colorado and Harvard programs not getting out enough of the effective product needed.

In Hawaii, the Navy set up JICPOA (Joint Intelligence Center, Pacific Ocean Areas), which included a large pool of linguists. The Nisei contingent was kept away from Makalapa Crater headquarters, perhaps because enlisted men might catch a glimpse of the plush tennis courts and swimming pools senior officers had convenient to their bungalows. The Nisei were housed in downtown Honolulu, in what had been a furniture store. Per diem was paid them, which kept them away from military installations altogether, except when they were summoned to one. They ate at restaurants.

Tim Ohta led a team from Minnesota to Honolulu. On it were Hoichi Kubo, Jack Shigeo Tanimoto, Joe Fujino, William Nuno, Roy Higashi, Larry Saito, Dick Kishine, Richard Moritsugu, and Frank Mori. They got assigned to the 27th Division in time for the Marshall's invasion. Others would make that operation, with the 7th Division.

More than 100 Nisei streamed out of JICPOA to serve with the Marine Corps in invasions, often landing with the early waves. G. M. Neufeld, head of the reference section, history and museum division, at USMC headquarters regretted, on April 7, 1977, being unable to help the author with facts on this. "Little information is available on your topic as Navy policy during the War did not permit recruitment of Japanese Americans in the Marine Corps," he wrote the author. Nisei linguists were on "TDY" (temporary duty) with the Corps. Although a number of medals were awarded them by USMC generals, the Corps did not see fit to place Nisei on any official rosters.

Karl Yoneda, the long-shoreman-political activist, wangled his way onto a team heading across the Pacific. Kai Rasmussen had called

him in earlier and apprised him that authorities knew of his Communist beliefs, but that Yoneda's services were needed and appreciated. Nonetheless, the Army intended to confine his services to the U.S. continental limits. Yoneda got to chuckle about that. He was part of a propaganda team that included Chris Ishii, an artist who'd worked for Disney Studios, who designed the language school mascot—a gopher representing Minnesota, that tried its best to look warlike. Edgar Laytha, a magazine correspondent, was another member. Harry Akune's kid brother Kenjiro was on the team, as were Sam Sasaki and also Clarke Kawakami, the writer-son of a writer. Clarke's mother was one of the first Caucasian ladies in America to become the bride of a Japanese. They had been drawn together by common humanitarian ideals. Koji Ariyoshi, Kenji Yasui, Masao Kitsuta and Alex Yorichi rounded off this talented group.

In New Guinea the 41st got a team from the December class at Savage. It was headed by John Tanikawa. He had Frank Ishida, James K. Sasano, Tetsuya Mayeda, John Sakai, John Mitani, Hisao Matsumoto, Shigeru Iba and Everett Sasaki along. All experienced the very worst of combat conditions.

More Nisei streamed out of Savage into the Far East, among them George Itsuo Nakamura, one of three MIS'ers to have the same first and last name. Also in the groups that headed for Delhi, and often to Burma jungles to fight alongside British, Chinese, and fierce Kachin tribesmen were Toshio Abe, Harry Ando and Harry Uye-hata. The long voyage around the south of Australia, to avoid possible Japanese submarines, was also undertaken by Ryo Arai, Joe Ikeguchi, Henry Kimura, Richard Y. Koike, Tom Moriguchi, Shoso Nomura and others. Henry Kimura would be thrilled at meeting Jackie Coogan, the balding former child motion picture star, and scared from glider missions with Coogan (who flew gliders) in support of Orde Wingate's chindits as they operated behind Japanese lines in Burma.

As seaisick as anyone were Tom M. Tsuruda, Henry T. Tsuchiyama, Sadao Toyama and Kiyoshi Suzukawa. But once all hands got settled in India, they found that war

really did not necessarily have to be hell. Cooks and houseboys cost pennies a day. Food was cheap and good. Tom Osasa, H. "Slim" Takiue, Henry Kojima, and Amos Nakamura felt they might have found a home in the Army, until boredom and eyestrain set them clamoring, like ATIS men in Australia, for action up front. However, not all Nisei claimed to be heroes. Arthur Komori, frankly told the author that once he'd gotten from Corregidor to Melbourne, he never volunteered to leave his rear echelon assignment. Not even once.

Doolittle's flyers had bombed Japan from the carrier Hornet in April, 1942. Some went down and were captured. As rumors spread of what happened to them, Nisei were kept confined to camp for safety and resentment. Others grew rebellious for other reasons. When one considers that no one at Savage ever had teaching experience before, but still had to produce qualified linguists at an ever-increasing rate, one can understand why tempers grew short and traditional methods of order and organization got discarded. MIS'ers remember being threatened with what could happen to their families if they didn't do their best, although they later softened in attitude at recognition of the oppression also being suffered by their "oppressors". Administration wasn't the best. No student got a 72-hour pass before February, and the day-night study, followed by four hours of Saturday tests, proved too much for many. Volatile Hawaiians, dismayed that friends were going to combat far sooner than themselves, developed a device for joining them. "Easy bruddah," one *bura-head* would tell another. "You and me make fight. We go Mississippi wid da resta da boys. O.K.?"

The tactic worked until Aiso caught on. After that, Hawaiians could hammer the hell out of each other all they wanted to, but they had to return to class. Sadao Munemori was an exception no one could handle. Kai Rasmussen finally put him on the stove detail, shoveling coal for a month, in the hope he'd change his mind about immediate transfer to the 442nd. The young Nisei persisted in his wishes, and Rasmussen reluctantly let him go. Munemori went to combat in Europe, sprawled on a German grenade to save comrades, and became the first Nisei to earn a Medal of Honor. Like all too many other Nisei decorations, it had to be awarded posthumously. A number of Nisei retained very bad memories of their association with the language effort. One, Tamotsu Shibutani, wrote a book focusing on these. He was not in the picture in 1943, however. The official MISLS school roster shows that a T. Shibutani was a member of the class that started just one month before the war ended.

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ANOTHER good thing that happened to Nisei in the first half of 1943 was Gen. DeWitt's being ordered to rescind his edict barring Nisei in uniform from visiting the West Coast, so they could see imprisoned relatives. DeWitt got a shot in the very next day after he withdrew his order, by telling a House committee, "A Jap's a Jap. They are a dangerous element, whether loyal or not." To DeWitt's credit, he later stated publicly that he might have been wrong. DeWitt was eventually assigned to the Arctic, where he continued to distinguish himself for being undistinguished. He ordered the construction of a large base and insisted on its being completed—in the wrong place, at the wrong time, for the wrong purpose. The elaborate structure had to be torn down. None of its cost was deducted from DeWitt's retirement checks.

Isoroku Yamamoto was shot down over Ballale Island on April 18, 1943, while on an inspection tour, a victim of American interception and code-cracking. So many sources have claimed credit for this coup that the author gave up trying to establish whether Nisei were involved, although they might have been. Tom Lanphier, the bored pilot who gave John Burden flying lessons in the Fijis, led the flight of P-38's that ambushed Yamamoto. Nisei would figure prominently in events surrounding the death of Yamamoto's successor, Adm. Mineichi Koga.

Again, May was a momentous month. Nisei linguists had become pearls of great price. Some got seized by whoever discovered them. Haruo Sasaki, at Ft. Custer, was placed with an MP company processing POWs arriving from the Pacific. George Kiyoshi Yamashiro (who later translated his last name, via a different reading of its characters, as San-

key) was in Australia doing counterintelligence work, having been snatched up in Hawaii earlier. Sasaki got to attend language school, but only after more POW work, overseas. On the 11th of the month, a landing at Attu, in the Aleutians, marked the first attempt to take back from the enemy American real estate Japan had seized. The 7th Division, with Nisei assigned to it, was given the job.

More than 20 linguists from the Alaskan command were in on the operation. Besides those already mentioned as having been sent

trying to get holed-up Japanese soldiers to surrender. "All I had was a flashlight and a .45," said Hayashida, when telling how he had followed Jorgensen in, "so when about ten agreed to surrender after prolonged discussions, I breathed a lot easier."

Satsuke Tanakatsubo was teamed up with Howard Nakamura, a Kibei from Hawaii. Their own invasion got delayed a little when the destroyer they were riding had to run out of the harbor to dodge an air attack, then come back. "Suts" didn't get

had to find shelter under a ledge when snow fell and found himself sharing it for hours with three dead Japanese. The POW that Ito was sent to see turned out to be an NCO, most of whose buttocks had been shot away. Maggots covered the festering wounds.

Sam Sugimoto carefully wrote out seven sets of surrender instructions. John White dropped six of them on a trapped portion of the enemy from an airplane, but they were ignored. One thousand Japanese made a final *banzai* attack, their charge's momentum carrying through American command posts and a medical aid area. Pete Nakao rolled under a bed just in time to avoid the charging enemy, but his sheets and bedding got stabbed with bayonets as the Japanese ran amok. When their charge was finally blunted, half the enemy force blew themselves up with hand grenades. Only 28 POWs were taken at Attu, about 1 per cent of the defenders. All the others died.

Back at Savage, some Nisei linguists moved east, instead of west. Jim Matsuura led Kazuo Yamane, Seishin Kondo and John Kenjo to the Pentagon. The only other Nisei permitted in that structure at that time besides them was the repatriated Jimmy Hamasaki. The four naturally caught a lot of odd stares, and once while having coffee at a corridor stand were approached by a curious Caucasian, who asked if they were Indian.

"That's right," Yamane told his inquirer, who then asked, "What tribe?"

"Osaka," he said. The Hawaii grocer's son was not the only Nisei able to spin humorous yarns about his war service. Kiyoshi Hirano, 35 years later, told a story only one other Nisei could. A descendant of the Hojo clan that once ruled Japan for 350 years, Hirano did top-secret, ultra-sensitive classified research in a very strange place.

He worked upstairs from a fish market!

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north, starting with Yoshio Hotta's original group of the Presidio, there were Jewett Kariya, Pete Nakao, Tadachi Ogawa and Hiromi Wada. Attackers hit Attu from two sides, trying to link up and pinch off the enemy on a promontory. Not all Nisei got ashore during the battle. Most were scattered among the three dozen ships supporting the assault.

John White got ashore. He had with him Sam Sugimoto, whom he described as "tiny, but terrific!" and Sam Umetani. When the campaign closed, the trio visited an enemy hospital encampment where patients had either been shot by superiors or disemboweled themselves when capture appeared imminent. A Japanese doctor had done the shooting of patients who were too weak to kill themselves. Umetani, a Kibei, wept bitterly while translating a letter the doctor left. It later appeared in a Sunday supplement, the American Weekly.

George Hayashida was with Gordon Jorgensen. They stunned White by showing up at his command post after walking across the island during a hail of fire. Jorgensen and Umetani showed tremendous courage by walking into caves and

along very well with a Navy officer assigned, a recent graduate of the Navy's school in Colorado, and once told him, "Dig your own fox-hole!" although threatened with court-martial. He later refused to assist the martinet when the officer had trouble translating a document, claiming he was off-duty and not available. He finally relented when the Navy man couldn't get the job done and disgustedly announced it was "only a quartermaster report!" Just before he made the landing, Suts told Caucasian infantrymen at Attu what other Nisei had to tell other Caucasians elsewhere during the war. "Take a good look, and remember me," said the Sacramento Nisei, "because I'm going in with you!"

Frank Otsuka and Mickey Kuroiwa were offshore during the fight, monitoring radio transmissions. Other Nisei at Attu did the same, hoping to detect any enemy move to interfere with the invasion. Shigeo Ito got ashore. When the battle was over, he got sent across the island to interrogate a POW alleged via radio message to be an officer. It was a long trek. Along the way, Ito noticed "how yellow the dead enemy bodies were against the white snow." He

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