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U.S. deportation of all Nisei after WW2 discussed in 1943 memo to Cordell Hull

By HARRY HONDA

Evidence of anti-Nisei hate has been found in White House level correspondence among members of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's cabinet of the World War II era.

[What was transmitted to JACL under the Freedom of Information Act also appears in Michi Weglyn's "Years of Infamy" (Morrow: 1976) pages 190-191—Appendix 8, Memorandum on Postwar Deportation of Japanese Americans; and pages 200-201—Appendix 12, "Exclusion Orders regarding Julia Kraus and Sylvester Andriano, Apr. 17, 1943.]

In the memorandum of April 17, 1943, to the President, Attorney General Francis Biddle reacts to a

complaint by Secretary of War Stimson of Mar. 31, 1943, to the President that the Attorney General "flouts the intent of Congress as expressed in what was virtually a ratifying act" (of Executive Order

9066 by Public Law 503) and that the Justice Department suggests... "that if the individual is dangerous to national security, he be forcibly removed through the use of Federal troops".

1980 census to cost \$4 a head

Suitland, Md.

The 1980 Census will cost more than \$4 per person to count, which Census Bureau officials explain is designed to eliminate the undercount of minorities and other citizens. It was about \$1 per person for the 1970 count.

"We really know very little about American Indians, Asian Americans or Puerto Ricans," one census analyst

recently conceded. The bureau has conceded it missed 2.5% of the 1970 population of 203 million. Asian American and other races comprised 1.4% or nearly 2.9 million.

In the meantime, Sen. Spark Matsunaga is author of SJR 23 with Sen. Dan Inouye to improve data collection by various agencies on Asian/Pacific Island Americans.

JAPANESE EXECUTIVE SAYS

Lowering trade barrier will take years

Honolulu

Here to address the Pacific business forum March 6 co-sponsored by the Hawaii International Services Agency and the Japan-Hawaii Economic Council, Norishige Hasegawa of Keidanren (Federation of Economic Organizations) said Japan's business community supports a lowering of trade barriers but it "will take several years" because Japan is

a tradition-imbued society and changes take time.

Hasegawa is chairman of Sumitomo Chemicals, largest general chemical company in Japan, and vice chairman of Keidanren.

Noting that price of beef is 10 times higher than what it is in Australia, for example, and that price of rice is six times the international level, Hasegawa noted the situa-

tion is "ridiculous". But the problem should be familiar to an American ear, he added.

Japan has a powerful farm lobby while the consumerists for their part seem to be hotter about pollution issues, for example, than high prices, he said.

Another key question covered Japan's dependence on Iranian oil—17% as compared with U.S.'s 5%. Because of energy conservation at home, Sumitomo Chemicals is building a huge \$926 million petrochemical complex in Singapore and an aluminum smelting facility in Indonesia, both energy-intensive operations.

He said his company's employees make as much as European workers in world monetary terms but their purchasing power is about half that of the Europeans.

Civil rights panel calls May 8-9 meet

Washington

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a two-day consultation on the concerns of Asian and Pacific Island Americans on May 8-9 here in Washington. The JACL Washington Office is expected to participate.

The agenda and site are to be announced. Individuals wishing to submit recommendations on issues or attend should write to:

Eric Jensen or Violeta Bala-yut, CCR Hq, 1121 Vermont Ave NW, Washington, D.C. 20425 (202-254-6697).

Regular federal data on Asians in U.S. sought

Washington

Legislation to improve data collection by various federal agencies on Asian/Pacific Island Americans is now in committee, the Pacific/Asian Coalition said this past week in announcing its support of SJR 23 and HJR 249—both identical in content. PAC is urging hearings be held on both measures.

The resolutions require the Agriculture, Commerce, HEW and Labor departments to collect and publish social and economic data regularly on Asian and Pacific Island Americans for states with localities containing significant numbers of Asian/Pacific Americans.

SJR 23, introduced by Senators Spark Matsunaga

and Daniel Inouye, is before the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs and in Sen. John Glenn's subcommittee on Energy, Nuclear Proliferation and Federal Services.

HJR 249, co-authored by Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui, is before the House Committee on Post Office, Civil Service, Education and Labor and in Rep. Robert Garcia's subcommittee.

Asian/Pacific Americans were also urged to write to their own legislators, asking them to be co-sponsors. Strong community support is crucial to its chances for success, it was pointed out by Mark Tajima, PAC Washington coordinator.

Min Yasui to speak at Manzanar Pilgrimage

Los Angeles

A tribute to Toyo Miyatake and the Rev. Sentoku Maeda will be made at the 10th Manzanar Pilgrimage program scheduled for Saturday, April 28, it was announced by the Manzanar Committee, 1506 Curran St., Los Angeles 90026 (662-5102).

Min Yasui, the Portland, Ore. lawyer who defied the military curfew imposed on Japanese during World War II, will be a featured participant and speaker. Yasui was later interned in the Minidoka, Idaho concentration camp and will be making his first visit to Manzanar.

Noted for taking his case to the U.S. Supreme Court, Yasui also spent eight months in solitary confinement while waiting, and now says, "I'm glad I did it. I'm damn proud of it. By law, if you are hurt, you have to holler. If you shut up, you're guilty of laxity." He is now executive director of the Denver, Colo. Commission on Community Relations.

The Rev. Maeda, who died in May last year, was the original Manzanar pilgrim who regularly visited the wartime camp after the war to pray for the dead buried at the camp cemetery.

Miyatake, who died last Feb. 22, documented life inside Manzanar through his camp-made camera. His works have been exhibited and published widely.

Other plans for the Manzanar Pilgrimage include a photo exhibit, mini-tours of the campgrounds, a panel on Redress, poetry readings, Japanese dance, musical performances and a pot-luck lunch.

Carter proclaims APAH Week

Washington

President Carter on Mar. 28 proclaimed the seven days beginning May 4 Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week (APAHW) in honor of contributions by Asian immigrants to the improvement of life in the United States.

Fujimoto now in runoff for school post

Los Angeles

Gardena nurseryman Sam R. Fujimoto was the top vote-getter in the April 3 primaries for District 7 seat in the Los Angeles board of education and will face his closest opponent, San Pedro hospital administrator John R. Greenwood in the May 29 runoff.

The Nisei candidate, in his first bid for public office, polled 29.5 pct. (5,774 votes) of the votes cast. Greenwood had 25 pct. (4,890 votes).

With 12 candidates in the field, Fujimoto said they were gunning for 30% of the votes so "we're right on

target". He said issues leading up to the runoff would be mandatory busing, re-prioritizing spending and recall of board president Howard Miller.

Fujimoto will begin speaking for the need of the bottom 50% achievers in school by pushing for

smaller classes and special tutoring programs. These could be paid for by diverting the \$130 million now spent on forced busing, he explained, and by re-evaluating the school district bureaucracy toward the goal of a cost-efficient system.

Quota may be up to 50,000 refugees

Washington

The Carter Administration has sent to Congress a bill that seeks to amend the 1952 immigration law to increase the "normal flow" of refugees from 17,400 a year to 50,000 plus more when the President deems it neces-

sary. The additional number would be announced prior to a fiscal year after consultation with Congress.

A refugee would be a person outside their country with a justified fear of returning home.

Wendy Yoshimura's appeal fails; faces 15-yr. sentence

San Francisco

The State court of appeals last week (April 5) upheld the 1977 conviction of Wendy Yoshimura on the weapons charges. She could not be reached for comment, but her attorney, Dennis Riordan, said the decision would be appealed before the state supreme court. She faces a 15-year sentence.

The 43-page appellate decision rejected claims that six errors occurred in the trial in which the jury found her guilty of unlawful possession of a machine gun, a pipe bomb and other weapons and explosive materials which were found in a garage that she rented in Berkeley.

The defense had also stressed the prejudicial effect of bringing to the jury's attention Wendy Yoshimura's association with one-time fugitive Patricia Hearst and the Symbionese Liberation Army. References to activities while a fugitive and part of the time in the company of Patty Hearst violated her right to a fair trial, Wendy's defense attorneys claimed.

The court held the evidence "clearly supports the inferences that she was in actual or constructive possession of the articles" and further viewed Yoshimura's association with a notorious group of fellow fugitives from justice, principally "Patricia

Hearst and Company", was not an abuse of discretion to allow into evidence such matters as the defendant being armed when arrested and having false identification.

"The damaging potential of this evidence was not to be overlooked, but we find no abuse of discretion and no prejudice," the court said.

Yoshimura is free on \$50,000 bail pending appeal. She had dropped out of sight in 1972 after police found a cache of illegal weapons and explosives in a garage she had rented under an assumed name. She and Miss Hearst were arrested in September, 1975, in a San Francisco apartment.

19 chapters sponsor 29 students to PCYA

Washington

Nineteen JACL chapters were represented by nearly 30 students in the 1979 series of the Presidential Classrooms for Young Americans, a week-long schedule of seminars, on-site briefings and visits of the seats of Federal government.

Program has been in operation since 1969. JACL sent its first group of Sansei representatives in 1974. Attending the 1979 classes were:

1st Week (Jan. 1979)—STEVEN UESUGI, El Cerrito High (Contra Costa JACL); STANLEY OTAKE, McLane High (Fresno).

2nd Week—KO YAMAMOTO, Livingston High (Livingston-Merced); ERIC KURIMURA, Palisades High (West L.A.); TRACE HIRATA and KRIS KATO, Cumberland Regular High (Seabrook); STEPHANIE NAGATA, West High (Salt Lake).

3rd Week—LAURA TANIGUCHI, Livingston High (Cortez); CAROLE KAWAMOTO, Del Oro High, and TAMMY SASAKI, Oakmont High (Placer County); STAN IBARA, Reedley High (Reedley); ALLISYN OKAWA, Bountiful High (Salt Lake).

4th Week—KIMBERLY YOTSUYA, Turlock High (Cortez); HOWARD NAKAGAWA, Marshall High (Downtown L.A.); SUSAN SETO, Venice High (West L.A.); LYN HANKI, Cerritos High, and ANN Y. TAKESHITA, L.B. Poly High (Solanoco); WAYNE MAKABE, Reno High (Reno).

5th Week—JAN KISHI, Livingston High (Livingston-Merced); TRACY YAMAMOTO, Independence High (San Jose); WENDY MARUMOTO, Langley High (Washington, D.C.); LISA LOUIE, Salt Lake City (Mt. Olympus).

6th Week—MELISSA UYESAKA, Roosevelt High, Fresno (Clovis); DANIEL M. TANI, Glenbard High (Chicago); TOMI R. ISHINO, East Lansing High, and ANN N. TOGASAKI, North Farmington High (Detroit); YUKARI MIKESSELL, Centerville High (Dayton); JAY ONIKI, Brighton High (Mt. Olympus).

Summer Session (July 7)—MICHAEL HATAMIYA (Marysville).

Items

A new Japanese cooking class starts April 21 for eight Saturdays at Zenshuji, 123 S. Hewitt St., Los Angeles, from 10 a.m. Matao Uwate is instructor.

Graduates of the 1945 Tri-State High School at Tule Lake, Ca., will have a reunion in June, 1980, in Sacramento. A mailing list is being updated and prepared. Graduates who have not been contacted should write to:

Eiko Katsumata Fujiwara, 6411 Lake Park Dr., Sac 95831; Mary Kawano Fong, 985 Roeder Way, Sac 95822; Dr Yukio Uyeno, 611 Fordham Way, Sac 95831; or Tsutomu Ota, 2364 Glen Ellen Cir, Sac 95822.

KQED-TV (San Francisco Ch. 9) will telecast "live" the 1979 Cherry Blossom Festival parade on Sunday, Apr. 22, 2-3:30 p.m., and offer the tape to other Public Broadcast System stations in the west. The Chinese New Year Festival parade was televised earlier this year.

The Oakland Asian Community Library, 125-14th St., near the Lake Merritt BART station, shows Asian films for children and adults on Saturdays, 12-2 p.m. Call 451-5620 for titles.

"Treasures of the Orient" will be at the Main Street Gallery in Santa Monica, Calif. until May 19, showing Korean chests, Chinese porcelain and Japanese baskets among other objects.

Deaths

Dr. Katsumi Kometani, 72, of Honolulu died Mar. 16. A dentist who served with the 100th Infantry with gallantry, a longtime supporter of Scouting who held the Silver Buffalo, Silver Antelope and Silver Beaver awards, he also helped Japan re-enter the Olympics program after the war and was decorated in 1964 with the Fourth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure. He chaired the Territorial board of education for 10 years and was a director of Honolulu Advertiser, American Security Bank, Tongg Publishing Co. and Pacific Guardian Life Insurance Co.

Chol Soo Lee handed death in Deuel case

Stockton, Ca.

Chol Soo Lee was sentenced to death for the fatal stabbing of a fellow inmate at Deuel Vocational Institution in 1977. In an unusual procedure Mar. 22, Judge Chris Papas read the verdict aloud. Ordinarily, the clerk reads it.

Lee showed no reaction. But his mother screamed aloud, "Let me speak to him," as he was being led out. A friend, trying to calm her, led her out to the corridor where she, in tears, leaned against a door.

The jury had made a formal finding that Lee was a convicted murderer at the time of inmate Needham's killing, a circumstance calling for the death penalty. Lee had been found guilty in 1974 of first-degree murder of Yip Yee Tak in San Francisco Chinatown. But this conviction is on appeal.

Summer interns in D.C. offered

Washington

Summer internships in Washington, D.C., from June 15-Aug. 15 for one male and one female Asian American, college students preferred, will be offered by United Methodist Church, according to Winston Taylor (202-488-5633).

Sparky reappointed

Washington

Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) was reappointed chief deputy majority whip of the U.S. Senate, heading eight other deputies, to work with Majority Leader Robert Byrd and Majority Whip Alan Cranston.

Watanabe will head UW regents

Seattle, Wa.

Dr. Taul Watanabe, a railroad executive and economics expert, has been elected president of the Univ. of Washington Board of Regents.

Watanabe, who was one of four appointees of Gov. Dixy Lee Ray to the seven-member university policy making board, will serve a one-year term. He succeeds Mary M. Gates of Seattle, who is one of three remaining members appointed by former Gov. Dan Evans.

The board elected its officers Mar. 19.

Watanabe, 58, is a vice president of Burlington Northern and a member of Washington State Personnel Board and chairman of Washington State Governor's Board of Economic Advisors.

SAYS REP. MINETA

Gov. Brown tactics 'like 1942'

Washington

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) has accused Gov. Brown of helping to foment the kind of political climate that put Mineta in

an internment camp for Japanese Americans during World War II.

The San Jose lawmaker personally confronted the governor with his criticism during Brown's visit to the nation's capital in late February. It was by far the sharpest attack leveled against the governor by a member of his own party's congressional delegation.

Mineta said he told Brown he was exploiting public resentment over inflation and budget deficits with his support for a con-

stitutional convention, instead of handling the issue in a forthright and constructive way.

(Mineta, a member of the House Budget Committee, is committed to a balanced budget so long as it is achieved within the framework of an expanding economy and is a champion of a "sunset bill" that would subject government spending programs to automatic reviews within a six-year timetable. Mineta has also pushed for an approach known as "legislative oversight" written into the bills

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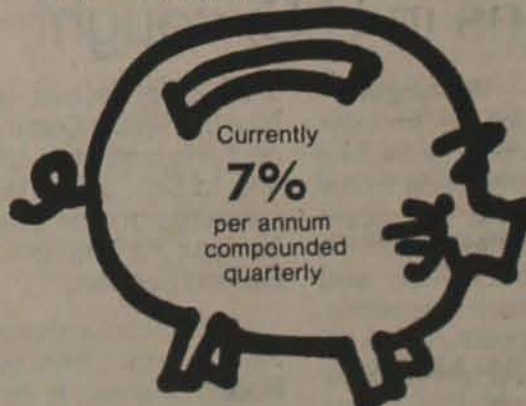
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ROBERT KOGA

24-year veteran of LAPD retires

By JERRY AKAHOSHI
Los Angeles

Quietly and without much fanfare, Sergeant Robert Koga retired from the Los Angeles Police Department in mid-February after a career spanning more than 24 years.

He was the second Nisei hired by the LAPD following the late Stanley Uno.

During his long career, Koga worked just about every detail on the force—foot patrol to vice to undercover and detective work.

More than a third of his time was spent at the Police Academy where he trained literally hundreds of rookies as well as veterans.

Today, a civilian at 49 years of age, Koga is still deeply involved with law enforcement. He is president of the Koga Institute, a non-profit foundation formed three years ago, specializing in the training of instructors for law enforcement agencies at the city, county, state and federal levels.

The Institute features training and research in Arrest Control Techniques, Self-Defense Techniques, Impact Weapons (Baton and Yawara Stick), Officer Survival Training, and Physical Fitness.

He works out of an office in Santa Monica while the administrative offices for the Institute is located in Sutherlin, Oregon.

In addition to his work at the Academy, Koga has also taught Police Science courses at Cal State L.A., Pasadena City College and is currently conducting a class at Cerritos College.

Originally from the San Francisco Bay Area, Koga joined the LAPD after serving in the military during the Korean War.

His prime motivation for entering police work, a feel-



Robert Koga

ing that he retains after nearly a quarter of a century, was a dislike for violence—both on the part of the citizenry as well as the various authorities.

Aside from the required practice on the Academy firing range, not once in his long career did he fire his weapon during the course of duty—even though there were times he was confronted with men armed with firearms, knives and on one occasion a hatchet.

It is his firm belief that an officer quick to use his weapon is displaying a lack of confidence in himself as well as a lack of proper training on the part of the Department.

He cited the recent incident where two officers emptied their revolvers in a confrontation over a \$22.09 gas bill with a woman armed with a butcher knife.

In his opinion the incident, currently under investigation, should never have occurred, and is an example of the violence for which he has an extreme distaste.

During the first decade of his career with the Department, he spent many off-duty hours working Nisei

and Sansei activities throughout the Southland.

He was a familiar figure at dances at the International Institute, Ardmore Playground, Parkview Women's Club, Aeronautical and other popular dance sites of the day.

Now he has dedicated himself to the Koga Institute and gets great satisfaction from contributing to the development of future law enforcement officers.

He has had training manuals published and is currently in the process of revising them to incorporate the latest law enforcement development and techniques.

Some of the techniques he devised for mob control have proven especially effective when implemented by properly trained officers of the LAPD.

When he first joined the force, L.A.'s finest was some 4,000 strong, and he along with Uno were the only Asians.

Today the Department has over 7,000, and Koga says he's lost track of the number of Asians. He puts their number at somewhere between 60 and 70.

This week there is one less.
—Kashu Mainichi

FM RADIO

Nippon no Hiroba—Japan Hr.

Sacramento, Ca.

Cal State University-Sacramento's FM radio station, KXPR—89, will introduce a locally-produced one-hour Japanese radio program on Sundays, 7 p.m., sometime in April, it was announced in the Sacramento JACL Newsletter.

"Nippon no Hiroba" will contain both Japanese and English material and music,

pc's people

● Book

Bok-Lim C. Kim is author of "The Asian Americans: Changing Patterns, Changing Needs" (\$12, AKCS Publication Service, Urbana, Ill. 61801) which is based on research conducted in Chicago under an NIMH grant.

● Flowers-Gardens

John Yoshio Naka, world-renowned bonsai master, of Los Angeles was elected president of Crane Products, importers of Kaneshin Bonsai tools, based in Pico Rivera, Ca.

● Government

Hawaii Gov. Ariyoshi has appointed 15 state department heads, subject to Senate confirmation. They include Susumu Ono, Board of Land and Natural Resources; Wayne Minami, attorney general; Hideo Murakami, state comptroller; George Yuen, director of health; Joshua Agsalud, director of labor and industrial relations; Hideto Kono, director of planning and economic development; Tany Hong, regulatory agencies; Andrew Chang, social services director; Ryokichi Higashionna, transportation director;

The Washington State Senate unanimously confirmed Gov. Dixy Lee Ray's appointment of Taul Watanabe to the State Personnel Board without customary action by the rules committee. Speedy action was necessary because law requires confirmation within 30 days of the start of the legislative session.

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Ca) will chair the House Public Works subcommittee on investigations and overview. He felt Congress had emphasized creating new programs and not

enough monitoring the performance of existing ones. "This Congress is being referred to as an 'oversight' congress because of public demands for more efficient government," he declared.

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), the first Sansei elected to Congress and named to the House Judiciary Committee, will serve on the following subcommittees: Civil and Constitutional Rights; Courts, Civil Liberties and Administration of Justice; Monopolies and Commercial Law. Also with Government Operations Committee, he will serve on these subcommittees: Manpower and Housing; Government Activities and Transportation; Commerce, Consumer and Monetary Affairs.

● Military

Brig. Gen. Theodore S. Kanamine of Los Angeles, currently provost marshal of the U.S. Army, Europe and Seventh Army, based at Kaefertal, Germany, has been transferred, effective April 23, to be chief of

staff, First Army, Ft. Meade, Md. Masumio Mitsui, 91, of Hamilton, Ont., was awarded the Canadian Military Medal in recognition of heroism at the Battle of Hill 70 at Vimy Ridge in France during World War I. He fought with Calgary's 10th Battalion. Presentation was made during a program honoring Issei over age 70.

● Organization

Gardena Valley JACLer Ken Nakaoka was installed as 1979 president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California Jan. 31 at the New Otani Hotel Gold Ballroom. He succeeded Ed Matsuda, longtime Downtown L.A. JACLer. Nakaoka, Gardena's first Nisei mayor, previously headed the JCC in 1968. East West Toastmistress, which meets the first and third Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., at the West L.A. United Methodist Church, has installed Christine Kitashima as president.

Arlene Ogasawara of Cheyenne, Wyo., is a member of the Laramie County United Way Fund board of trustees, which allocated nearly \$300,000 to various community agencies.

Top-ranking Nikkei in Navy heads medical center section

Oakland, Ca.

Capt. Norman K. Takaki is the new chairman of Obstetrics-Gynecology at the Naval Regional Medical Center here, replacing Capt. J. Kenneth Cooke, who has retired. Takaki is one of the top-ranking Japanese American officers in the Navy.

Hawaii-born, Takaki attended school in Kumamoto, Japan, returning to Honolulu after the war. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from the Univ. of Hawaii in 1954, a bachelor of science from the Univ. of North Dakota in 1956, and his medical doctorate from the Univ. of Kansas in 1958.

In the Navy for 18 years, he had a private general practice in Seaside, Calif. and also served as a consultant in obstetrics-gynecology to the Tokyo Medical Surgical Clinic and Bluff Hospital in Yokohama.

The author, co-author of some six technical publica-



Captain Norman K. Takaki

tions, Takaki's clinical research projects number 11, six of them on-going.

Prior to his new position, Takaki had been director of reproductive endocrinology at NRMC since January, 1977.

The son of Dr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Takaki in Honolulu, he lives in Alameda with wife Carol and their three children. #

WAKA YAMADA

TV story to include life in Seattle's red-light district

Seattle, Wash.

A Japanese film crew spent a week here (Feb. 10-15) to photograph Nippon Kan and Chinatown as they are today for a special two-hour TV documentary on Waka Yamada, prominent writer and leader in Japan's women's movement.

As a young girl in Se-

attle at the turn of the 20th century, Waka was employed as a prostitute before escaping and ultimately returning to Japan. In 1937 she was invited to tour the United States and meet with Eleanor Roosevelt. On her way back to Japan, Waka spoke in Seattle's Nippon Kan (Japa-

nese Hall) before a skeptical crowd. Her calm dignity quietly those in the audience who wanted to remind her of her former occupation and this speech was one of the highlights of her life.

To assure an authentic depiction of Seattle in 1900, a team of researchers vis-

ited Seattle in December and spent many hours working with Ed and Betty Burke, who own the Nippon Kan and operate Seattle's Chinatown tour. The files contain many photos of the International District at the time Waka lived in Seattle. Mr. Amano, the artistic director, was delighted when Ed Burke pinpointed the building that housed the "Pink Curtain", one of Waka's working places, in a photo showing Fifth Ave., at King St. before the Union Station was built.

The International District was truly international in those days with single male immigrants coming to Seattle from all over the world. The "Pink Curtain" provided companionship for the lonely men and had a "whites only" policy.

—Beacon Hill News

'THE JAPANESE'

Hawaii PBS trilogy airs late spring

Honolulu

"The Japanese", a trilogy of one-hour documentaries by Hawaii Public Television, will be presented on the Public Broadcasting Station network in late spring.

Each program is a study of contemporary Japanese lifestyles filmed on location, produced and directed by Japanese authority John Nathan, author, lecturer, filmmaker and former associate professor of Japanese Language and Literature at Princeton University.

"Full Moon Lunch", the first of the trilogy,

was shown on the PBS network two years ago. It focuses on the Maso Sugiura family, who are caterers of elegant obento (box lunches), and is a closeup of an urban family.

"The Blind Swordsman", is a portrait of actor Shintaro Katsu, producer, director, writer and star of the popular TV series of Zatoichi, the blind swordsman.

The last program is a study of four generations of the Kato family, "Farm Song", which shows rural Japanese life through the family, who live and work on a farm growing rice and raising horses. #

Santa Rosa asked to honor Issei who built Fountaingrove

Santa Rosa, Ca.

A move is underway to have the Santa Rosa City Council honor Kanaye Nagasawa, the 19th century Issei who helped establish the old Fountaingrove Ranch, by preserving the old round barn and dedicating adjacent land as the Nagasawa Park, the Pacific Citizen was informed.

A visiting scholar from Kagoshima, where Nagasawa lived as a youth and who in 1865 was sent to study in England by the Satsuma Clan, was expected to make an appeal before the city council here this past week.

The story by Terry Jones (now an Oregon schoolteacher), "Samurai in the Wine Country" (1975 PC Holiday Issue), provided the necessary material to launch the effort.

Nagasawa came to California in 1875 from New York with Thomas L. Harris to establish a theo-socialist cult, the Brotherhood of New Life, and founded Fountaingrove Ranch on the northern outskirts of Santa Rosa. Nagasawa became the master of the ranch in 1906 when Harris died. The winery prospered, and Nagasawa became known as the "Grape King" among the Issei.

Nagasawa died in 1934. #

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New Chapters

During the past ten years the National JACL has increased by 8,089 members, or by 34%, to today's total of 31,542 dues paying members. That's 11% of the Japanese Americans living in the continental United States. There are no JACL chapters in Hawaii.

That's hardly an impressive gain, though compared with other ethnic national organizations we have not done badly. The American Jewish Committee has 0.6 of 1% (40,000) of the six million Jews living in the United States. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is 2% (1/2 million) of the 25 million American Blacks.

With few exceptions, most chapters' annual membership drives are limited to renewals. There is no vigorous drive for new members. Also, for the chapters there is no real incentive to go after new members. They have their hands full working on renewals.

What has been refreshing, recently, in the dull membership scene is the creation of new chapters. New chapters have risen where none existed before. The exciting spectacle, however, is the birth of new chapters from within the existing chapters or in the same areas.

Suddenly there is a flurry of activities. New leadership, new faces, new directions and new commitments. One can feel the surging energy.

Ideological rather than geographical boundary has often been the determining factor. There is more unity, more purpose and greater zeal than in some older concept of a chapter.

That such spirit and vicacity cannot last, is often the criticism. It doesn't matter. Permanence is only one hallmark of a successful chapter. Some chapters, over a relatively short span of life, can accomplish more and contribute more to the Japanese American cause than the perennial sleeping giants. I believe most of us would rather be a cherry blossom than a tree that never blooms.



DOWN TO EARTH: Karl Nobuyuki

What Do We Seek?

After eight years of discussion about Redress, and especially after the intense debate of the past year, there still seems to be some confusion about why we are pursuing the issue and what the real issue is. Perhaps because of all the crossfire, too much smoke has been left in the air and some people are having difficulty focusing on the essential point of Redress.

Clearly we are talking about a Constitutional and moral issue, keeping in mind the comments by Congressman Norman Mineta and by Mike Masaoka (PC, Holiday Issue) that in the case of Evacuation, seven of the ten articles of the Bill of Rights were suspended.

When persons of Japanese ancestry were evicted from the West Coast, the entire mechanics of government failed; the system of checks and balances between the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches, a system which is designed to guarantee the protection of individual rights, failed completely. The Japanese American evacuation and incarceration exemplify the failure of the Constitution and the failure of American democracy.

Therefore, although much of the focus of the debate has centered around the controversy of the money, the real issue and the essential point of the entire Redress campaign is the viability of the Constitution. Congress must recognize and acknowledge in some significant and meaningful way the failure of the past in order to deter-

Comment, letters, features

On Becoming a True Citizen

By MIYUKI YOSHIKAMI
(Washington D.C. JACL)

We burst with pride each time a Nikkei is elected to public office for we can add another star to our list of accomplishments in American society. With the "rash of Nikkei Mayors" and the sudden surge of Nikkei into politics, Gene Konomi (PC, July 21, 1978) called it a "Nikkei phenomenon." He also pointed out that the mayors are bellwethers, leading other Nikkei into the political arena.

Bellwether? It means a male sheep with a bell around its neck leading other sheep. In the second sense referring to man, it means a leader of a thoughtless or foolish crowd.

Is this a fair appraisal of us? Before answering, let us consider what is required to be a citizen of this country.

Political philosophers from the ancient Greeks to J.S. Mill have stated that a true citizen is a person who participates actively in the affairs of government. This means not only does he vote, but he is acquainted with the issues and is active to foster the outcome of the issues for the common good. Likewise, in the Preamble of the Constitution, the word *people* in "We the People of the United States..." implies active citizens, as opposed to the rest of the population known as denizens.

Keeping this concept of citizen in mind, Nikkei leaders and some Nikkei are true citizens, but a consensus across the country of our own peers, attest to the fact only very few Nikkei fit this category. Although many have entered politics for the first time behind a fellow Nikkei leader, to remain on

this path is like one of the mindless behind a bellwether. Political responsibility requires awareness and activity in the total political sphere.

One reality we encounter as 2nd, 3rd, 4th generation Nikkei is a recognition problem as an American. This is manifested in the usual discourse concerning our nationality and ethnic origins. Our features should not be the disparaging factor for the United States features a mosaic of people. But our problem arises because we have contributed ineffectually to make an impact on the majority's mind of the ideals of an integrated American citizenry. We do not look American because we have been invisible Americans. We are scarce in the political sphere to display our civic concerns.

What type of action would create a lasting imprint? In the past, a most dramatic one was taken by the 100th Battalion and the 442 RCT. Their conduct gave the Nisei image a boost that would have otherwise taken decades to promote. For us today, action means that we must exert ourselves as citizens in all facets of American politics, and take interest in issues of universal as well as our parochial concerns. Although voting is an important duty, the process is a private and secretive one, and does not promote the visibility we need except at the polling booth.

Action is felt strongest and displayed more vividly at the local level—community, city or county governments or organizations. It is at these places that issues and candidates have direct bearing upon our lives. We meet and work with people,

who in joint effort, will begin to see as part of their polity. Our inherited features will be to our benefit in the same way anyone with any physical distinction makes an impression. Our presence will give affirmation to the fact that we are Americans because of our activity as concerned citizens.

To rely upon a few Nikkei officials from councilman, mayor, congressman, and senator to be guardians of our civil concerns is to place an unreasonable burden of responsibility upon them. Their office requires that they be universal in their outlook and be accountable to their constituency.

If each of us from coast to coast became active in citizenship and lobbied our respective representative, they will become aware of our presence and of our needs. An active, well-informed minority of a district will be regarded and considered more than a passive one and we will be helping our Nikkei leaders in their efforts.

Our presence in America adds richness with our work ethics, educational en-

deavors, high standards, as well as cultural origins which span over two millennia. We need not change the positive virtues of our heritage to be fully accepted as Americans: we need only to re-evaluate our political behavior and take action.

American politics is always in need of its citizen volunteers, but a gold-gilded invitation for assistance will not be forthcoming; we are a democracy. We must move from within, by ourselves, because we care.

Like pennies that add up to dollars, if each of us individually contributed to establish our worthiness and become people in this mosaic United States, then we may appear into focus as American citizens. Otherwise our complacent attitude will lend support to the notion that indeed we are still foreigners or mere denizens.

As Thomas Jefferson said, "The influence of government for all must be shared by all people."

Ed. Note—Miyuki Yoshikami, very active in the Washington, D.C. JACL and local politics, recently made her debut as an accomplished koto player before the Friday Morning Music Club, the oldest Washington group comprised of serious students of music. It was the first time a non-western instrument was featured for the club concert.

5 From Nobuyuki Nakajima

Higher Education—XI

A number of years ago, I used to know a Mennonite girl, who went to teach in Kenya at a girls' high school. She told me that it was a rewarding experience because the students were very motivated to study. They were very curious about the world. They tried to absorb everything she taught. There was no discipline problem. She also said she did not like to teach in the U.S. since much effort was wasted trying to maintain discipline.

When I was in Uzbekskaya (Uzbekistan) last October, all of a sudden I remembered what the Mennonite girl said. A lot of things are happening outside of the U.S. that we normally do not see in the papers. In 50 years, the Uzbeks have built their nation from nothing into a very modern society. I had opportunities to get to know some of the university students. They were highly motivated; very curious about the world. There are 10,000 students in the medical school in Tashkent. There are two more medical schools in Uzbekskaya. My interpreter, Farhad, introduced me to his wife, who was finishing up her training in dermatology. She asked me what life-sustaining devices were used in the U.S.

I would like to ask every Sansei and Yonsei, are you behind, with, or ahead of what is going on in today's world? If you don't have a college education, you are certainly behind today's civilization.

35 YEARS AGO

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

APR. 15, 1944

April 6—Seventeen Heart Mountain (Wyo.) evacuees plead not guilty before U.S. commissioner to charges of draft evasion; join 36 others detained on similar charge.

April 6—Nisei 100th Infantry veteran (Capt. Jack Mizuha) visits First Lady (Eleanor Roosevelt) at the White House; reception noted by Hawaii Delegate Farrington, who also recalled Mizuha led detachment to Niihau to take custody of Japanese aviator who had crash-landed there after Dec. 7, 1941.

Apr. 7—Missouri legislature blocks move to attach anti-evacuee rider on bill concerning salaries of staff physicians at state sanatorium; rider objected to employment of Dr. Fred Y. Fujikawa of Los Angeles.

Apr. 7—Fire destroys Kingsburg (Cal.) Buddhist Church, second fire in six months. Previous fire destroys adjoining school building.

Apr. 9—Delayed report in Chicago Tribune reveals Nisei (Sgt.

Tom Sakamoto of San Jose, Ca.) in U.S. assault party landing on Los Negros Island, annihilating Japanese force on Mar. 9.

Apr. 10—Five evacuee tenant farmers, object of Warren County (N.J.) protests, tell WRA officials in Philadelphia they resign and are broke.

Apr. 12—Calif. Attorney General initiates legal action to force escheatment of evacuee-owned farm lands in San Diego, Orange and Los Angeles counties.

Apr. 13—Interior Sec. Harold Ickes urges understanding, tolerance for Japanese American problems; denounces West Coast professional hate mongers in address at San Francisco's Commonwealth Club. WRA had been transferred to his department.

Apr. 13—Six Nisei GIs of 33rd Infantry Training Bn., Ft. McClellan, Ala., found guilty of "wilful disobedience of an order of their superior officers" by Army court-martial; 22 more on trial out of 600 Nisei in training. Army reports.

EAST WIND: Bill Marutani



Let's Reason Together

Philadelphia

IN A RECENT issue of this newspaper, I noted where a group, said to be out of Seattle, is seeking to gather some \$12,500 to run an open letter in the Washington Post addressed to the junior senator from California, U.S. Senator S. I. Hayakawa. While I question neither the dedication nor the right of the sponsors in thusly seeking to exercise their First Amendment rights, yet as a fiscal conservative I cannot help but wonder whether such is the most effective or meaningful way to seek to communicate with the Senator. Or with others, for that matter. I figure that the amount of dollars being contemplated by the petitioning group would buy some 83,000 first-class postage stamps.

I ALSO NOTE that there is talk of setting up a debate with the Senator. Again, I'm not sure what that will accomplish, if anything. Certainly, one cannot reasonably anticipate that the two

sides will come away enlightened and understanding of the other's views. By its very definition, debate is not conducive to such an idealistic outcome. Especially if it's to be aired on television, which I understand is (was) the proposed plan.

RATHER THAN simply assuming implacable opposition, it would seem to me that what one might consider is simply sitting down with the good Senator and engaging in a fair give-and-take discussion. It just might be that one might learn something. It certainly is worth taking a chance, to possibly learn something.

FROM WHAT LITTLE I have read pertaining to Senator Hayakawa's position on some matters, I would guess that he and I would have some philosophical differences. But then that's our respective prerogative. (Shucks, within JACL itself there are a great number of people who have sharp, and at times strong, philosophical differences with this writer.) At the same time, there undoubtedly are many areas where the good Sena-

tor and I would concur. Similarly, I'm sure there are many areas of agreement between Senator Hayakawa and those who seem bent on challenging him by things such as open letters, newspaper ads and so forth.

WHY NOT SIT down with the Senator and give "reasoning" a try? I suggest that some folks overlook the fact that the Senator took some very courageous stands: He espoused the cause for pardoning of Iva Toguri—and how many people in Congress can you count who did that? After quipping about the Panama Canal, when it came down to the reality of voting, he voted in favor of the treaty. And most recently, he was among the early advocates for commuting the sentence of Patricia Hearst—and again how many people in Congress can you count in that group?

AND SO IT may be that those who are quick to arrive at immovable conclusions might do well to back off a bit and reassess your attitudinal approach. As our Issei parents admonished, being "gojo" is not an admirable trait.

for the investigation of these people and the determination of their loyalty to this country on an individual basis. Whatever excuse there once was for evacuating and holding them indiscriminately no longer exists.

The more shocking document found for JACL is initiated by Assistant Secretary of State Breckinridge Long in a memorandum of Dec. 17, 1943, to Secretary of State Cordell Hull (incidentally, he was the author of the federal income tax law of 1913). It discusses the postwar deportation of Japanese Americans—a sentiment popularized by west coast hate mongers as well as civic and veteran groups during World War II.

Long notes the same feeling to be a "part of official sentiment", that legislation will be needed, that some U.S. senators manifested interest in the matter, and that the constitutional question is "very complicated".

Long's assessment was in response to a Jan. 14, 1942, document from the U.S. Legation in Ottawa to the State Dept. revealing Prime Minister Mackenzie King's intent to collaborate with Britain and the United States regarding policies "in relation to persons of Japanese racial origin."

'Fryer' next time

Bill Hosokawa was on an extended tour of Southeast Asia after attending a seminar of U.S. and Japan editors in Tokyo in late March.



WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ronald Ikejiri

Going for the Jugular



Washington:

Upon reading the memorandum to Cordell Hull on the postwar deportation of Japanese Americans, one cannot help but feel that the time has come for all Americans to demand an unconditional and uncensored release of all documents regarding the forced removal and detention of the Japanese American during World War II.

Upon reading the memorandum, it

would appear that the Executive Order 9066 was only the first step in "official sentiment to do something so we can get rid of these people when the war is over".

Outraged? Betrayed? Shocked?

The time has come for the JACL to aggressively and doggedly go for the jugular.... As Americans we should be allowed to know the full story. Anything less is unacceptable!

DEPORTATION OF NISEI

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ticularly unfortunate" comment on the Nisei question before the Supreme Court involving power to exclude Japanese. The Post rapped Gen. DeWitt's statement: "A Jap's a Jap: it makes no difference whether he is an American citizen or not." The Post concluded, "Whatever excuse there once was for evacuating and holding them indiscriminately, no longer exists."

Text of the editorial follows:

MINETA

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at the outset that includes a measuring stick for program evaluation.)

"The proposal represents the same mentality that put me in a camp in 1942," Mineta told Brown. "What you do is test the winds, see which way the crowds are going and get five feet in front of the pack."

Mineta said Brown's current position reminds him of how almost all politicians went along with the anti-Japanese hysteria after Pearl Harbor.

"We needed some public officials to stand up against that sort of thing then, and we need the same thing now, but we're not getting it from Brown," he declared.

"He's obviously running for President, and that scares me."

—Sacramento Bee

Gen. DeWitt's Statement

The Government of the United States—sometimes referred to as a symbol of democracy—now holds some 70,000 American citizens in places euphemistically called "relocation centers". These citizens were brought inland from the Pacific Coast on the morning of Pearl Harbor because of their racial background. No violation of the law has been charged against them. No court of law has sentenced them. They have been found guilty of nothing save the peculiar pigmentation of their skins. They are known as Nisei—native-born Americans of Japanese ancestry, as distinguished from Issei, who are Japanese aliens.

Now Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, who, as commanding general of the Western Defense Command, carried out the evacuation and relocation, was quoted the other day as declaring: "A Jap's a Jap... it makes no difference whether he is an American citizen or not... The west coast is too vital and too vulnerable to take any chances."

The general should be told that American democracy and the Constitution of the United States are too vital to be ignored and flouted by any military zealot. The panic of Pearl Harbor is now past. There has been ample time

\$1,000 AJNLA deadline June 1

Los Angeles

Entries for the first \$1,000 American Japanese National Literary Award for a 5,000-word short story incorporating some aspect of the Japanese experience in North or South America must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m., Friday, June 1, 1979, it was reminded.

The unpublished manuscript must be mailed to: AJNLA, c/o Yumi Chuman, P.O. Box 2196, Los Angeles, Ca. 90015. (Send a stamped envelope to the Pacific Citizen for a copy of the rules.)

SPARTAN BEAT: Mas Manbo



Bothered & Bewildered

Fans so far have been allowed to keep only the home run ball.

The new move is expected to mean an annual increase in C.L. expenditures for baseballs to ¥14 to ¥21 million from some ¥7 million hitherto.

Tokyo

The Meiji Confectionery Co. should easily take the prize for dreaming up the most unsuitable English names for products put on the market.

A little more than a year ago, it was test marketing in Kyushu and Hokkaido a new temperature-resistant chocolate candy wafer—dubbed "Snatch." Luckily, someone pointed out that that name could cause a lot of embarrassment, and it was scrubbed.

Now Meiji has come out with another humdinger for its new chocolate- or caramel-coated peanuts. Sold at ¥100, the new candy is named "Uncletom."

With a name like that, Meiji can't expect its new product to sell like hotcakes in the U.S.

It appears that Japanese professional baseball's Central League is finally going to allow fans to keep balls fouled into the stands instead of throwing them back into the field.

League authorities hope that this will help boost overall attendance past the 10 million mark.

This business of changing "man" to "person" in certain English-language words is getting to be a wee bit too bewildering for us folks in Japan.

I guess it all started with the use of "chairperson" instead of "chairman", which doesn't seem so bad now after seeing it so many times in print—even in the PC.

However, the recent attempt to make "personhole" out of "manhole" was a big laugh.

Just the other day, there was another of these changed terms that seemed pretty silly, used in a wire service sports story.

According to the item, tennis star Chris Evert, after beating Czechoslovakia's Regina Marsikova, complimented her opponent on her "good sportspersonship."

One dandy target for Women's Lib, or whoever is pushing for these changes, should be the company here called Manpower.

Manpower has ads periodically on the front page of The Japan Times featuring a "working beauty"—as a "Manpower Girl" is called.

This strikes one who wouldn't know too much about the situation in Tokyo as a flagrant case of male chauvinism.

The Chinese may be still behind in a number of ways, but in one phase of public manners, they have passed up the Japanese.

According to the Kyodo News Service story appearing a couple of months ago, Peking citizens caught spitting, littering or urinating in the streets will be ordered to clean up the mess or be fined half a yuan, or about ¥60.

Here in Tokyo, spitting on the sidewalks and relieving oneself along a street still goes without penalty.

Of the two evils, spitting is worse. They—mostly young males—spit everywhere in Tokyo.

On the other hand, one doesn't see much open-air urinating in the capital except at night where the bars are plentiful and restrooms are few.

In Japan today, Kobe seems to be the only place where guys are fined for urinating in public.

JARR application released to all

Washington
The JACL-Japanese American Resource Registry (JARR) application form was released for reprinting in the Pacific Citizen as a final step before closing the First Edition for publication this fall, it was announced by Eastern District Governor Seiko Wakabayashi, who is in charge of the project.

Making the application available to all was recommended by the Eastern District Council meeting Mar. 31 at Philadelphia after noting the low-level response from west coast area chapters where the project anticipated its greatest input.

All completed forms must be in the Washington JACL Office by the end of April, it was stressed. The publication will be a master alphabetical list of the data followed by a classified index showing name and state.

Primary purpose of JARR is to provide JACL with a talent bank from which qualified Nikkei could be recommended for appointment in government, employment and other opportunities. The chapters had been asked to nominate individuals in their areas who represent unique accomplishments, service or contributions. Nominees need not be

JACLers.

By having this ready resource, JACL will be able to respond with names of qualified Nikkei in a timely manner. #

Recognition

Headquarters reports the following have received Recognition Pins this year:

SAPPHIRE: Seattle—Tomio Moriguchi.

SILVER: Contra Costa—Masako Oishi, Tom Shimizu, Kazuyoshi Ide; Salinas Valley—Shiro Higashi; San Jose—Richard Tanaka, Emi Shimizu, Tad Sekigahama, Helen Mineta; San Mateo—Grayce Kato, Kiyo Okita; Detroit—Dr. Kaz Mayeda; and Reno—Michiko Spahr, Wilson Makabe. 2/28/79

(Note: Ruby Yoshino Schaar's name was inadvertently omitted from the Jan. 19 list of Ruby Pin awardees.)

G-T JACL to host next PNW session

Gresham, Or.

Gresham-Troutdale JACL will host the next Pacific Northwest District Council quarterly session April 28-29 at the Coachman's Inn, it was announced by Shio Uyetake of the host chapter.

Informal meeting Saturday will start at 7:30 p.m. Regular business with Harold Onishi, PNWDC governor, will commence Sunday at 9 a.m. A no-host lunch will be served at M&M Restaurant. #

calendar

*A non-JACL event

● **APRIL 13 (Friday)**
Oakland—Bd mtg, Sumitomo Bank, 7:30pm.

*Fresno—WYBL Conf (3da), Fresno Sheraton Hotel.

● **APRIL 14 (Saturday)**
*Parlier—Reunion dnr, Dinuba Memorial Bldg.

*San Mateo—ABA din-dance, Peninsula Soc Club, 6:30pm.

● **APRIL 15 (Easter Sunday)**
St Louis—Egg hunt, Tilles Pk.

● **APRIL 18 (Wednesday)**
West Los Angeles—Sr Cit wildflower tour, Solvang, Bakersfield; bus lvs Mahood Ctr, 9:30am, return 4pm.

● **APRIL 19 (Thursday)**
Hoosier—Interest workshop on Kimono, Woodward res, 6:30pm.

● **APRIL 20 (Friday)**
Hoosier—Japanese films, Epworth Methodist Ch, Indianapolis, 7:30pm.

*Fresno—JACL Tri-District Conference (3da), Holiday Inn.

*San Francisco—Sakura Matsuri (20-22, 27-28), Japantown.

*Seattle—Queen Comm benefit movies (3da), Toyo Cinema.

*Philadelphia—AACGP Conf: Asian American Education (2da), Univ of Pa School of Soc Work, Stitler Hall.

● **APRIL 21 (Saturday)**
St Louis—Issei dnr.

New York—Mtg: Camp Experience.

*Fresno—20th BCA Fed of Buddhist Women's conf, Sheraton Inn.

● **APRIL 22 (Sunday)**
West Los Angeles—Aux'y wine tasting benefit.

New Mexico—Potluck dnr mtg.

● **APRIL 27 (Friday)**
*San Francisco—SFCJAS mtg, Pine Methodist Church, 8pm; Dr Isami Waugh, spkr, "Crimeless Japanese Community?"

*Seattle—Fesitival (2da), Japanese Baptist Church.

● **APRIL 28 (Saturday)**
Tulare County—Benefit movies, Visalia.

Marin County—Rummage - bake sale.

Marysville—Potluck dinner, Church Annex.

*Manzanar—Pilgrimage program.

PNWDC—Gresham-Troutdale JACL hosts: Qtrly sess (overnight), Coachman's Inn, Gresham; Sat 7:30-9pm, Sun 9am-4pm.

● **APRIL 29 (Sunday)**
Dayton—Mtg.

Cincinnati—Potluck dnr, Maple Ridge Lodge, 4:30pm.

● **MAY 1 (Tuesday)**
*Denver—"Japan Today": Issei Photo History (through May), Colorado Heritage Center.

● **MAY 2 (Wednesday)**
Chicago—Bd mtg, JACL Office, 7:30pm.

● **MAY 4 (Friday)**
Cleveland—Bd mtg, Buddhist Church, 8pm.

New York—Asn/Pac Amer Heritage Week: Redress mtg.

● **MAY 5 (Saturday)**
Contra Costa—Golf tourney.

Milwaukee—Graduates dnr, Limehouse Restaurant, Brookfield.

*Seattle—BSA Tr 53 benefit dnr, NVC Hall, 3-8pm.

● **MAY 8 (Tuesday)**
Stockton—Gen mtg, Cal 1st Bank, 8pm.

● **MAY 12 (Saturday)**
Alameda—Bowling Fun Night, Mel's Bowl.

Hoosier—Workshop: Tea ceremony, Woodward res, 1pm.

CHIAROSCURO:

JARRing Ahead

By RON NAKAYAMA
(Fremont JACL)

During a time of spotlighted issues and personalities such as arise over redress and "A Day of Remembrance", members and other people overlook the battles in the trenches that are fought or lost every day, and only some of which relate directly to the spotlighted issues. I'm referring to, of course, the work that goes into every project, no matter how small or big. Every project or opportunity that goes without a chairperson or a needed worker is a battle lost.

An example of a particular project or opportunity that could easily be overlooked now is JARR, Japanese American

Chiaroscuro is reserved for JACL Chapter Presidents.—Editor

Resources Registry. This will be a registry of Japanese American persons categorized by skills, professions, talents, etc. It will be a source of talents among Japanese Americans and should be used primarily by the JACL to recommend or select a Japanese American for any position or opportunity that will benefit not only the particular Japanese American but also the Japanese American community.

Every Japanese American with a skill, profession, hobby or specialized knowledge should register with JARR. Fremont's JARR chairperson is Walt Hashimoto. Walt, by the way, is the person who coined the acronym, "JARR".

Fremont JACL is serious about providing Fremont members with the maximum benefits of JARR. For example, we're hoping the process of "building our JARR treasury" will yield a likely candidate from Fremont for the U.S.—Japan Friendship Act Committee if that is possible. (We're looking into the possibility now through Floyd Mori's office.)

But, we'll need the help of each and every JACL member. No member should have to be urged to register. This is no place or time for "enryo" or modesty. It's almost a matter of duty to yourself. Not registering is an opportunity lost ... another battle of the trenches lost; but unlike the battle of the trenches lost for a JACL project, this is a battle lost specifically for and by you.

LAW'S ARE NOT ENOUGH

A great lesson to be learned from the incarceration of 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry in World War II is that in times of stress even a great country like the United States, champion and standard bearer for freedom and individual rights, is susceptible to hysteria and the resultant twisting and breaking of laws to suit the circumstances of the stress.

Speakers Minoru Yasui and Ernest Iiyama at Tanforan on "A Day of Remembrance" Feb. 19 said there's a tendency to conveniently forget many of the unpleasant memories. Also, a father told his son to remember what was happening the day they were loaded on buses with windows shattered and driven away to camp; he said if they didn't remember what happened nobody else would. They're right. That's why the redress issue is so important.

When 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, including U.S. citizens, were herded off to concentration camps, there were laws on the books that should have been sufficient to prevent such action. So what happened?

What happened was that there weren't enough good people around to prevent it. Laws are administered and enforced by people.

If we let today's people forget what happened yesterday, who will remember not to make the same mistake tomorrow? #

1979 Officers

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JOB OPENING

Pacific Southwest JACL Regional Director

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Director will be responsible for the administration of the Regional Office and staff. This will include day-to-day supervision of clerical and volunteer personnel. Incumbent will be responsible for fiscal operation of the regional office and the general activities of the office.

Additional responsibilities will include: Providing support services to the chapters and their respective boards in membership development, insurance programs, community relation activities and community service projects. The major responsibilities of the director to the chapters will be to offer staff assistance based on their particular requirements and needs. The director will also be expected to maintain a liaison relationship with community organizations, and public and private agencies.

The director will be expected to work with limited supervision and direction. The director will receive general supervision from the district governor and the district board. District policy and direction will be set by the district council.

Qualifications

Two years experience in community organization. Ability to write reports and correspondence. Basic ability to maintain office bookkeeping system.

Salary: \$10,000/12,000 (negotiable)

SEND RESUMES TO:

JACL Regional Office—Pacific Southwest District Council
125 No. Central Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90012

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JACL-Japanese American Resource Registry

Biographical Data Form: First Edition, 1979-80

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LAST

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FIRST

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Address, City, State, ZIP

Date of Birth:

Birthplace

Occupation/

Professional Field:

Spouse's Name:

Education:

Name of School

Location

Degree

Date

Brief Career Summary: (Begin with Current Position—List Past 10 Years Only)

DATE FROM:

TO

POSITION

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REDRESS PHASE TWO: John Tateishi

Preparing the Chapters



fining the issues, and stating our position on Redress.

2—A question-and-answer sheet, which provides suggested answers for the various questions raised on the issue.

3—A press packet, which individual chapters can use as a guide to making contact with the media in preparation for various local redress activities.

4—A copy of the JACL Redress bill.

5—Information on the general time line for the Redress campaign—what over-all activities are planned and when, and suggestions on how local events can be coordinated.

6—An outline of several suggested activities chapters may wish to develop on the local level.

7—A copy of the second edition of the Redress book-

let—which, by the way, includes a contribution form for soliciting donations for the campaign.

Further down the line, we will probably initiate a letter-writing campaign to the various congressional legislators in your district, but this will be effective only after our legislation has been introduced. This portion of the campaign will have to be carefully planned through the National Redress Committee.

We can put our individual efforts to work now, however, by putting together discussion groups in local areas. We are developing a list of speakers who will be

able to discuss Redress with knowledge and who can articulate the issue.

One of the most effective means of dealing with the issue in the community is through public forums. I have been told that non-JACL organizations are very interested in holding meetings, but it is difficult for us to make contacts. This is something our local chapters will have to do. We can assist in providing speakers for these events.

We are also developing a forum presentation, some type of audio-visual presentation, which can be sent to chapters easily. This presentation will be self-contained with its own taped narrative. We will want to establish a Redress contact person in each chapter, someone who preferably is

committed to the issue and is willing to take an active role, act as liaison to the district and to the national committee and as the prime mover within the chapter.

We are also establishing district representatives. The basic plan is to set up a chain network where we can disseminate information to districts, who in turn will con-

tact their respective chapters.

This is a campaign which obviously will take the efforts of a great many people—of the entire organization across the nation. The success or failure of Redress will depend on all of us, and the time is now for us to begin preparing for the campaign.

1978 Conv. Minutes printed

Los Angeles

The official minutes of the 1978 National JACL Convention held July 17-22 at the Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah, have been published and mailed this past week to all chapter delegates and National JACL officers.

The minutes are in three parts: (1) summary of action taken; (2) list of delegates, reports and documents; and (3) National Constitution as amended. An extra supply was printed to be presented to the 1980 chapter presidents.

Unlike any previous minutes which were mimeographed or in a typewritten format, the 1978 minutes were phototype-set and designed by the Pacific Citizen and printed by Midway Press, printers of the PC, as a 52-page booklet. Extra copies are available \$3 postpaid to members who write to either National Headquarters or the Pacific Citizen.

chapter pulse

● Cincinnati

POTLUCK DINNER SET FOR APRIL 29

Heeding the warnings of the past two winters, the Cincinnati JACL annual potluck dinner has been scheduled a bit later in the year—to Sunday, April 29, 4:30-8 p.m. at Maple Ridge Lodge. Dinner will be mostly Japanese, the coordinators hope. But bring the best dish, enough for eight.

Reservations may be placed through Mitzi Kato (232-1747).

The chapter board at its Jan. 14 meeting elected William Mirrieles president, succeeding Lida Fukumura. Jacqueline Vidourek was elected president-elect and vice-president.

● Diablo Valley

THREE NISEI DISCUSS RETIREMENT PLANNING

The JACL Diablo Valley Chapter held its retirement program on March 16 in Concord. Three panelists brought insights gained from a combined total of over 50 years of professional experience. Dr. John Kiku-

chi, an M.D. for 22 years in Concord, cited heart disease, cancer and accidents as the

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Building Tule Lake monument adds \$2,500 to campaign goal

San Francisco

In view of the cost of constructing the monument for the Tule Lake dedication being \$2,500 over the estimate, the JACL-Tule Lake Plaque Committee is encouraging former Tule Lake internees and JACL chapters to assist the committee in meeting the new fund goal of \$12,500.

Wes Doi and Tak Shirasawa, finance co-chairmen, reported seven chapters have contributed a total of \$855 as of March 21.

If the other JACL chapters in California can contribute \$50 each, the goal will be met, it was added. Close to \$2,300 was acknowledged from some 80 individuals during the two weeks ending March 28 for a month-end total of \$7,485.

Meanwhile, the dedication committee under Frank Hiyaama of Sacramento continues to meet regularly to prepare for a two-night reunion-dedication program at the former campsite on May 27-28. The dedication will be held on Sunday, May 27, 2 p.m. on State Hwy 139 at Newell.

Travel groups are to be organized from the San Francisco Bay area and from Sacramento. Reservations are being accepted until Monday, May 7. The committee suggested others coming from the Northwest or Southern California should arrange directly with hotels or motels in the Klamath Falls area. Arrangements for chartered bus, two-night stay (bring your own sleeping bag) at the Fairgrounds with breakfasts and a Saturday supper bento in the bus enroute, are being coordinated by:

Sacramento — Dennis Kong, Kathy Omachi, Don Ito, Randy Shiroi, Kathy Shiroi; Bay Area — Donna Kotake, Kathy Inamasu, Paula Mitsunaga.

The Tule Lake Pilgrimage Committee, which has been meeting at the San Francisco CANE Office, 1858 Sutter St., is working with JACL on program plans.

Bus fare will be \$76.20 per passenger from Sacramen-

to, \$24 more from San Francisco, leaving Saturday and returning Monday, the committee was informed.

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FUND SUMMARY
Mar. 14 2295 \$5,191.00
Reports #6, #7 82 2,294.00
Mar. 28 3115 \$7,485.00
Revised Goal: \$12,500.00

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San Francisco
Ten contributions totaling \$285 were acknowledged by the JACL Okubo-Yamada Fund during the month of March. Current total is \$10,592.97—about 42% of the \$25,000 goal to assist the two Stockton families in their case against the Hilton Corp.

Report 22—As of Mar. 27, 1979
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FUND SUMMARY
Feb 28 Total \$10,322.97
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March 27 Total \$10,592.97

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San Francisco
Contributions continue to be acknowledged for the Mas and Chiz Satow Memorial Fund, which will underwrite the research and writing of the JACL history by Bill Hosokawa. The latest summary:

● No. 10—February, 1979
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JACL Okubo-Yamada Fund

At the 1970 National Convention in Chicago, two JACL youth delegates were victims of a brutal and senseless crime. Evelyn Okubo (age 18) was murdered by an unknown assailant and Ranko Carol Yamada (age 17) was near death after being severely assaulted. It was a miracle that she survived.

JACL is committed to assist the two Stockton families with legal expenses in their lawsuit against Hilton Hotels, which owns and operates the Palmer House. No funds raised will be used for attorney's fees.

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

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primary health problems for the aged. "Nisei are as vulnerable as others," he said. "Less weight and exercise are the best preventatives."

Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, retired county health physician, discussed the dietary habits of the Japanese, such as excessive consumption of salt and the high incidence of diabetics. To her, "Retirement should be a time for enjoyment. Keeping actively involved is the key."

Mary Teshima, public health nurse, covered the area of Medicare and the many agencies available in the community. "The Japanese as a group are too reluctant to step forward and take advantage of these programs," she reported. She feels their pride is misdirected and an unnecessary barrier.

George Fujioka was chairman of the event.

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BOARD ESTABLISHES CALENDAR FOR YEAR

The Philadelphia JACL Board last month established its chapter calendar for the year and made vari-

ous committee assignments, which are to be completed at the next board meeting in May. The remaining calendar follows:

May 11—Board meeting; May 19—Hanami for Sr Citizens.

June 16—EDC meeting at Sea-

Berkeley

PARLIER TEAM WINS ANNUAL CAGEFEST

Paced by Ross Yukawa's 16 points, the Parlier JACL team beat the Contra Costa JACL quintet 68-65 in the finals to garner the championship crown of the 22nd annual Berkeley JACL Invitational Basketball Tournament staged March 16, 17, and 18, it was announced by Hank Hamataka, tourney chairman.

This was the first time in the tournament's history that a Central California squad has won the top honors. Richard Lo of Parlier scored 14 points in the first ten minutes of the title game but was forced to leave the tilt with a fractured wrist.

High scorer for the runner-up Contra Costa team was Lance McKean with a big 28 points. The third-place team was San Jose JACL, and the consolation round winner was Sacramento JACL.

Tournament all-stars selected were:

Lance McKean and Stan Kobata, Contra Costa; Robert Nishikawa and Richard Lo, Parlier; John Hohu, San Jose; Chuck Nieda, Eden; and Jon Viacrusis, Sacramento.

Contra Costa

The first annual Contra Costa JACL Girls Basketball Tournament was captured by the host chapter's team, who defeated the Sacramento JACL by a score of 51 to 46. Finishing in third place was the San Francisco JACL, and in fourth place was the Sequoia JACL.

The girls tournament all-stars were:

Chris Fujii and Mary Nishikado, Contra Costa; J. Kashima, Sequoia; Cheryl Osada, San Francisco; and Michelle Tahara, Sacramento.

San Jose

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT RESULTS ANNOUNCED

Swanee McKay, a certified ACBL (American Contract Bridge League) bridge director, did a swell job of running the smooth San Jose JACL bridge tournament held on March 24 at Wesley United Methodist Church's Social Hall.

Many door prizes were donated by local banks and members donated delicious refreshments. The winners:

Majors: (1) Mae Rafloski & Aiko Nakahara; (2) Dr. George Hiura & Jane Tamura; (3) Sachi Miki & Swanee McKay.

Intermediate N-S: (1) Jimmy Munday & Reiko Roy; (2) (tie) Shig Masunaga & Tomoo Inouye, John McKay & Dr. Wright Kawakami.

Intermediate E-W: (1) Peter

Nakahara & Dr. Tak Inouye; (2) Hiro Kurotori & Mas Minami; (3) Diane Kawamura & Florence Takei.

Watsonville

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE MAY 5

Watsonville JACL scholarship application forms are due May 5, it was announced by Mas Hashimoto, committee chair. High school students whose parent is a Watsonville JACL member are eligible to apply. Interested seniors may contact Dr. Arthur Hayashi, 94 Mariposa Ave.

The chapter also announced the community picnic date has been changed from July 5 to Aug. 5 at the Santa Cruz Fairgrounds. Vice president Kee Kitayama is picnic chairman.

brook, N.J.; June 17—Buffet-social for new members.

July 29—Annual picnic.
Aug. 24-26—Joint EDC-MDC Conference hosted by Twin Cities JACL in Bloomington, Minn.

Sept. 14—Board meeting.
Oct. 13—Sr. Citizen luncheon and Japanese film.

Nov. 9—Board meeting.
December 9—Christmas party.

Jan. 5—New Year party.
Jan. 11—Board meeting. Feb. 10—General meeting and elections.

Mar. 28—Installation dinner-dance.

PC board to meet in Fresno

Los Angeles

The Pacific Citizen Board will meet in conjunction with the biennial JACL Tri-District Conference April 21 at the Fresno Holiday Inn by the airport, with Ellen Endo, chairperson, presiding.

Cal 1st Bank has record '78 year

San Francisco

California First Bank president T. Nagamura reported 1978 was a record year in terms of increases over the previous year: up 16.5% in deposits to \$2.5 billion and up 27.8% in net income to \$15.7 million. Annual dividend was up from 75 cents declared in 1977 to 91 cents this past year.

The 22-member board of directors and executive officers were reappointed.

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WEST L.A. WINE-TASTING—Standing on the steps of Yamato Restaurant in Century City where the West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary wine-tasting benefit will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 22, are people in charge: Toy Kanegai (back), Aiko Takeshita (left), Sako Asawa, Stella Kishi and wine connoisseur Joe Minervini. Proceeds go to American Cancer Society and the March of Dimes.

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Chapter 11

WHILE some Nisei were steaming toward Leyte Gulf for the invasion of the Philippines, some on the other side of the world left Marseilles, France, for a town they'd never heard of but would always remember—Bruyeres. The 442nd was about to write in blood a chapter of American history. In the U.S., one Nisei made a bit of history himself. It was Kazuo Yamane. His contribution came from noticing something a lot of other people hadn't.

Yamane was among those moved from the Pentagon to Camp Ritchie and PACMIRS. Col. G.F. Gronich let him have leave, and he got married on October 12, knowing he'd been selected for a secret special assignment about which he was given no details. Yamane enjoyed a week's honeymoon in New York, then went back to Ritchie, where carloads of documents awaited translation. Fingering through them several weeks later, he spotted one that should have had greater priority than "Routine," which was how Navy intelligence experts at Pearl Harbor marked it before shipment on to Washington.

Yamane took the document to Col. Gronich, who made people unhappy by cancelling their holiday leaves and putting all to work on Yamane's discovery. The Hawaii Nisei had stumbled across the Imperial Army's ordnance inventory! Through the U.S. Navy's hands at Pearl Harbor had slipped the amounts and types of every weapon in the Japanese home islands. Furthermore, the inventory listed their condition, locations, and quantity, plus where spare parts and other materials in the Japanese weapons network could be found. Strategic planners could add new targets to the B-29 list, and Yamane's find was also used with stunning effect at the war's end. Yamane kept his find to himself until telling the author about it, although he undoubtedly realized more and more over the years what a find he had made. Still, he made light of it, preferring instead to tell how the Navy got so angry at the courier who flew back and forth between Pearl Harbor, who kept ribbing its intelligence experts about their foulup, that he got shanghaied out of Ritchie and sent overseas. Yamane went overseas a while later, on a very special mission.

Just before the Leyte invasion, three Pacific Nisei were awarded Bronze Stars.* Shig Yasutake got one for work done around caves at Munda. George K. Matsumoto was given one

for his speedy translation of captured documents that got put to quick and successful tactical use on New Georgia. Haruo "Slim" Tanaka was awarded his for work done at Aitape. There Tanaka pioneered use of a POW to bring more POW's, in spite of a policy forbidding him to get within enemy target range.

Three Nisei were in Panama at this time, another strange place for any to be. Yoshio Ogata was as puzzled about his assignment as he had been when the FBI locked him up for three days on Sand Island, Honolulu, at the war's start. He'd been released when someone explained to government agents that it had not been a Japanese army uniform Ogata was wearing on December 7, but his high school clothing. Unable to speak much English, Ogata had only returned from completing Middle School in Japan during the summer of 1941. His buttons and cap confused an informant.

Three attempts to volunteer finally paid off. Ogata, after MISLS, served at Bolling Field in the nation's capital, translating "JAM Tins." This was the name given nameplates on Japanese aviation equipment. From them, strategic intelligence was developed. One example was learning that Japanese aircraft were numbered in sequence by manufacturers. This made it possible to ascertain how many of a certain type might still have to be faced and which ones were no longer being made.

THE Leyte landings commenced on October 20, 1944. They are covered elaborately in books by other writers. Nisei linguists were with the mighty force reported by enemy observers to include more than 100 troop transports alone. MISers were part of the 7th, 24th, 32nd, 38th, 77th and 96th Divisions, as well as the 1st Cavalry and 11th Airborne, besides various Army and Corps staffs.

General idea was to take Leyte, then assault Luzon—northernmost of the Philippines—while putting the squeeze on islands in between, like Mindanao, Mindoro, and Palawan. Every area taken had to provide airbases for attacking the next, MacArthur being a total believer in airpower. He also bought intelligence in toto as a vital function of command. By using it in the Philippines, as elsewhere, he kept the cost of every victory at a minimum.

The 96th landed at Dulag. Warren Higa had the team, under Allen A. Beach. "I went in with the third wave," said Tom Masui. "Frogmen went first, and the scouts second. The line companies were in the fourth wave and, believe me, I was scared as hell to be out there in front of the fighting men!" Herbert

generation ago. Too, the military services have actually competed with one another in giving them out. Heroism is not a numbers game. Suffice it to say that Nisei in the Pacific, like those in Europe, earned decorations on a scale far out of proportion to their numbers.

Yanamura and Akira Ohori were on the team, as were Takejiro Higa, Yoichi Kawano, and Osame Yamamoto. Like Rudy Kawahara, Takeo Nonaka and Fred Fukushima, they had taken jungle training in the Kaaawa Valley on Oahu's north side and had been heading to invade Yap when the 96th were diverted to the Admiralties. There they spent a few days climbing coconut trees and drinking beer before heading for Leyte.

The 1st Cavalry landed at Tacloban. It also had to capture nearby airstrips as quickly as possible, and it did. Besides the men who joined it after fighting with the Marines on Guam, the 1st Cavalry language section had the services of William Dozier, Yoshikazu Yamada, Noboru Yoshimura, Haku-masa Hamamoto, Hiroshi Miura and Terasu Yoshimoto. Hiroshi Miyake and Minoru Namba were in the scramble, too, and what a scramble it was.

So anxious were top commanders to have documents and diaries seized, then translated as quickly as possible, that some Nisei team members rarely saw the others after October 20. Kai Rasmussen's dream had come true. Proof was everywhere of how valuable Nisei linguists were. They were in such demand that every general wanted to "own" a few. In Panama, Yoshio Ogata actually waited for months, having been told that a general would be coming through the Canal enroute to the Pacific fighting and especially wanted the Nisei on his staff. The general never showed.

Richard Ishimoto (sic) was with X Corps. So were Tom Yamada, Morley Miyake, Tadashi Uchigaki, George Sugimoto, Henry Morisako, Satoru Nishijima, Fred Nishitsuji, Tom Hadomato and Casey Kawamoto. Others who served with X Corps at Leyte and onward are listed in this book's Appendix, the task of tracking them down where they served with various divisions and regiments as needed proving almost impossible.

Every American fighting man at Leyte, or near it, held his breath for days while the naval aspects of the campaign were fought out. The Japanese Fleet was on the prowl, determined to smash the landing force. Enemy plans were well thought out and very nearly worked.

The Leyte invasion was protected by a massive surface armada that included old U.S. battleships not useful for much more than shore bombardment. Roaming east and north of the troop transports was a powerful carrier task force, commanded by Adm. Halsey. Against this, four Japanese thrusts were coming, one strictly a diversion. Two were coming around the south of the Philippines and up through Surigao Strait, to fall upon the massed transports. One was coming through San Bernardino Strait, in the center of the Philippines, to poise a northern second pincer over the landing force. Meanwhile, down from further north was coming a carrier task force that really wasn't a carrier task force. It had practically no aircraft. It was bait, to draw off Halsey.

In Pentagon files today, as well as in the strategic military intelligence files of other major na-



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Rasmussen's dream comes true, Nisei linguists invaluable

tions, are "psychological profiles" of foreign generals and admirals. Some contain notations like "Prefers head-on attack," or "Extremely cautious unless absolutely certain of victory," and so forth. During the 1939-45 war, both sides had these.

The Japanese one on Admiral William F. Halsey must have been right on the mark. Halsey, except for a mild hit-and-run air raid on the Marshalls and Gilberts nearly three years before, had commanded at no major sea victory. He was in the hospital when Frank Fletcher won at Midway and down south out of the picture when Raymond Spruance succeeded in the Marianas. Japanese strategists knew Halsey was chafing at the bit, and played on that. Their decoy carrier task force sucked Halsey out of position completely (he spent the rest of his life angrily justifying why he took the air cover away from MacArthur's soldiers), and the wolf got in among the sheep. The Center Force of the Imperial Navy was blocked from wrecking the Leyte landings only by the bravery of Americans in thin-hulled "jeep" carriers and destroyer escorts, who fought it off.

An ambush again took care of the Southern Force. Z Plan knowledge, carefully followed up, allowed American PT-boats, then destroyers, to bushwack the Southern Force, and ancient U.S. battleships to finish it off.

Japanese intelligence was good. They knew their man, Halsey, well enough to conjecture that he could be drawn toward the opportunity to achieve fame. They exploited this.

The use of American naval intelligence at Leyte Gulf left much to be desired, but when a war gets won, no one asks questions of the victors. Halsey was hailed as a hero, and Bureau of Ordnance torpedo specialists were never called to account for refusing to adapt a captured German torpedo when the one they insisted on using wasn't working and got American submariners killed. Those are the breaks of the game called war.

The XXIV Corps had two language teams operating from its headquarters in the Leyte campaign. One was headed by Joseph Bothwell. On it was Jerry Katayama, whose family was in a concentration camp. Others were George Kozuchi (who

also turned out to be one of those manufacturers of "genuine Japanese battle flags"); James Ogisaka, "whom nothing bothered"; Thomas Higashiyama; Ralph Saito; Akira Tanaka; and Ted "Legs" Nishiyama. Some members found chunks of flesh missing from the thighs of dead bodies after the initial invasion. They couldn't tell from this whether cannibalism had been practiced by Japanese soldiers or by local natives whose diet was usually vegetarian. Dan Nakatsu, James Iwamura and Robert Sugimoto enjoyed a chicken dinner with the others, followed by cake and ice cream, on board the Navy transport the night before landing. The 306th Language Detachment wouldn't have another hot meal until Christmas Day.

Work done by Nisei that has never received reasonable recognition was in the field of aircraft technical intelligence. Rikio Koga led a team to New Guinea for this. On it were Karl Akama, Hisayoshi Ueki, Jack Wakayama, Thomas Takesone, Toshimi Yamada, Isamu Sugiyama and Thomas Yoshikawa. They were to work on shot-down or captured enemy aircraft. They did, and sometimes sent back to the Pentagon useful, even vital, information.

Dan Tamotsu Nishimura had another team that went out at the same time as Koga's. On it were Norito Nagao, Warren Adachi, Jay Kaneshiro, Tatsuo Yamamoto, Shigemitsu Nakashima, James Yoshinaga, James Hozaki, Takeo Takata and Clarence Ohta. Some of the men did this type of work on New Guinea, then went on to do more of the same in the Philippines, but not all.

The 6th Army had some of the old pros, as they now could call themselves, with its headquarters. Staff lin-

guists included Spady Koyama, Steve Yamamoto, Tsuneo "Cappy" Harada and Minoru Hara. Koyama was the kind of man who hangs tough. He later made a career of the Army. In New Guinea he had gotten a POW, Yoshio Takayama, to co-operate with him. A sumo wrestler, Takayama worked like a "trustee," seeing that 600 other prisoners maintained health and sanitation standards.

When LST 552 was still offshore at Tacloban, a kamikaze's bomb got it. Cappy Harada and Spady Koyama were wounded. Koyama had to be evacuated. He arrived in the Admiralties naked except for what corpsmen had wrapped around him. He got all the way back to Spokane before arriving at facilities where an operation could safely be performed. Koyama came out of an anaesthetic to "Wake up, Irish!" He found a grinning nurse pointing to the names on five empty pint bottles of donated blood. In gratitude, Spady later named a son John Patrick, making him probably the first Gaelic Nisei in Spokane. Homecoming was kind of a triumph for Koyama, badly injured as he was. From New Guinea he earlier answered a letter to a Spokane newspaper with one of his own. When the writer complained of seeing "Japs" on the streets of Spokane (which was outside the Evacuation zone), Koyama wrote and proposed to change places with him, offering the irate citizen a New Guinea foxhole.

The 38th Division didn't come into Leyte right away. It followed the others by about six weeks. Its language team was first class, being loaded down with combat veterans. Arthur Castle was with it, as were Yoshikazu Higashi, James Tsumura and Lincoln Taira. James Fujimura and David Kato, of

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* Little space is given in this book to listing medals and awards won by MISers. For one thing, they mean little to the public 35 years after the fact. For another, American military awards have since become cheapened, often being given out for much less than they were a

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the original Presidio class, were members. So were Tomio Munekawa, Ichiro Obikane, Masao Nagahiro, Kiyoki Sato and Albert Tamura. Besides Charles Tatsuda's, the 11th Airborne had another team. On it were Robert Kimura, William Naito, Mitsuo Usui, Takeshi Fujisaka and Tetsuo Koga. Some of the men had come from the secret planning for Okinawa at Pearl Harbor.

Nisei were busy in the China-Burma-India theater of war. The shy Grant Hirabayashi interrogated "comfort girls" captured at Myitkyina, with Won Loy Chan. A lad of religious bent, totally out of place in the roughneck Army, even Hirabayashi had to admit that the Japanese had some novel ideas for fighting a war. A picture of him and "Charlie" Chan at Myitkyina reminded the author of a cartoon showing two Roman legionnaires coming out of a city they've just helped destroy. One is carrying loot, the other has a struggling female slung over a shoulder. The second is saying to the first, "The pay is lousy, but fringe benefits are terrific!"

Frank Tokubo had talked, fought, conned, and big-dealed his way up to where he wanted to be, "the fighting front!" He worked with the MARS Force as it headed toward a place called Bhamo. Tokubo went on wide patrol swings around and behind the army, accompanied by Kachins, the fierce mountain tribesmen who loved fighting and hated Japanese. With him was a kendo expert from Hawaii, Hiroshi Nakamura.

Others with the MARS Force were Art Morimitsu, Angel Hirano, Tom Tsuruda, Tony Uemoto, James Araki, Paul Miwa, James Okita, Toma Tasaki and Gilbert Nagata. Yutaka Nakahata was also with the group as it combined with the Chinese 30th and 38th Divisions along the border of Yunnan Province. "Over the Hump" flights were now refueling at Myitkyina, instead of getting attacked from there. Tonnage

flown to Chiang built up at an unbelievable rate.

Fighting alongside Chinese units could have complications. Tony Uemoto became another "captured" Nisei when Chinese surrounded him. They wouldn't even permit him to leave his foxhole for four hours.

Somewhat to the north of the MARS Force, Shigeto Mazawa found fighting with the Kachins confusing, too. Volunteering from a desk job in India to serve with the OSS, Mazawa was told he'd be parachuting into the Burma jungle. Without a bit of training, he did just that, working with British, Americans and Kachins behind Japanese lines. What confused him were several massive black balls of some strange tarry substance. When he asked what it was, Mazawa got told "opium." It was the coin in which the Kachin mercenaries got paid.

A GOODLY number of Nisei saw a lot of service with, but were reluctant to talk about, the Office of Strategic Services. Much of what the OSS did in the 1941-45 war was so tied to British operations that some of its operations may not become public until Great Britain's Official Secrets Act is further modified. (As did the British kept secret until the 1970's fact that Franklin Roosevelt, working through William Donovan, who became head of OSS, broke a host of American laws by dealing with William Stephenson, a Canadian engaged heavily in espionage and counter-espionage for the British, long before the U.S. was actually at war).

The author did learn of Nisei who worked with the OSS, but only one would discuss what he did. Since YANKEE SAMURAI was not planned as an expose, I saw no reason to inquire further of others, especially since so many Nisei have worked in intelligence for the U.S., some in uniform and some not, right through the Vietnam war.

Nisei known to have engaged in OSS operations in the China-Burma-India theater of war are: Fumio Kido, Wilbert Kishinami, Richard Betsui, Junichi Buto, Edward Arida, Shuichi Kumagai and Tom T. Baba. There was a rumor that Hideo Imai, and possibly others, disembarked from a sub-

marine in Burma for some cloak-and-dagger work, but investigation yielded no documentation. Also with USS were Ralph Yempuku, Shuichi Kurahashi, Charles Matsunaka, Takao Tanabe, and Susumu Kazuhata. There probably were others.

From what has been written thus far, it should be clear to anyone that the Pacific was practically crawling with Nisei in uniform, although only a handful of America's civilians knew they were there. Had the civilians known, they might not have believed it. They certainly wouldn't have believed that Jerry Katayama, Art Morimitsu, Pat Nagano, Kan Tagami, Roy T. Takai and Paul Bannai were only a handful of the hundreds who served in the Pacific while their parents or relatives were locked up in concentration camps that featured watch towers, guards, patrol dogs and other aspects American motion pictures then and since showed as existing only in Nazi Germany.

But Nisei—the people described by author Bill Hosokawa as "The Quiet Americans"—did serve. And none more quietly than those who worked with radio interception units. Torao Ikeda, Kiyoshi Ishibashi, and George Okamoto were part of Timothy Pietsch's team in the Calcutta area. They manned headphones round the clock, worked at busting Japanese codes, then listened for "one-word" signals the enemy carefully cloaked with routine transmissions. The Nisei had to pounce on these when detected, then draw on information gathered from other intelligence sources, to inform higher-ups of what the enemy was doing.

Don Kuwaye was in northeast India with a radio reception team when Leyte was invaded and wondering what the hell he was doing there. He'd started the war on leave in Maui and spent the first six months of it with men of Portuguese, Hawaiian, or Asian extraction, patrolling beaches before getting shanghai'd first to Camp McCoy, then to Camp Savage. Before coming overseas, Kuwaye'd gotten a pal, Juichi Miramatsu, to countersign his will. On Kuwaye's team were Takeshi Sugai, Robert Honke, Haruo Akitaki, James Araki, Shoji Yoneshige, James Wakamiya and Thomas Sasaki. The most exciting thing that had ever happened to them thus far had been visiting the Pyramids during a stop-over at Cairo, Egypt, on the way to India.

A number of Nisei worked in counterintelligence in the Pacific. Their full stories may never get told. Arthur Komori did that kind of work, but so did many others who may never get recognized because of inherent modesty and security restrictions. One who did work in Australia, and also in Leyte, was William T. Hiraoka. He had been picked up at the same time Kiyoshi Yamashiro (known later as George Sankey) was, on December 2, 1942, and flown to Australia from Honolulu in a

Pan-American gull wing two-engine seaplane.

Suicide planes, dreamed up by a Japanese naval officer on an impulse just after *kaiten* (suicide-manned torpedoes) had been officially announced as part of Japan's naval effort, rained down on American forces at Leyte. Six escort aircraft carriers covering the landings were hit on the same day, Oct. 26. It was no way to celebrate the eve of America's Navy Day. The 40th Division was relieved on New Britain and began training for the next area of attack—Lingayen Bay, on Luzon Island.

In Europe, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team headed out to rescue a battalion of the 36th Infantry Division, of which the 442nd was a part. The Texas unit had been nearly completely surrounded by Germans.

In China, a Japanese thrust began that overran General Clair Chennault's forward air bases, which sort of destroyed his claim to be capable of subduing Japanese with a dozen long-range bombers operating from China.

Nisei were still operating with the Australians. Dick Oguro, Roy Takai and Yoshio "Ace" Fukai were in the mop-up operations around Aitape. Harry Toshio Tanaka, after wrapping up at Lae with the Australian 1st Army, moved to Jacquinot Bay, New Britain, with its 5th Division. Minoru Hara had become convinced, by then, that he could spot Japanese who had practiced cannibalism "by looking into their eyes. They had a definite animal look to them." Authorities were puzzled that Gary Kadani could say, "I have no home," when he was being given a chance to go home, but Kadani's irony rang true. He went back to the States, got married, and divided his honeymoon time between two concentration camps; visiting his new in-laws in Gila River for New Year's, after spending Christmas in Poston with his own folks.

Howard Moss, better known as "Mike," had the 7th Division's team when it landed at Dulag. His leader was Bud Mukaye (whose name sometimes got spelled Mukai). Aging Cosma Sakamoto was on this team with Noboru Yamada, who came down with dysentery and got evacuated. Min Ichinose, Thomas Hamada, Sam Rokutani, Frank Masuoka, Futoshi Inaba, Harold Nishimura and Gus Hikawa made up the rest of the unit. Plus Frank Hachiya, who flew out from Pearl Harbor to take Yamada's place.

Main aim on Leyte was to drive across the island and take Ormoc Bay, the only port through which Japanese reinforcements from other islands might come. The 7th got across and was joined by the 96th south of Ormoc. The enemy moved troops south to meet this threat, leaving the way open for a landing behind him by the 77th.

Shigeo Ito, team leader for the 77th's language group, nearly got killed—again—when the enemy shelled his combat post. Jim Sugimura interrogated the highest-ranking POW taken by the 77th to that time—a captain with both legs shot off. The 77th's commander, sched

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uled to link up in a pincer with the 11th Airborne and 7th Divisions, got off one of those puerile messages that somehow get transmuted later into historic utterances. "Rolled two 7's into Ormoc," his communication read. "Come 7, come 11!"

Frank Hachiya refused the offer of a relief so he could return to Hawaii, preferring to stay and finish the campaign. On December 3, he wrote Baron Goto, "I'll not be back in time for Christmas, as I had hoped. Instead, celebrate it in some muddy foxhole with can of GI rations." Hachiya took the war seriously. He knew what it meant to men like himself, who had twin loyalties. His mother and younger brother were living in Japan. Hachiya spent Christmas in combat, all right, and New Year's on an operating table, from which he was lifted dead. He'd been shot while moving up to the front, a place where he did not have to go without plenty of escort and assistance.

The 32nd Infantry Regiment, to which Frank was attached, was moving along two parallel ridges when it ran into enemy fire. It called for his help, to "talk out" the resistance. Frank hurriedly

headed down the valley between the two ridges on December 30, but a sniper got him before he reached his destination. Hachiya died three days later, the bullet having passed through his liver.

A recommendation for the Silver Star was made in Frank Hachiya's behalf. It was still being processed when the American Legion Post of his home town, Hood River, Ore., removed Frank's and 13 other Nisei names from the town's Roll of Honor. When this became known, editors nationwide had a field day pontificating. Members of what Gov. "Kissin' Jim" Folsom of Alabama once referred to as "the heroes' union" repainted the names in, amid the thunder of the press, the new paint making its gaffe all the more obvious.

In November the man who might have warned the U.S. about Pearl Harbor was hanged. Richard Sorge, who'd become privy enough to Japan's top secrets to let Russia know Germany was going to attack her, met his death at Sugamo Prison, a place that would become well known to Frank Tokubo, Sohei Yamate, and plenty of other Nisei. By that time, MacArthur had lost a total of 2,135 Americans killed and 10,735 wounded in all the New Guinea campaigns plus the Palaus. In the Palaus

alone, the Marine Corps casualty lists came up to about half that number, a horrific price for one bit of real estate. Newspapers in the U.S. were growling about the high cost for victory the USMC was paying. Writers wondered aloud and in print whether the U.S. could afford a Marine Corps that spent young men as though an inexhaustible supply of them existed. The murmuring would become a roar within a few months. Masaru Yoshioka made a landing on Panoan Island, in Leyte Gulf. He was busy for 12 days interrogating 45 POWs who'd survived the Battle of Surigao Strait by swimming ashore from sinking Japanese ships. Yoshioka's work won him a commendation.

Nisei were with the British Army at that time. Toshio Taniguchi was with Eiichi Sakauye when the latter saved a British officer's life and was awarded the British Medal, enlisted equivalent of the Order of the British Empire. Hiroshi Osako, at Imphal, talked to the first POW taken there. He developed information, encouraging to his superiors, that the Japanese were in no way equipped to advance any further into India. Osako and Roy T. Takai were served tea at the proper British hour daily, even close to the front. By an orderly. Few American GIs, Nisei or not, could boast about having a "batman." Haruyoshi Kaya and Wally Nagao were with the 26th British-Indian Division. Hisashi Nakagawa was with the 2nd Division.

Henry Kuwabara was with the 36th British Division. He also got a British Medal "for obtaining information that enabled British forces to capture Japanese strong points at Hopin and Pinbaw" in Burma. Others who served with his Majesty's forces included Harry Uyebara, Isao Kumabe, Frank Takao, Amos Nakamura and Herbert Ujimori. The British Army also got a lot of assistance from 60½ inches of truculence known as Harold Hanaumi.

Frank Tokubo was in north Burma, getting all the action he could handle, twice getting shot down in L-5 spotting aircraft while trying, with a loudspeaker, to convince enemy troops they should surrender.

Karl Yoneda was busy turning out "white" propaganda—pamphlets that included photos of fleets of B-29s enroute from Tinian to bomb Japanese cities. He also turned out "black" propaganda—handwritten notes describing how awful conditions at the front were. These, written in Japanese, were sent to addresses taken off Japanese soldiers. It was hoped they'd damage homeland morale. Yoneda grinned when recalling how his work sometimes had to be toned down. He'd often work in something about overthrowing the Emperor, only to be told, "No, Karl, no! We're going to need the Emperor after the war is won!" Nisei linguists with the MARS Force encountered David Akui. He had cap-

tured the war's very first POW and was also found among Merrill's Marauders. Now Akui was helping to win the final Burma campaign against the enemy.

On Leyte, Tom Masui just missed being a hero, but it was not his fault. Early in December, Tom learned that a coordinated Japanese attack was soon to be made on airfields around Burauen, which the Americans had seized. An infantry attack would simultaneously be made overland. Also, Japanese aircraft would crash-land on the three airstrips, some of them carrying infantry. With all this, Japanese paratroopers would descend. The enemy high command knew these airfields were precious, and it wanted them back.

Masui's information apparently never got to the staff intelligence officer of the 96th Division. Yasuo Umezaki told how the sky lit up and how it was "pretty, watching the tracers shooting in the air" as the enemy paratroopers came floating down. The Japanese plan didn't work. One way or another, the infantry and airborne attackers were cleaned up in the next few weeks, but only after putting a thorough scare into the Americans.

The Japanese high command, in spite of Gen. Yamashita's sentiment against the tactic, kept reinforcing Leyte. More and more individual ships, plus convoys, and fleets of small craft, kept trying to put troops ashore at Ormoc, on the west side of Leyte. American submarines and aircraft raised hob with them. The 11th Airborne blocked off the enemy's movements in the Leyte Valley so that the 7th Division could move ahead with its attempt to seize Ormoc.

Walter Tanaka and Sho Onodera, both now commissioned for their services as combat infantrymen in New Guinea, showed up on Leyte. Each had a 10-man Nisei linguist team under him, and Walt had to try to show a little dignity. There would be no more selling of "genuine Japanese battle flags" with Kanji characters that said things like "Your mother wears Army shoes." And no more taking, as James Tsurutani had, all clothes off and lying on the ground so that Caucasian buddies could stand over you, bayonet at the ready, having pictures taken that would show the folks back home how you (the Caucasian) had "captured another Jap!"

Robert Fukuda, Floyd Yamamoto and others got onto Leyte with their air technical intelligence team, trying to glean from wrecked enemy aircraft information that might save some of their buddies' lives in future battles. And, in other areas, more Nisei continued their quiet work with radio interception units.

Ken Sekiguchi had such a team. On it with him were Yoshiaki Nakamoto, James Okada, Stanley Kimura, Henry Kaneshiro and Kazuyo Uyebara. They went straight from San Francisco to New Guinea but stopped only a while before moving north in support of the infantry in the Philippines, where Yukio Tamura later joined up with them.

Another such team, with Goichi Shimanuki, Herbert Kawashima and Sanji Shirai on it, started in the Assam Plain, then went into Burma, supporting the MARS Force right through its campaign. Teams like those Sekiguchi and Shimanuki were on had plenty of problems. Equipment was never really dry, and there were all kinds of problems due to moisture getting into circuits. When equipment was working well on any given day, eyes rolled toward heaven, and thanks were muttered.

They got tired of the publicity after 30 years or so, but it was an AJA family that had more sons in uniform in any other in America. The Nakada family merits notice here. James, John and Minoru were MISers, and Stephen was on the MISLS staff. Yoshinao worked with the OSS. Saburo and Yoshio served in the Pacific, while George and Henry were with the 442nd in Europe. No Nisei war story in the Pacific can be told without mentioning this family.

The 6th Army spun off chunks of its linguist detachment just before Christmas. Tsutomu Umeda took a team to the 24th Division. Yoshito Shibata took one to the 31st, and Harry Fukuhara, now recovered, took one to the 33rd, which moved up from New Guinea to Morotai. MacArthur had put as much power into the Leyte campaign as he was able. All had begun to go well there for him. Now it was time to cast an eye further north. He had returned, but the lengthy island chain was far from recaptured.

Camp Savage had become too small a place to handle the language school as it grew. In late 1944, the MISLS moved down the road to Fort Snelling. No one was any crazier about accommodations there than at Savage. They quickly dubbed the tarpaper shacks in which they slept, six men to a hut, the "Turkey Farm." Katsumi Onishi, on the staff, regretted not getting out into the battle area, which is what he and his brother Harold wanted, but there was a bit of compensation. His brother, then he, then a friend named James I. Nagai had each been selected as the best all-around student in each of their classes.

The 81st also saw service in Leyte. Hiroki Takahashi told how, on a reconnaissance mission, he encountered Filipinos who shouted at Caucasian soldiers to hang the Nisei, thinking they were members of the Japanese army. Rocks were thrown, even after it was explained to Filipinos who the Nisei linguists were. The 81st's commanders had to order his language team back to his headquarters and keep them there for their own safety.

Koshi Ando, James Hara-da and Shizuo Tanakatsubo were in on the Mindoro landing. Harry Akune showed up on that island a month later, with the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment, a unit that fought mostly as foot sol-

diers in the Pacific.

Meanwhile, forces were getting poised for a long jump and thrust. When MacArthur got ashore where they were going, he would be back on old turf. What he had in mind next was the taking of Luzon. That included Manila, Bataan, Corregidor and other places full of bitter memories.

It would bring bitter fighting, too, although most of the world would ignore it while watching the Allies close in on Germany.

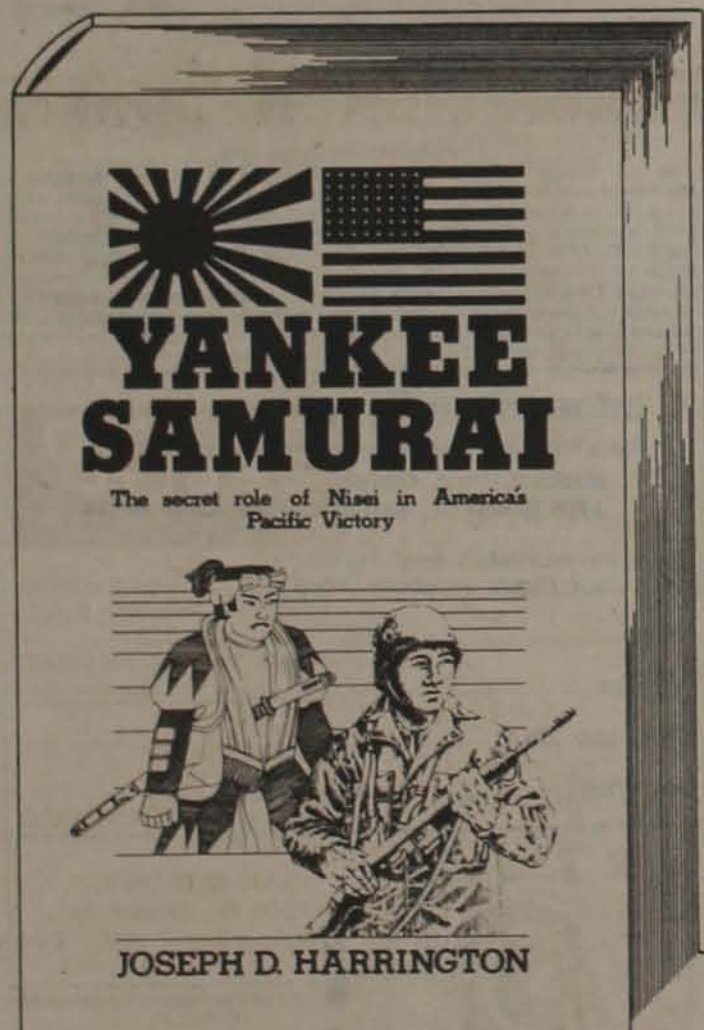
There was still lots of mopping up to be done on Leyte before top American commanders could stop worrying about it. Stanley Shimabukuro helped ease their concern with an unbelievable, almost superhuman, effort.

Three American divisions had hammered against the Japanese 1st Manchu Division, one of Japan's best, for five weeks in central and northern Leyte. An idea of how fierce the fighting was is indicated by the fact that only four POWs were taken during that time, while 15,000 Japanese soldiers fought and died where they stood. The 1st Cavalry finally broke through this enemy outfit and began descending into the Ormoc Valley. The road to complete capture of Leyte was now open—if.

It was now vital to know what forces still protected Ormoc. Rumors were coming in about a massive new enemy reinforcement through that port. Word was that it included a whole division of fresh troops, equipped with tanks. William Dozier had with him Stanley Shimabukuro, the only linguist allowed at the division's front line headquarters, because of what Filipinos might do if they sighted any Nisei. A few POWs were brought it, plus stacks of documents taken from enemy command posts and corpses. Dozier interrogated prisoners for 36 hours, without a break, but he credited Shimabukuro with the really rewarding effort. He was lavish in his praise of the Kibei, saying, "captured letters and notebooks the *hakujin* and Nisei could make no sense of, he could read, even though parts of words were obscured by rain, sweat or blood."

By sunlight, flashlight and lantern light, Shimabukuro poured over *sosho* for 51 hours, without rest or breaks. He handled diaries, letters, messages and reports, quickly grasping the essentials of each. The results Shimabukuro got were immediately radioed to Corps headquarters. The attack continued, and Ormoc was soon taken. Victory on Leyte was complete.

What Shimabukuro had done was tell his superiors almost exactly how many men of the reinforcements sent actually got ashore; how many were lost at sea as victims of American ships, submarines and aircraft; and how many enemy troops were at locations Shimabukuro indicated on maps. This let the 1st Cavalry finish the job without needing further reinforcement of its own. Stanley Shimabukuro's name probably never caught the attention of Douglas A. MacArthur, but the quiet lin-



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guist made a vital contribution to planning. What he did made it possible to continue the war unabated on Leyte. Some troops there were freed to move on to Luzon, instead of being held up waiting for reinforcements they really didn't need.

THE New Year (1945) opened brightly. Some top U.S. commanders were sure it would be the year in which war ended. In Europe, anyhow. About the Pacific, however, they could not be certain.

Japan still had perhaps two million troops in the field and probably that many again in the home islands. True, it was obvious that the Emperor's domain was on its last legs. Hundreds of thousands of his troops had been cut off, behind MacArthur's advancing forces. U.S. airpower had almost completely blanketed all war areas, and that coverage would soon be total. The road to the Japanese homeland was wide open. There appeared to be nothing that could stop the oncoming juggernaut. In three short years, the entire face of war had been changed. It was Japan that was now on the defensive, but the fighting spirit of her troops still stood high.

There were three effective barriers to Tokyo, now: the northern Philippines, Formosa, and Okinawa. The second one was eliminated when the Allies decided not to try to take it. It was replaced by Iwo Jima when it was decided that this volcanic island must be seized. Iwo was needed both as a massive fighter base so bombers hitting Japan from Tinian could have escort and so that the B-29 bombers and their valuable crews would have a reachable haven if they got shot up badly in the skies over Japan.

MacArthur hit the first barrier after Navy aircraft carriers had done all they could in preparation, on January 9, 1945. He sent in the 6th, 37th, 40th and 43rd Divisions. The 1st Cavalry, the 25th and the 23rd would follow them. War would now be waged on the terms MacArthur liked best, with his ground troops well protected from above.

One more giant step had been taken when the first troops landed at Lingayen Gulf. A lot of other steps would have to follow, but Manila was now only 100 miles away.

Next Week: Chapter 12

SFCJAS sets date of Asilomar III

San Francisco

Asilomar III, San Francisco American Studies' third conference, will be held July 20-22 this year on the Asilomar Conference Grounds on Monterey Peninsula.

To enable Nikkei who financially are unable to attend, SFCJAS is asking for donations for scholarships. Checks should be made payable to SFCJAS Scholarship Fund and mailed to:

Dr. Aiko Oda, 300 Cabrillo Ave., Apt. 8, San Francisco, CA 94118.

Oral tapes

San Jose, Ca.

Nine Nikkei seniors will be interviewed this summer on tape by the Japanese American Community Senior Service (294-2505) for a booklet on community and cultural heritage. Steve Misawa, coordinator, is looking for volunteers.

S.F. Cherry Blossom Festival promises to be exceptional

San Francisco

For two weekends, April 13-15 and 20-22, San Francisco's twelfth annual Cherry Blossom Festival will transform the streets of Japantown into a multi-faceted theater of traditional Japanese culture.

Dancers and musicians from Japan's Kanagawa and Iwate Prefectures will join Bay Area Japanese dancers in classical and folk dancing. Koto and shakuhachi ensembles from Shizuoka will give special performances. Flower arranging experts from Morioka City and leading teachers from local schools will present demonstrations and an exhibit.

Festival-goers will also see:

Handmade Japanese dolls and doll-making demonstrations, sumi-e, origami, fan painting demonstrations by Japan's leading exponent, experts in kumihimo (Japanese macrame) from Osaka, Akita dogs, taiko drumming, martial arts demonstrations, tea ceremony, bonsai dis-

plays, movies on Japan, and queen and tiny-tot contests.

A grand parade climaxes the celebration on Sunday, April 22. Ohara Bushi dancers from Kagoshima, Japan's Kimono Queen, kimono paraders from Tokyo and Nagoya, and dancers from several other regions will join more than a thousand Nikkei in the colorful two-and-a-half hour procession.

All events are admission-free except for the Queen's Pageant and several of the evening events.

Monterey Park set for Sakura festival

Monterey Park, Ca.

A Cherry Blossom Festival will also be held in Monterey Park, Calif. on April 21 and 22 at three sites: East Los Angeles College, Prado and Atlantic Square Shopping Centers.

Demonstrations and Ondo dancing will be featured in a carnival running from noon to 11 p.m. on both days at the two shopping centers. Cultural exhibits will be displayed at ELAC's Baum Student Center.

A concert by 25 koto players will be in ELAC Ingalls Auditorium April 18, 7 p.m. A 25-member Japanese dance group will be part of the performance, and Japanese flower arrangements will be displayed in the auditorium foyer. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at Sumitomo Bank in Monterey Park.

Chairperson of the festival is Howard Takata. Co-sponsoring the fourth annual festival are:

Monterey Park's Nisei Memorial Post 9902, U.S. Veterans of Foreign Wars, ELAC Office of Community Services and the cities of Monterey Park and Montebello.



San Francisco's Cherry Blossom Festival parade will be on April 22 this year, starting at 1 p.m. at City Hall and ending at Japan Cen-

ter on Post St. Here is a shot of last year's colorful procession.

CAFE-China tour

Los Angeles

Culinary Arts of the Far East (CAFE) tour, led by Mrs. Jane Matsuda of Harbor City, features a 16-day December itinerary of China with stops in Peking, Siam, Shanghai, Hangchow, Kweilin and Canton. Flight departs Dec. 1 from Los Angeles and returns Dec. 23. For the Torrance school district teacher in Asian cuisine, it will be especially exciting as she will be returning to her place of birth—Shanghai. For flight details, write:

Jane Matsuda, 23736 Live-wood Lane, Harbor City, Ca 90710 (325-5514).

Skyscrapers

Tokyo

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