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Press conferences on redress held

Los Angeles

Besides the press conference called here May 9, when the Days of Remembrance open letter with 2,000 names to Sen. S.I. Hayakawa was in the Washington Post, similar gatherings were held the same day in Seattle, San Francisco and Chicago.

In Seattle, speakers addressing the media were Ron Mamiya, Shosuke Sasaki and Cherry Kinoshita. In San Francisco, Raymond Okamura and Karen Seriguchi were being quoted. In Chicago, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, the Rev. Michael Yasutake and William Hohri met the media outside the JASC Bldg. with its mural, which includes a huge scene of a Poston camp barrack.

At Los Angeles, George Takei, Dr. Harry Kitano, Mary Tani, Kayo Endo and Frank Abe were the speakers. A local Hayakawa office aide, Ashley Chase became the verbal target of Takei after he heard her say: "After all, the Japanese did bomb Pearl Harbor". Takei fired back: "The Japanese Americans had nothing to do with Pearl Harbor..." Such sentiments perpetuate the thinking of those who demanded the Japanese Americans be interned in WW2, Takei said.

New postal rate hits PC again

The U.S. Post Office will increase postage rates for 2nd Class mail effective July 6, the Eighth Step in accordance with an eight-year plan established when the Postal Service became a quasi-corporation.

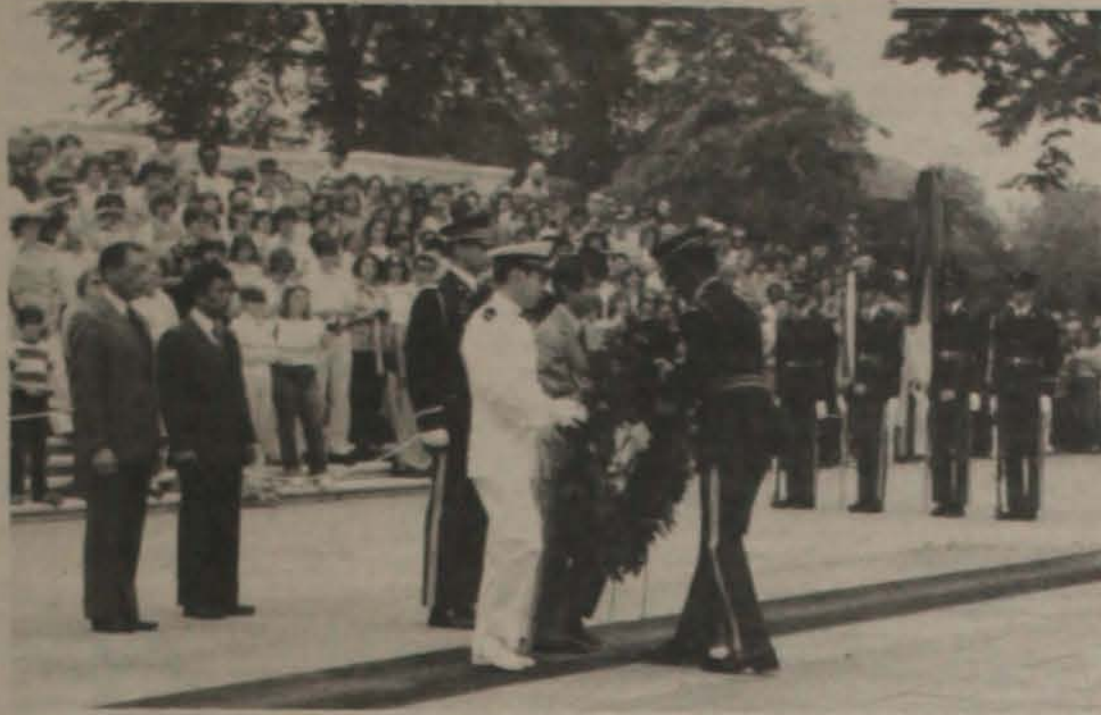
PC currently has a \$1,200 bill to pay each week for mailing nearly 25,000 copies. We expect the new charge to rise another 25-30%.—Editor



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—Kaz Tsuruta Photo

Sumitomo Bank of California was the first JACL Corporate Member when the 1000 Club expanded its categories in 1972. The same bank became the first JACL Diamond Club member in April, 1979 as the 1000 Club inaugurated a triple-tiered corporate memberships. Pictured are (from left) Steven Doi, 1000 Club chairman; Karl Nobuyuki, national executive director; Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national president; Nimei Akamatsu, president and chief executive officer, Sumitomo Bank of California; and Jack Kusaba, senior vice president and San Francisco Main Office manager.



MEMORIAL DAY—In memory of Asian Americans who sacrificed their lives in defense of the United States, a National JACL wreath is laid at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery on May 6 by Rep. Robert T. Matsui, escorted by Midshipman David Yoshihara (in white). Standing at left as honorary

escorts are Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national JACL president; and Hideki Hamamoto, president, Washington, D.C. JACL. The annual presentation of the JACL wreath during Memorial Day rites along with those of the President of the United States, national military, veteran and patriotic organizations began in 1946.

Poor bilingual compliance due to desegregation

Washington

Desegregation of this nation's public schools and the bilingual education goals of its Asian and Pacific American communities can be achieved in harmony, reports the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (CCR).

Conflicts between the two are unnecessary and resolvable, it says in its latest education study, "Desegregation of the Nation's Public Schools: A Status Report," released recently, which focuses on action by the courts, Congress, and the Federal executive branch of government.

It cites the common objective of "equality and educational opportunity."

The report comments that minority group educators, including Asian and Pacific Americans, are generally "disenchanted" with Federal efforts to monitor and enforce those regulations relating to bilingual education in spite of indications that many school districts are not in compliance with Federal guidelines.

It points out that 46 percent of the country's minority pupils—almost 4.9 million—still attend schools in at least moderately segregated districts.

Language minority groups support desegregation, it adds, "providing there is an accommodation for bilingual education programs."

(The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in January 1974, *Lau v. Nichols*, that the San Francisco school system violated the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by not providing English language instruction or offering other adequate instructional procedures to 1,800 students of Chinese ancestry who did not speak English.)

Following passage of the Bilingual Education Act of 1968, Federal funding for bilingual education programs has grown from an original \$7.5 million in 1969

to \$150 million for fiscal year 1979.

The CCR desegregation update looks at 47 communities nationally. Nineteen of them have 1 percent or greater Asian and Pacific American student population.

They include (with percentages of Asian and Pacific American students in parentheses):

Seattle, Wa. (9.7%); San Diego, Ca. (6.3%); Los Angeles, Ca. (6.2%); New York, N.Y. (5.8%); Portland, Ore. (3.3%); Long

Beach, Ca. (3.2%); Tacoma, Wash. (2.8%); Fairfax County (Fairfax), Va. (2.6%); Anchorage, Alaska (2.2%); Providence, R.I. (2.0%); Chicago, Ill. (1.6%); Clark County (Las Vegas), Nev. (1.6%); Colorado Springs, Colo. (1.5%); Denver, Colo. (1.5%); Des Moines, Iowa (1.3%); Minneapolis, Minn. (1.3%); Kansas City, Mo. (1.0%); Ogden, Utah (1.0%); and Oklahoma City, Ok. (1.0%).

"The role of bilingual education within the context of desegregating school districts is a developing aspect of the enforcement effort" of HEW, the report

notes.

Many minority group educators and leaders complain that the monitoring and evaluation conducted by HEW's Office for Civil Rights "do not adequately take into account the educational needs of language minority students" and that "the Federal Government will tolerate minimal compliance with the Lau remedies, which allow broad

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Vietnamese in Texas cling to culture

(Special to The Pacific Citizen) Dallas, Tex.

In order to retain some of the Vietnamese traditions in the land of football, TV and Big Macs, families at Grand Prairie (near the Gyo Obata-designed airport) have converted a former barbecue restaurant to a Buddhist temple where Vietnamese students are tutored in their language.

When the refugees first came four years ago, children were 3 or 4 then. Today, they are quickly being "Americanized". As their parents struggle to learn English, they battle to make sure their children remember Vietnamese.

Fathers and mothers are too busy working at low-paying jobs to help maintain the culture among their children.

Tho Vinh, 65, former South Vietnamese ambassador to Japan, now earns \$400 a month as an assembly line worker, but he has now come to live in harmony with his

new surroundings by picking up the paint brush and the poet's pen for the first time since being uprooted. Vinh's homesickness led him to paint and write.

On Sundays, he goes to the temple to meet other refugees. The irony of having a Buddhist temple has not been lost on the refugees.

"Buddha was a vegetarian, but he was tolerant," they say.

Unlike refugees in New Orleans and other cities where Indochinese are concentrated in one or two residential areas, Dallas refugees are spread out, "because the jobs are scat-

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New Englanders discuss own plan for Day of Remembrance

New York

Steps to support redress and a "Day of Remembrance" by Nisei in New England were discussed in conjunction with a Pacific/Asian Heritage Conference at the Univ. of Massachusetts. The group had met the May 5-6 weekend at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bob Suzuki in Amherst.

Mayme Noda of Meriden, N.H. led the discussion with close to 20 fellow New

Englanders. Prof. Lawson Inada of Southern Oregon College and playwright Frank Chin of Seattle, who actively participated in the Puyallup and Portland events, were also present. Another meeting in June is being planned. New York area participants are also invited. For information, write to:

Mayme Noda, Box 165, Meriden, N.H. 03770; or Bob and Agnes Suzuki, 115 Sand Hill Rd. Amherst, Ma. 01002.



Photo by Shinn Yamashita, Alturas, Ca.
Tule Lake Monument under construction, as of May 11.

Monument at Tule Lake stirs controversy in area

Newell, Ca.

Construction work on a stone monument near the Tule Lake camp is progressing and will be completed in time for dedication this Sunday, May 27.

Located alongside Calif. Hwy 139, the monument marks the historical landmark of one of ten concentration camps that had interned Japanese Americans during World War II.

A plaque, designed by the State Dept. of Parks and Recreation, will be set into the face of the monument with a time capsule. But it also created unhappiness among people in the Tulelake-Newell area because of the reference to "concentration camp", noted the Klamath Falls (Or.) Herald & News. It said some people claim the monument will be destroyed. Construction crews had heard such claims from area residents.

Upwards of 500 people are expected for the dedication, according to Ben Takeshita, spokesman for the JACL Tule Lake Plaque Committee. Director Jerry J. Enomoto of the State Dept. of Corrections will be keynote speaker.

Sumitomo Bank of Calif. joins Diamond-1000 Club.

San Francisco

The Sumitomo Bank of California became the first Diamond Club member in the history of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL).

At a ceremony held on April 18 at the San Francisco Main Office of the Sumitomo Bank, Nimei Akamatsu, president and chief executive officer, presented a check for \$1,000 to National JACL President Dr. Clifford Uyeda. Also present at the ceremony were:

Steven Doi, chairman of the JACL 1000 Club; Karl Nobuyuki, National JACL Executive Director; and Jack Kusaba, senior v.p. and manager of the San Francisco Main Office.

The Sumitomo Bank, which for many years has supported local activities in the Japanese American community, has played a major role in helping local groups and organizations initiate various programs within the community, Nobuyuki declared.

The JACL Diamond Club membership was instituted as part of a multi-tiered corporate club membership structure at the National JACL Convention held in Salt Lake City in 1978. The other two classifications of the corporate 1000 Club structure are the Silver and Golden.

Items

Visual Communications, producer of a feature-length dramatic film on Japanese Americans under a HEW Office of Education grant, received praise from Dr. David Berkman, director of HEW-Office of Education special projects, after making his on-site visit of VC in Little Tokyo. "This may be the finest pilot I've seen in the six years I've been at the Office of Education," Berkman said of the pilot segment of "Hito Hata: Raise the Banner" (May 11 PC).

Beginning June 3, the Fifth Street Studio Theater in Los Angeles will have major poets reading original works in their native language on Sunday afternoons. To participate, poets should contact George Petrarca, 383-7177.

Harry Bridges, president emeritus of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, will speak at Pine United Methodist Church in San Francisco May 25, 8 p.m.

The Asian Community Library, a branch of the Oakland Public Library, will show "Hidden Fortress", a classic Akira Kurosawa film, along with "Tangram", for children, on May 26, 12-2 p.m.

Sumitomo Bank of California opened its new San Francisco Japantown branch May 16 with appropriate fanfare. Opening day festivities will prevail through May 25, according to Richard Tsutakawa, v.p. and manager. An upstairs community-use hospitality room will be available.

"We sincerely appreciate the fact that the Sumitomo Bank approached the JACL and expressed their interest and willingness to join the Corporate Diamond Club," said 1000 Club Chairman Steven Doi. "We hope that other members of the corporate community will join in a similar support for the benefit of the entire JACL organization."

EDUCATION

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and differing interpretations," it says.

Poor compliance persisted in mid-1978, it added, because school districts still were not properly identifying students who needed bilingual education.

It also notes that desegregation actions by many school districts are felt to have had a negative impact on bilingual programs because the districts did not take them into account sufficiently. But problems are strictly administrative and can be resolved at that level, it suggested.

"While the Supreme Court of the United States holds fast to established constitutional principles that mandate school desegregation," it notes in an accompanying letter to the President and Congress, "the Congress has taken steps that severely impede the ability of ... (HEW) to enforce the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

President Carter should designate a single high official "to coordinate all of the resources and authorities of the executive branch to bring about a vigorous and effective enforcement of the constitutional mandate to desegregate elementary and secondary schools," it recommends.

Deaths

Dr. Yonekazu Abe, 66, of San Bernardino, died May 8. Active in the Rotary Club, Riverside JACL, and San Bernardino-Tachikawa Sister City Program, he is survived by w Chiyoko, s Keiichi, Paul, br Yasohichi and Tatsuo (Japan) and sis Fumi Shishido and Yone Sato.

Sadao Kimoto, 60, of Detroit, died May 1. A native of Watsonville, Ca., he resettled in Detroit in 1945, was employed by General Tire Co. He chaired the Detroit JACL for two terms and was the chapter's JACler of the Year on two occasions.

Fred Hideo Koga, 46, of Monterey Park, Ca., died May 4. A civil engineer with the L.A. County Road Dept. for 27 years, he organized and was scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 329, Brightwood School, active with CYC, taught aikido at Paramount Adult School. Surviving are w Masako, s Mathew, Warren, d Ellen, br Robert, p Frank and Frances Shoda, gm Mitsue Yoshino (Alameda). Among his nine uncles and aunts are two well-known JACLers: John Yoshino, Washington, D.C., and Ruby Schaar, New York.

REFUGEES

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tered", explains Vincent Luu of the Catholic Social Services which resettled over 1,200 in the Dallas area since 1975.

More than 16,000 Indochinese are living in Texas; 5,500 in Dallas. More are expected here this year, attracted by the mild climate and availability of jobs, says Doug Shehan of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Refugee Inter-agency. Many are jobs which others don't want "because they are considered too lowly", but the jobs are there, Shehan pointed out.

According to Linda Pegram, who worked with refugees in a Thai camp over a year and is now at the Fort Worth Guidance Center, the refugees are ill-prepared for life in the U.S. They come with a "movie concept" of

America, but are startled to see how hard Americans have to work and how expensive things are.

The new life is also tough on husband-wife relationships, notes Fr. Kilian Broderick, resettlement director for Catholic Community Services.

HEW has appropriated \$3 million for mental health services to Indochinese refugees. Some projects are currently underway to assist them in San Antonio, Beaumont and Amarillo.

About 10% of the refugees in Texas receive welfare payments, compared to about 30% nationwide, according to Carol Sedanko, refugee coordinator for the Federal Indochinese Refugee Assistance Program.

About a fifth of the refugees are buying their homes in the Dallas area, a "true mark of a settled refugee", said De Van Dang, who

works with the federal refugee resettlement program. And there are a few in Houston drawing top professional or businessmen salaries of \$60,000.

Almost all refugees worry about relatives still in Vietnam, consuming great amounts of time planning on how to get them out of the country. Former ambassador Vinh, for instance, has learned one of his sons has succeeded in escaping into Malaysia and is now awaiting processing to the United States.

"You know, for someone who lost everything, I am doing very well. The money doesn't matter at all, because we can live in freedom," Vinh declared.

N.Y. holds meet on Asian women

New York

"Women Working Together" was the theme of the first conference here on Asian American women held May 12 at Better Chinatown Project and timed to coincide with Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week.

A coalition of organizations including the New York JACL sponsored the workshop. The Morita Dance Co. performed, poets from the Basement Workshop gave readings, Filipina martial arts were demonstrated, and a slide show and a number of topics were aired.

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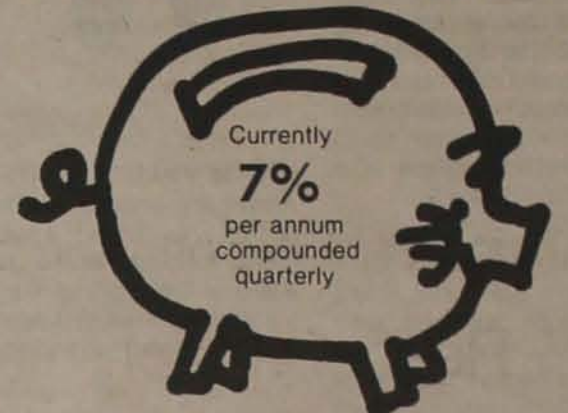
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Seattle challenges on Redress

By MARTIN MATSUDAIRA
(Seattle JACL)

The National Commission for Redress on March 3, 1979, voted 4 to 2 to support "the concept of a Congressional Commission to the exclusion of any other redress plan." Such a commission would determine the extent of the injuries sustained by persons of Japanese ancestry in our internment and whether those injuries should be redressed. The Board of Governors for our chapter at a recent meeting voted unanimously for a call for reconsideration because of the following reasons:

1. We feel that the so-called "Commission" approach is in direct violation of the letter and spirit of the National Council's Salt Lake City mandate. The main points of the mandate included eligibility, individual payments, a trust fund, and the broadest possible coverage.

2. A primary concern for

speedy passage of a redress bill was that the Issei, who lost the most because of the concentration camps, be the ones to benefit. In the five to ten years it will probably take the Commission to establish itself, hold hearings, publish its findings, and recommend a bill for passage, a number of Issei will be gone. The decision for a Commission is, in effect, a decision to deny justice to the Issei. A case in point is the Commission for the Hawaiian Native Claims Act, which has not passed after many years. Like the Issei, the number of Hawaiian natives decreases year by year.

3. The "educational benefits" generated as the Commission holds its hearings in cities with significant Japanese American populations will not be as favorable as the Redress Committee believes. A Commission, by definition, solicits testimony half for and half against the

issue. A Commission will serve to mobilize even more opposition to redress. The voices claiming that the camps were for our protection, that they were not concentration camps at all, will no doubt gain the media's attention. We have seen this happen throughout Japanese American history and most recently with the junior senator from California. A Congressional Commission is no substitute for a well-run political and media campaign which Japanese Americans themselves control.

4. The belief that the Commission's findings would have the credibility of a non-partisan investigation represents a retreat from widespread ignorance into the passive pattern of seeking validation from the American public of facts we have known since 1942. The injuries we have sustained have been documented by the

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REDRESS PHASE TWO: John Tateishi

The Commission Approach

San Francisco

Because there exists some confusion about the mechanics of the commission approach, there seems to be a resultant question in the minds of some people whether the Redress Committee's decision to pursue a commission legislation adheres to the National Council mandate.

The basic warrants of the Salt Lake City mandate are (1) that we should seek \$25,000 per individual affected by E.O. 9066; (2) that eligibility be extended to heirs; (3) that the Japanese from Central and South America be included among those eligible for redress; and (4) that, in addition to individual payments, a trust fund be established and placed under the control of a

Nikkei commission.

What should be kept in mind is that these warrants are still the ultimate goals of Redress. We are seeking to establish a commission so that Congress will be forced to address itself to the constitutional question of the Evacuation and to determine whether the extent of our loss of constitutional guarantees warrants some type of restitution as a form of compensation.

Once these determinations have been made, we will submit legislation which will ask for those things mandated by the National Council. In other words, we have chosen to take a two-step approach in seeking those warrants, based on what we determined to be the most feasible method of achieving success ultimately in our campaign.

The Redress Committee

chose to take the commission approach because, in the climate of today's Congress, an appropriations bill such as we would submit would virtually stand no chance of succeeding. It is highly unlikely that such a bill would ever reach a hearing stage in a subcommittee, and we would lose the battle before we could even put up a fight.

With a commission approach, we are taking a two-step approach to our final goals. First of all, we want Congress to determine whether the Evacuation was constitutional, we want Congress to make a determination on the four Nisei cases, and we want Congress to do this in light of the evidence available today and based on hearings which will be held wherever there exists major populations of Japanese Americans. We feel confident that we can argue our case effectively and successfully, despite whatever opposition voice is presented.

Secondly, the commission, and therefore Congress, will be asked to determine to what extent the gross violations experienced by Japanese Americans warrant some form of restitution by the government. In so doing, we are not demanding money per se, but in effect we will be presenting an argument for compensation.

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SEMANTIC NONSENSE OR THOUGHT PROVOCATION:

Rest of Nation gains when Hayakawa focus wrong

*Is it an ill wind that blows or just my imagination?
It blows from the south, sometimes from the north,
Was it from the west, it could be from the east!
Let's harness the ill wind!
Where did that fool wind go?
Ha! My mind playing tricks again?*

—MASAAKI SUMIDA

A poem like "Haiku" can be thought-provoking. A Zen koan—a seemingly unanswerable question—tickles the thought processes.

Each requires "fine tuning" to reveal any sense. Implications of the poem, the haiku, the koan, are self-revealing, not to be articulated.

The thought process, not the answer, is all important.

Enlightenment who knows? It is said, "One who says really doesn't know, and one who knows really can't say!"

Then how can one really know?

"Semantic-nonsense"—statements or answers purporting to be truths.

"Fine tuning"—How purported truths are shown to have many gaps.

John F. Kennedy stated at Yale in 1962:

"For the great enemy of truth is very often not the lie deliberate committed and dishonest, but the myth persistent persuasive and unrealistic."

"Too often we hold fast to the clichés of our forebears."

"We subject all facts to a prefabricated set of interpretations."

"We enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought."

In the political process

there are many gaps in its thinking. In economics there are many unknown factors. When economic matters become political concerns—political principles, economic principles and legal principles come into play. What passes for principle usually is clouded by "self-preservation."

It was Walter Lippman who said, "All principles are nothing more than the rationalization of special interests."

The reader or listener should look for gaps in any presentation. Finding these gaps and reflecting on the offered answers is a process. "Fine tuning" on these gaps and searching for the different possibilities from different points of reference is a mental process leading to understanding.

Semantic-nonsense like the Zen Koan is a useful learning tool. A thought reaction provoked in the "fine tuning" process can be productive.

Professor S. I. Hayakawa as a Senator and Semanticist is pointing out "gaps" in today's thinking processes. Whether in business, educa-

tion, politics, foreign affairs, he has his own point of reference. Most of the time, not uncommonly his own. Many of the statements upon "fine tuning" are semantic-nonsense "triggering" all kinds of reactions "positive" and "negative", depending upon the reader's or listener's own point of reference.

Hayakawa by design or accident is actually doing a service to the country. He is causing the country to reflect and examine or fine-tune many of the issues today from many different points of reference. Not just the dualism of right and wrong alone.

In the Japanese classic movie, "Rashomon", the frailties of human perception and the reason were revealed. Each person gave a rational story. Each story revealed a different motivation of the person and the fundamental flaw in his character. Each story was "colored" with greed, fear, jealousy, vindictiveness, power or self-preservation.

Hayakawa has taken a stand on the question of "suspension" of civil rights under cover of "National Security", or the issue of Japanese American Redress—the wartime treatment received during World War II by Japanese Americans.

The Korematsu case still makes it legal to intern citizens without due process of law because of "race" under cover of National Security. To wit:

"A military order however unconstitutional, is not apt to last longer than the military emergency. Even during that period a succeeding commander may revoke it all. But once a judicial opinion rationalizes such an order to show that it conforms to the Constitution, or rather rationalizes the Constitution to show that the Constitution sanc-

tions such an order, the court for all time has validated the principle of racial discrimination in criminal procedure and of transplanting American citizens. The principle then lies about like a loaded weapon ready for the hand of any authority that can bring forward a plausible claim of an urgent need. Every repeti-

tion imbeds that principle more deeply in our law and thinking and expands it to new purposes." Judge Robert Jackson "dissent" Korematsu v. U.S. [323 U.S. 214]

That Supreme Court decision should have been reviewed after hostilities



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Clifford Uyeda

Alaska

Bill Marutani's column on Alaska brought back floods of memories. During the 1930s I, too, spent the summers in Alaskan canneries for a total of six summers. The steerage accommodations deep in the ship's hold were primitive. We had canvas hammocks, rows upon rows, in double tiers. It was drafty. There were no sheets or blankets. All night long we heard the dice rolling and the cards snapping. On the wall was a sign in block letters: NO GAMBLING.

Up on the deck the sceneries were of incredible beauty. Miles and miles of spruce covered shorelines seemed almost within reach. When the sun broke through the clouds in shafts of varying sizes, it spotlighted the sea in circular patterns. These circles coalesced, and soon the entire sea was a glittering mirror that stretched from shore to shore as the ship moved through the narrow channel.

We all lived in bunk houses. The food was monotonous—salmon three times a day. We were hired through the Issei labor contractors in Seattle. They were impressive in those days—immaculately dressed, huge diamond rings, chauffeured cars and bodyguards.

I had an occasion to interview one of them a few years back. During the 1920s and 1930s, this Issei labor contractor said that the smallest amount he realized for the summer was \$22,000 and the largest \$75,000. That was a fortune in those days.

Bill speaks of the bakery in Ketchikan. It was run by the Hagiwara family. I can still see Mr. Hagiwara's ready smiles and a twinkle in Mrs. Hagiwara's eyes. Their sons, Abe and Mike, were more or less our age, and we got to know them well.

Abe was to become one of the most dedicated JACLers, operating out of Chicago. The JACL Abe Hagiwara Scholarship was established in his memory. His wife Esther was the much appreciated secretary at the JACL Midwest Regional Office in Chicago. I never met Abe or Mike since before World War II.

I did go back to Alaska once, in 1969. The small towns were a bit larger, except Anchorage, which was a typical sprawling American city with all its ugliness and its conveniences. Away from the towns, however, there was little change. It was like going back to the mid-1930s. Porpoises broke the calm sea and raced across the bow of the ship. The shorelines were unchanged. The American bald eagles were still numerous, making wide circles high above the trees.



YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry K. Honda

Gasoline Crunch in Southland

Aside from personal stories that every motorist in California has to tell about the gasoline crunch—and from the prominence of the crisis has attained in the media

—radio, especially (two or three "gas reports" per hour on the local all-news stations), it is evident that our lifestyles as volunteers in the JACL vineyards are due for a change.

That can mean (and it might be an unofficial agenda item at the National JACL Board meeting coming up June 1-3) a drastic realignment of district councils based upon how far delegates are willing to drive with gas in short supply or by establishing sub-district councils to thrash out problems and handle JACL business.

For instance, JACLers in San Diego will think twice about driving to Los Angeles for a JACL meeting—a round trip total of 270 miles. Likewise between Salinas Valley and San Francisco ... Santa Barbara and Orange County ... And it's a 350-mile round trip between Portland and Seattle, if the crunch reaches the Pacific Northwest.

The gas crisis in California which led to the prospect of a

So that America lives up to its promises

The following is a JACL rebuttal to Sen. S. I. Hayakawa's reply to the open letter which appeared in the Washington Post. The JACL rebuttal was widely disseminated May 18. The PC is carrying the full text.—Ed.

Senator S. I. Hayakawa, in a recent article on the efforts of Japanese Americans to seek redress for their eviction and incarceration during World War II, and in response to a Washington Post advertisement criticizing him for his views, has again demonstrated his insensitivity to Japanese Americans and his lack of understanding of the redress issue. During a press conference called by a community-based organization from Seattle calling itself "Days of Remembrance", to announce the Washington Post ad—the response from Hayakawa's office (in Los Angeles) was "after all, the Japanese did bomb Pearl Harbor".

American citizens of Japanese ancestry had absolutely nothing to do with the bombing of Pearl Harbor, it has been pointed out time and again during the redress campaign which is spearheaded by the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), National Committee for Redress. Such insensitivity on the part of Hayakawa and his staff illustrates their

total lack of understanding of the issue.

We insist that the issue is not a question of money, but a question of violability and legitimacy of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Since all the essential guarantees providing for the protection of individual rights were suspended when all persons of Japanese ancestry were evicted from the west coast and incarcerated without any form of due process, we are questioning the right of the government to abrogate, under any condition, the guarantees of the Constitution.

In other words, are the guarantees of the individual enumerated in the Constitution and Bill of Rights absolute for all people at all times in this country, or are they conditional guarantees which can be suspended at any time according to a given situation or the whims of those in power?

By citing hysteria and panic on the west coast after the bombing of Pearl Harbor as the rationale for the action of the government against Japanese Americans, Senator Hayakawa completely misses the point of the issue and ignores the facts of which he is well aware. In a published article in 1976, Hayakawa stated the fact that we did not ex-

perience any mob action or violence after the bombing of Pearl Harbor was proof of our acceptance in the United States. Yet two years later, getting wind of the redress effort, he stated that the "Evacuation" was "perfectly understandable" because we were threatened by angry mobs that were intent on violence against Japanese Americans.

Our eviction and incarceration, the senator continues to insist, was for our own protection. But the American system of jurisprudence does not function in such a manner that the intended victim is imprisoned while the perpetrator is allowed to go free. And if the concentration camps in which we were detained were indeed for our own protection, why they were we held in barbed wire compounds with armed guards who were instructed to shoot any person attempting to leave without permission, and why were the spotlights directed inside the camps?

And why indeed were only persons of Japanese ancestry evicted and incarcerated en masse? In answer to this, Hayakawa states there was no way to determine the loyalty of Japanese Americans to the United States. This comment, of course, is the precise argument used in 1942, the racial implications of which are appalling, coming from one who by his physical identity seems to speak for Japanese Americans in 1979. He implies he carries the mantle for Japanese Americans, but he's a pretender to the throne.

Senator Hayakawa is well aware that investigative agencies of the government, including the FBI, had determined prior to December, 1941, that Japanese Americans were loyal citizens who maintained an unequivocal allegiance to the U.S., and that any plans to evict persons of Japanese ancestry from the west coast were unwarranted and yet, the senator continues to use the arguments that were used against us in 1942.

But, of course, Hayakawa did not experience what we suffered then. He did not have to forfeit his property and belongings, he did not have to spend three and one-half years on some desolate wasteland of America behind barbed wire. He was a Canadian citizen at the time, secure and comfortable as a college instructor in Illinois. And he has never been a part of the Japanese American

community.

Thus, his insensitivity is illustrated by his comment that ultimately the camp experience was good for Japanese Americans because it helped disperse us from the west coast ghettos and allowed us to enter many fine educational institutions. The analogy is like saying that ultimately slavery was good for the blacks.

The facts belie Hayakawa's views. The vast majority of Japanese Americans were interned and did not disperse to the Midwest and East, and those who did mainly ended up in the ghettos in the Midwest and the East with far less than they had left on the west coast. And those who entered colleges, for the most part, did not enter the finer universities. According to some of the individuals who were involved in placement of Nisei in the various colleges, they attempted to find any college, accredited or not, to place these young men and women just so they wouldn't have to remain in the camps. Many of these people had been at the finer universities in the west, such as USC, UCLA, Stanford, Berkeley, Univ. of Washington. For many, college education was cut short, careers ended and for all of us, lives disrupted. The camps, despite our present status in this society, did not serve to benefit us.

If we achieved a degree of success today, it is because we have been able to overcome the experiences of the past. But our achievements today have nothing to do at all with the question of rectifying a past injustice. Success in our career and profession does not in any way redress a past wrong. To say so, as Hayakawa does, is, in his own words, "ridiculous and absurd".

Efforts of the JACL and the Japanese American community to seek redress for the experience of 1942, is not as Hayakawa states, as "profitable hustle" of minorities. It is manifested from our concern with the future to help insure no group of people ever experiences what we did in 1942, and our sense of duty in strengthening the foundations of American democracy as the best hope of mankind. It is predicated on our belief that America lives up to its promises.

—JOHN TATEISHI,
Chairperson
National JACL
Redress Committee

35 YEARS AGO

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

MAY 27, 1944

May 19—L.A. county social workers urge early return of Nisei to coast.

May 19—First anti-alien land escheat case filed in Salinas, Ca., area; involves Yeizo-Setsuko Ikeda conspiring with a Nisei woman who was to buy 72-acre farm for them.

May 22—Western congressmen urged by Colorado businessmen to permit return of Nisei to evacuated coastal zone.

May 22—WRA doubts cities

have right to bar resettlement of evacuees.

May 22—Artist Henry Fukuhara publishes in folio form 50 sketches of Evacuation camp life.

May 25—Tule Lake military police fatally shoots segregationist (James S. Okamoto, 30), an American.

May 27—Ambassador Grew's book, "Ten Years in Japan" (Simon & Schuster), relates Japanese police kidnapping Nisei staff translator from U.S. Embassy in Tokyo on Mar. 24, 1942.



WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ronald Ikejiri



Pending Items

Washington
'Yellow Peril'—Time for filing opposition to the granting of trademark rights to the applicant of "Yellow Peril" has been extended for 60 days (July 18). Meantime, persons who are able to produce documentation on the public use of the term in a racist, anti-Oriental manner are urged to submit them to the Washington JACL Office as soon as possible.

PL 95-507 (Addabbo Bill)
 —The JACL is in full sup-

port of the national Asian American opposition to the proposed exclusion by the Office of Federal Procurement of Asian Americans as a defined minority under certain Small Business Administration procurement contract.

A delegation of Asian Americans, headed by Harold Yee and Wilson Chang of Asians, Inc., of San Francisco, as well as representatives of OCA, PAC, and the congressional offices of Sen. Inouye, Matsunaga, Congressmen Mineta, Matsui, J. Burton, P. Burton, Dixon, and others met at the White House

and other Washington offices to encourage opposition to the proposed regulation.

JACL feels the precedent set by the exclusion of Asian Americans under the SBA regulation could set into motion the belief by other federal administration policy makers that Asian Americans are not a minority group.

JACL will continue to lobby against the certification of the regulation to the exclusion of Asian Americans as a minority is deleted from the SBA regulation. #

EAST WIND: Bill Marutani



Or, 'til the End of Time

Philadelphia
COUPLE OF COLUMNS
 ago we had occasion to comment upon the fact that whereas many other hyphenated Americans sing the national anthem of their ancestral land or otherwise have some affinity to such a nation (as distinguished from simply perpetuating inherited cultural values), we Nisei are not given to having such a relationship toward Japan; that we, including this writer, are not given to singing the *kokka*, "Kimigayo". Somewhat flipantly we commented that we were not sure of the words, and even of the few words that we might parrot, we were not sure at all of the meaning. Finally, we mentioned that if enough money were on the line, we'd hazard a guess about something about fealty to the Emperor.

EVERY SO OFTEN this column will receive a comment from some reader out there. (When we do, we in-

variably send a personal reply. I might add that I do not suffer writer's cramp as a result.) And to the column entitled "Polish National Anthem" a JACler from Puyallup Valley chapter, Douglass Kendall, sent in a most erudite and elucidating explanation of the *kokka*, and I'd like to share some of it with you. Because some few of you out there may be almost as ignorant as I was in reference to the *kokka*.

FIRST OF ALL, Doug wrote out in *kanji* and *hiragana* the entire anthem. I'll not attempt to reproduce that in this column only because of typesetting technicalities. But I must say that he has a good hand; I do know enough about the Japanese language to be able to evaluate good stroking. Doug then set forth the words in *romaji* reading:

KIMI GA YO WA
 CHIYO NI YACHIYO NI
 SAZARE ISHI NO IWA TO
 NARITE
 KOKE NO MUSU MADE

(I cannot but help comment here that for brevity, at least, that sure beats the Star Spangled Banner—even the first stanza of that Anthem, let alone the re-

maining three stanzas.) Then, point by point, Doug went on to explain each of those words, broken down to segments. Exercising a bit of editorial freedom, Doug's clear explanation went something like this:

KIMI (sovereign), GA (used here to indicate the genitive case and corresponds to *no*), YO (era or rule), KIMI GA YO WA (May the dynasty endure) CHIYO (One thousand years), NI (yea), YACHIYO (Eight thousand years), SAZARE-ISHI (pebble), NO (no is used here instead of *ga*), IWA TO (rock), TO NARITE (to become, a subordinative) KOKE NO MUSU (covered with moss) MADE (until).

Doug then concludes with the official English version of the Japanese National Anthem:

MAY THE DYNASTY ENDURE
 A 1,000, YEA, 8,000 YEARS:
 UNTIL THE TIME WHEN THE
 GRAINS OF SAND CHANGED
 TO ROCK ARE CLOTHED
 WITH MOSS.

THE MANY DECADES of this writer's abject ignorance having been cleared up, I now look forward with some sense of enlightenment. And I must say, the words of those *kokka* are rather poetic. Somewhat like *haiku*. Not bad at all. #



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Singapore Revisited

Singapore

The year was 1938, a time when the world was still groggy from the effects of an unprecedented economic depression. For the Nisei who, somehow, had managed to get a college education during the grim Thirties, graduation into the real world outside the campuses was a traumatic experience. There weren't nearly enough jobs to absorb all the white, Anglo-Saxon Protestant kids looking for work. And on the Pacific Coast, if your name was Japanese and your face was Japanese, you could forget about finding employment outside the Japanese American community, no matter how impressive your credentials were.

A few of the more courageous and adventuresome Nisei broke out of the Oriental ghettos and headed east in search of opportunity in places like Chicago and New York. They found precious little of it. Others went to Japan and they found jobs equally scarce, particularly for those whose Japanese language skill was inadequate. Alice and I went a bit further; we went to Singapore, a British colony where a new newspaper was looking for someone with American training. We lived there a year and a half in a city that was strange and fascinating.

A few weeks ago we returned to Singapore for a visit—Alice for the first time in 40 years, I for the first time in 20. We knew how Rip Van Winkle must have felt when he returned to his old haunts. The swift flight of time and the astonishing energy of the new Singapore had all but obliterated the old landmarks.

Somehow, though, we made our way to Eng Hoon street where we had rented one of those concrete, municipally-built flats. The building was still there, as was the little provisions store where Alice had shopped. Once it had been at the edge of a spreading city; now it was surrounded by other apartment buildings.

When one of our new-found friends was transferred out of Singapore in 1939, we

fell heir to his little bungalow on Bideford Road just off Orchard Road. It was cooler there and more convenient to both shops and the office. So we moved in and remained until it was time to move on.

We had doubts about finding the place. Bideford Road still existed, but where it joined Orchard Road, the blocks of pop and mom stores had been replaced by a huge shopping center and parking lot. But just on the other side of the wall were some blue tile roofs that were familiar. We made our way down a narrow lane, over a drainage ditch that we had forgotten about, and there was the bungalow—in need of a coat of paint, weathered from years of rain and sun, but still recognizable.

We debated for a moment about approaching the present occupants, explain that we had lived there 40 years ago, and ask to see the interior, but decided that would be too presumptuous. And so we left, deep in memories.

Singapore in 1938 had few of the amenities which it can boast today. Health conditions back then were somewhat short of ideal. When the heat and humidity became more than we could bear, we would go to the only movie theater in town that had air conditioning and enjoy the cool for a few hours. One night Alice became violently ill from something she had eaten, and I remember standing at the street corner in the dark waiting to guide the doctor to our flat. Besides gastrointestinal ailments, dengue fever and cholera were common.

Yet we enjoyed the experience of living in a British colony among Chinese, Malays, Sikhs and Tamils. Looking back, however, there was reason to wonder how we found the spirit to leave the comfort of our West Coast communities for a strange new frontier in an ancient corner of the world. Would we have the gumption to take on such an adventure today?

I doubt that we would. We had a priceless experience 40 years ago, but today we are too set in our ways to start out anew. Do what you need to do in your youth. Too soon, it is too late. #

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ceased. The true implications of the decisions of the wartime internment cases and its impact on "Civil Rights" in its true context has not received judicial review up to the present time. The cases cannot be opened for judicial review because of a legal technicality.

Senator Hayakawa through Semantic-nonsense has revealed a "gap" in our legal process. While he has focused on the wrong issue, this gives an opportunity for the whole country to "fine tune" on the what has come to be known as one of America's worst tragedies. Each principal in the drama over a period of time has come forth with their own version and reason.

Semantics is bringing about a "public review" of a wartime tragedy. JACL is trying to correct a "gap" in the Civil Rights of the United States. What it has been unable to do through the court procedures, it is able to do by "fine tuning" public opinion.

Semantic-nonsense or Thought provocation. It is

better to get some reaction, negative or positive, than no reaction at all.

Whether an ill wind, fool wind, or enlightened wind.
 Let it blow—another point of reference revealed!!!

The "fool wind"—console yourselves—Prime Time TV.
 National TV coverage—at no cost. Thanks, S.I.

MASAAKI SUMIDA
 San Francisco

SEATTLE

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WRA, sociologists, and our own scholars. We must not ask Congress, through a Commission, to dictate that which it believes is in our best interests, as it did in 1942, and again in the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948. We must have the determination and foresight to maintain control and give positive direction to the Redress Campaign. We would have no control whatsoever of a Commission nor of its ultimate findings and recommendations. We will have to live with it.

5. The "political realities", according to one Nikkei Congressman, is that a Commission bill would have less than a 50% chance of passing Congress. A more direct approach will give the legislators concrete direction, rather than throw the burden upon a Commission to write

the bill for us. The "political reality" is that any Commission bill leaves the drive for redress, and the responsibility of answering for redress and testifying for redress, up to the local communities for the next two to five years or however long it would take such a Commission to establish itself.

We urge each chapter to consider the mandate of the Salt Lake City National JACL Convention representing a cross-section of Japanese American thinking in light of the decision of the JACL National Redress Committee. We urge each chapter to determine how to speak for redress in your own community. As National JACL is now saying, "It's the community's issue." #

(Above was sent to all JACL Chapter presidents on Mar. 24.)

CHIAROSCURO:

Nikkei Politics

By DAVID K. TAKASHIMA
(Sacramento JACL)

"The Times They Are A-Changing"—that was the title of Bob Dylan's hit song during the late 1960s. It is very descriptive of the Nikkei community's relationship with politics. Generally, politics and governmental affairs had a low priority with the community. Yet, there were notable exceptions: a handful of legislators and the birth of the Nisei Farmers League in Fresno.

Today, there seems to be a strong interest in the political process by the Nikkei.

At the Tri-District Conference, California JACLers attended workshops on employment discrimination, Japan-U.S. Foreign Trade, Redress and political involvement. This highlighted the importance of JACL, which can become a body influential in public affairs. But this potential of JACL's seems to be untapped. As Harry Kubo mentioned, the Japanese American community political involvement is rated at a "2" level (on a scale from 0-10—10 being the highest). I would have to agree with Mr. Kubo.

In Sacramento, we have newly elected Congressman Bob Matsui—his election is a historical achievement to him and the total Sacramento community and statewide effort by the Nikkei.

In recent months, several new political clubs have been established in the Asian/Pacific American communities in San Diego, Los Angeles and Sacramento.

These changes are a positive sign of the community's political awareness.

For too long, we have relied on "our" Nisei legislators to draft bills on our behalf or speak to the issues as we would have done. What would have the Nikkei community done if individuals did not make a personal commitment to public life as Matsui, Bannai, Hayakawa, Kubo, Mineta and Mori? We cannot assume that there will be a second generation of Nikkei in the coming political establishment. Hopefully, "Nikkei Politics" is finally here.

(As a special to PC, Takashima has added a list of current bills of interest to JACLers in the California legislature. He intends to keep our readers posted.—Ed.)

SB 78 (Senator Dills)—State of California Civil Service Retirement Credit for the period of internment.

Would provide retirement service credit for a limited number of Nikkei who were interned in camps in California only (Tule Lake and Manzanar), and that such individuals were 18 years old at that time. A Nikkei legislator has suggested to Senator Dills to broaden the scope of SB 78 to include more individuals.

STATUS: SB 78 will be presented to the Legislature in the next session (1979-80).

AB 148 (Assemblyman Mori)—Cal-Vet Loans for Sansei born outside of California because of Evacuation.

AB 148 would provide that any child born outside of the State of California because of Evacuation during WW2 would be eligible as a Native of California to receive Cal-Vet benefits.

STATUS: Passed Assembly (66-0); passed Senate (24-1); sent to Governor Brown.

AB 621 (Assemblyman Mori)—Day of Remembrance
Would mandate the Governor to issue annually a proclamation on Feb. 19th as a "Day of Remembrance" of the Nikkei Evacuation experience.

STATUS: AB 621 was scheduled to be heard in Assembly Committee on Governmental Organizations May 15.

AB 990 (Assemblyman Kapiloff)—Manzanar and Locke Historical Park.

AB 990 will establish funding for the development of a historical park at the Manzanar Camp site (near Bishop, California) and Locke, the last remaining Chinese settlement. The Dept. of Parks and Rec. would develop and maintain Manzanar as a state historical park to explain the importance of Manzanar to the Native American people, the people of the Owens Valley and the Nikkei community.

STATUS: AB 990 will be heard in Assembly Ways and Means Committee (members include: Boatwright, Duffy, Berman, Chacon, Egeland, Ellis, Goggin, Hart, Hayden, Imbrecht, Knox, Levine, Nestande, Roos, Ryan, Statham, Stirling, Vasconcellos, Norman Waters, Young and Mori.)

calendar

*A non-JACL event

● MAY 26 (Saturday)

IDC—Boise Valley hosts: Qtrly sess, Royal Motor Inn, Boise, 1p.m.; Lt Gov Phil Bort, dnr spkr.

Dayton—International Festival (3da), Convention Center.

● MAY 27 (Sunday)

NC-WNDC—Tule Lake Plaque dedication.

Stockton—Comm picnic, Mickle Grove.

Cleveland—Nisei Memorial Service.

● MAY 28 (Memorial Day)

Pocatello—Mem Sv, Mountain View Cemetery, 10am.

● MAY 29 (Tuesday)

San Francisco—Jr Olympic coaches mtg, JACL Hq, 7:30pm.

● JUNE 1 (Friday)

Natl JACL—Bd mtg (3da), JACL Hq, 7pm Fri till Sun noon.

Cleveland—Bd mtg, Buddhist Church, 8pm.

● JUNE 3 (Sunday)

PSWDC—Nisei Relays, West Los Angeles College.

San Francisco—Jr Olympics, Laney College, Oakland.

Sacramento—Comm picnic, Elk Grove, 11am.

● JUNE 5 (Tuesday)

NC-WNDC—JACL State Track Comm mtg, JACL Hq, San Francisco, 7:30pm.

● JUNE 6 (Wednesday)

Chicago—Bd mtg, JACL Office, 7:30pm.

Marysville—Sr Cit trip to Sun-sweet, Yuba City.

● JUNE 8 (Friday)

Oakland—Bd mtg, Sumitomo Bank, 7:30pm.

Los Angeles—Carnival (3da), Maryknoll School.

● JUNE 9 (Saturday)

West Los Angeles—Luau, Sawtelle Institute.

Chicago—JASC testim dnr: K Sugimoto, Marriott Hotel, 5pm.

Washington, D.C.—JAS bazaar, Mt Vernon College.

New York—Schol dnr, N.Y. Sheraton Hotel, 6:30pm; disco-dance to follow.

Los Angeles—Perry Post inst dnr, Imperial Dragon Restaurant, 7:30pm.

● JUNE 10 (Sunday)

Puyallup Valley—Grads dnr.

New Mexico—Chapter picnic.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL:

Commission concept for redress hit

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)
Gresham, Or.

The National JACL Redress Committee's decision to seek legislation for a "fact-finding" commission approach to the redress issue rather than direct legislation which would set forth redress payments and methods, met with strong objections at the Pacific Northwest District Council meeting here April 28-29.

Citing "political reality" and the fact that no appropriations bill had yet passed the current congressional session, National Executive Director

Karl Nobuyuki explained the major shift in the redress committee's goals as being one made in good faith. With a monetary restitution bill doomed to fail, Nobuyuki said, the proposed JACL bill would establish in essence a fact-finding commission which would focus on the question of constitutionality and determine whether to recommend redress.

A request for a unanimous vote of confidence from the PNWDC supporting the revised approach failed as five

dissented out of 17.

Concern was expressed that the commission concept would be breaking faith with the mandate of the National Council which met at Salt Lake City as well as the intent and spirit of the original reparations issued passed at prior three conventions.

Delegates from Seattle questioned whether JACL should be expending time, energy and funds to have established an appointive commission over which it would have no control, particularly since there was no assurance that the outcome would be favorable. The hearings of the commission would give equal time and voice to the hate-mongers and its findings could even result in a restatement of the opinion that "the mass incarceration was justified by military necessity". It was pointed out that the additional delay of possibly five to ten years to get a redress bill into Congress would in effect deny any benefits to the Issei and older Nisei since many of them would be dead.

Those dissenting from the National Redress Committee's decision stressed that such a drastic change from the principle of the redress proposal approved by the National Council would not be

proper without an open forum and a subsequent polling of the entire membership.

WSU vs. Spokane JACL

In the Washington State University discrimination issue, Denny Yasuhara of the Spokane Chapter reported that despite the WSU faculty senate vote for approval of an Asian American studies program he was not optimistic that the University administration would follow through with sufficient funding. With reference to the unfavorable Office of Civil Rights decision that WSU had not violated the Civil Rights Act, Yasuhara said that the class action law suit against WSU would proceed and that efforts would be concentrated at this level although the OCR ruling of no bias should not go unchallenged.

Reporting that legal expenses of \$14,000 had already been incurred, \$6,000 of which had been covered by Spokane area donations, Yasuhara made an urgent appeal to raise \$10,000 more. Mich Matsudaira, Seattle chapter president, pledged support in a fund-drive effort in his area and coordination of a PNW fund drive. National was requested to appeal to all.

"We have been silent long

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● **East Los Angeles**
FOUR CANDIDATES UP FOR MISS EAST L.A.
Four candidates will vie for the title of Miss East Los Angeles at the East L.A. JACL Emerald Ball May 27 at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica. They are:

Julie Ariue, daughter of M/M Hiromi Ariue, Monterey Park; Naomi Deguchi, d of M/M Koji Deguchi, Monterey Park; Jann Manaka, d of M/M Rookie Manaka of Montebello; and Wendy Fumie Yamasaki of Monterey Park.

Judges are:
Kiyoshi Igawa, Miyoko Komori, Taka Takemoto, Kathy Torigoe.

For reservations or tickets, call Mattie Furuta 262-8580, Junko Tanikawa 665-4995, or Mable Yoshizaki 263-8469.

● **Gardena Valley****JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUMPIN'**

Gardena Valley JACL's calendar for June starts with a queen coronation festivities at the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute on Saturday, June 2. The candidates were introduced May 12 at a queen's tea held at Shibuya Garden on the Peary Jr. High campus.

Gardena plans to renew its bid for the PSWDC Nisei Relays championship being run June 3 at West Los Angeles College with a strong team. Local chapter committee members include Norman Hata, Kingo Kuge, Mas Higashi and Mas Odoi. Training sessions have been held weekly at Gardena High during May.

Chapters will handle the coffee and cold drink booths at the Gardena Valley JCI carnival June 23-24. Volunteers are needed to help with construction of the booths and serving during the carnival hours, 3-11 p.m., Saturday, 3-10 p.m. Sunday. Call 532-6000 or 834-2925.

Karl Nobuyuki is returning "home to Gardena" to

Stockton—Schol Awrd luncheon.

Marysville—Family outing, Lake Wildwood Rec Area.

Idaho Falls—Summer picnic, Sealander Park.

NC-WNDC—State JACL track meet, Laney College, Oakland.

● JUNE 12 (Tuesday)

Stockton—Gen mtg, Cal 1st Bank, 8pm.

● JUNE 16 (Saturday)

EDC—Seabrook hosts: Qtrly session.

Seabrook—Inst & Recog dnr, Centerton Golf Club, 7 p.m.; Lily Okura, spkr.

● JUNE 17 (Sunday)

Cleveland—Schol awds dnr.

Pocatello—JACL picnic.

San Jose—Sun itorr o Bank tennis dbles tournament, SJSU.

● **Las Vegas****MEMBERS RECALL CAMP EXPERIENCES**

Five Las Vegas JACL members recalled their Evacuation camp experiences at the April 9 chapter meeting at the Osaka Restaurant. It was a way of relating to many members, especially for those who were born after the war or who have come from Japan, to learn about Japanese American heritage that has been seldom discussed in first-person style.

Speakers were Lillian Morizono and Joe Fujimoto (Gila River Camp), George Goto (Manzanar), Rhea Fujimoto (Tule Lake), and Sam Nakamishi (Heart Mountain).

Special guests were Judge and Mrs. Carl Christensen, who were presented a token of appreciation for their past involvement, interest and assistance.

Meanwhile, May 31 is the deadline for chapter scholarships. Ondo practice is continuing every Wednesday, 8 p.m., until June 20, at the South Clubhouse at Heritage Square for the International Festival.

● **New York****CITY LIGHTS TO SHINE ON BIG APPLE DINNER-DANCE**

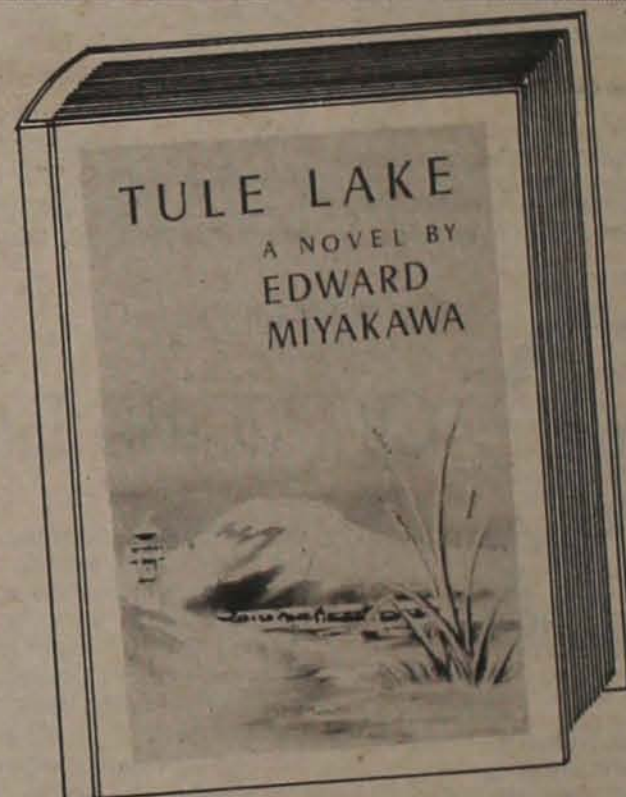
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enough," said Yasuhara, citing that programs have been provided for the blacks, Native Americans and Chicanos ... but not for Asian Americans. "If we do not make an issue of this, if the federal laws are not enforced by the agencies on affirmative action for Asians, the implications are widespread—as we saw in the Bakke case and the Weber case coming up. Agencies will be tied down by decisions that will shackle our young people," Yasuhara warned.

Tule Lake Plaque

Floyd Shimomura, nat'l v.p., reported on the Tule Lake Plaque dedication and provided copies of the May 27 dedication. PNWDC donated \$100 to the dedication project.

The \$100 the NC-WNDC

had earmarked for the Puyallup Days of Remembrance from the NC-WNDC has been donated to the Minidoka Project.

An educational kit for aging and retirement program for chapters is being prepared, according to Min Masuda, national chair of the Nikkei retirement planning committee. He said that with this packet each chapter will be contacted, encouraged and helped to begin some type of aging and retirement program at its own local level.

NYCC chair Cathy Hironaka elaborated on the JAY program and goals, activities and accomplishments of the youth program currently in progress, and outlined upcoming projects for the Biennium.

Transfer of the PNW district office from Portland to Seattle within the near future was approved by the district.

chapter pulse

Seabrook

DR. CLIFFORD UYEDA VISITS SEABROOK

Seabrook JACLers and local Nikkei community leaders met May 2 with Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national JACL president, who was enroute to Washington to participate in the Congressional Reception honoring legislators of the Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week resolution.

Chapter president Terry O'Neill presided at the informal dinner to honor Dr. Uyeda at Centerton Golf Club.

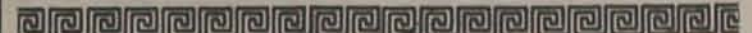
At the same time, Mayor Joseph T. Raymond of Upper Deerfield Township had proclaimed Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week, which included the informal meeting with Dr. Uyeda, greetings to JACLers from New Jersey Gov. Brendan T. Byrne, a pictorial exhibit and open house at the Seabrook Buddhist Church on Northville Road; and slide presentation on the Japanese Heritage and Southern New Jersey by Fred Hipp and Dr. Stanton Langworthy of Glassboro State College.

The great artist is the simplifier.—H.F. AMIEL

Sonoma County

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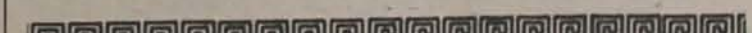
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KOHACHIRO SUGIMOTO

Chicago testimonial planned

Chicago
Kohachiro Sugimoto, publisher of the Chicago Shimpō, will be honored at a testimonial banquet June 2 at the Marriott Motor Hotel.

One of the original founders of the Chicago Resettlers Committee, which would become the Japanese American Service Committee, he was also vice president of the Issei division of the JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee, which raised substantial money for this cause.

He was born in Hamatsu, Shizuoka, and arrived in San Francisco in 1915 to teach at Kinmon Gakuen. After four-and-a-half years, Sugimoto worked for the North American Mercantile Co. until Evacuation in 1942. Meanwhile, he had married Sono Terada in 1922, and they had a daughter, Fujiko.

During the war, the family was incarcerated at Tule Lake and Heart Mountain. After relocating to Chicago in 1943, Sugimoto first worked as a household domestic, operated a

hostel for girls coming out of the camps.

In 1950 he was hired as business manager for the Chicago Shimpō, and in 1954 was promoted to publisher and editor, and elected to serve as corporate president. He still serves in these capacities today.

Among his many accomplishments was the organization of a flood relief fund drive for victims of a disastrous flood in Japan that struck in 1946.

He was decorated by Japan with the distinguished Fifth Order of the Rising Sun, in 1965. In 1973, he became the youngest person to receive the Order of Sacred Treasure, Fourth Class.

Noboru Honda will be Master of Ceremonies for the testimonial, which begins at 5:30 p.m., cocktails; 6:30, dinner. Donations are \$15 per person. Reservations should be made by May 29. Contact Masako Inouye (312) 935-9294 or JASC, 275-7217. Checks should be payable to:

JASC, 4427 N. Clark St., Chicago, Ill 60640.

Treaty Centennial scholarships
now 51 grants totaling \$9,600

Los Angeles

Perhaps the most ambitious program of its kind but limited to Nikkei high school students in Southern California, applications are now available for the Japanese American Treaty Centennial Scholarship awards, it was announced by Masami Sasaki, project chairman.

Cash grants totaling \$9,600 will be granted this year to 51 high school graduates of Japanese ancestry (i.e., one parent must be ethnic Japanese) in Southern California, plus Kings, Tulare and Inyo counties.

Selection is based on grades, extracurricular activities and financial need. "Emphasis will be placed on need from reasons such as illness, physical disability or mishap in the family," according to Kenji Ito, chairman of the judging committee.

Top awardees will receive \$750, next two \$500 each, followed by six at \$250 each, one a \$200 and 41 at \$150. (Last year, 107 had applied; a total of \$8,350 was shared by 54 students representing 35 high schools.)

For forms, write to: JATCSF, c/o Japanese Chamber of So. Calif., 355 E. 1st St., Room 204, Los Angeles, Ca. 90012, or call (213) 626-5116. DEADLINE: June 19, 1979.

Winners are to be notified by June 29. Awards will be

Chicago's Japanese American Service Committee will sponsor its eighth annual Market Day and Yellow Elephant Sale June 2, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at its JASC premises, 4427 N. Clark St.

Cooking class

Los Angeles

Matao Uwate will conduct a special Wednesday night summer session on cooking Japanese party foods starting June 6, 7-9:30 p.m. at Zenshuji, 123 S. Hewitt St. Over 30 different dishes are listed in his course outline, which is obtainable by writing: Matao Uwate, 110 N. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, Ca 90012.

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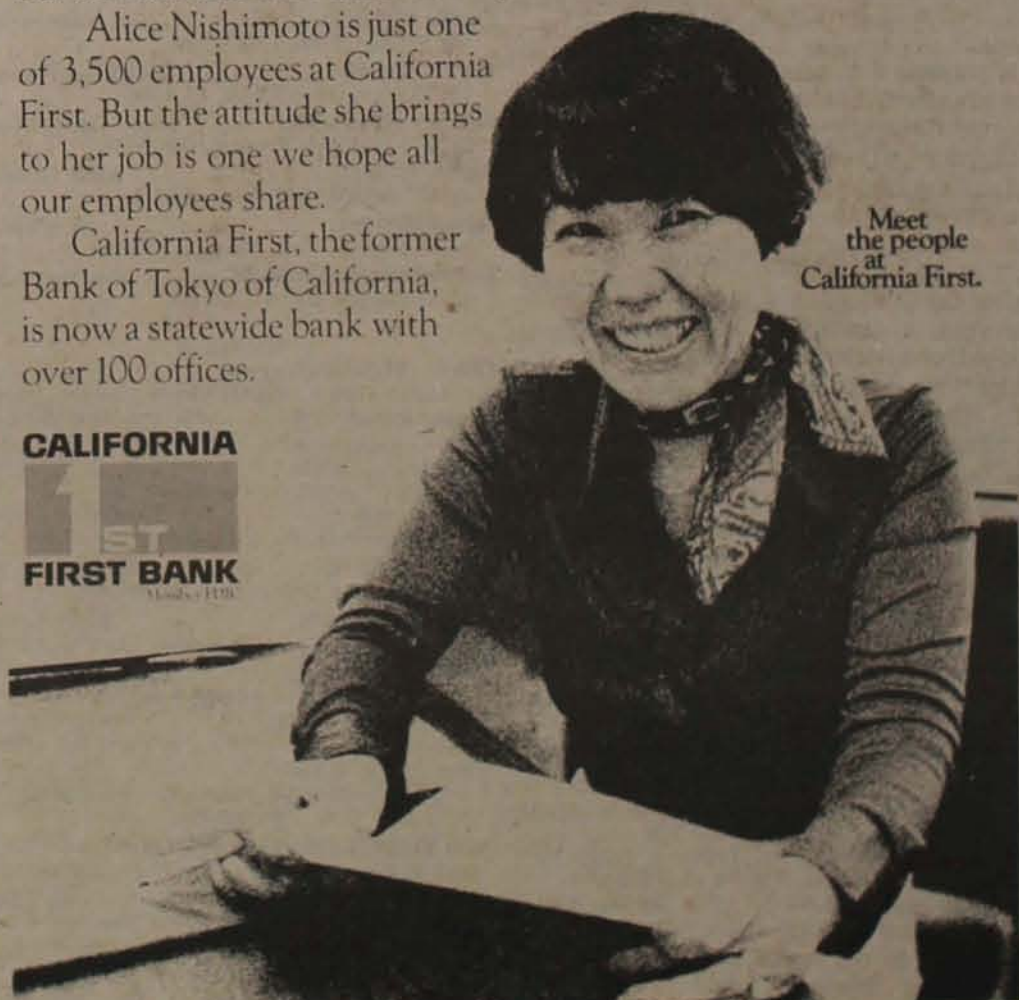
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The series explores the history, present and future of Nikkei families; common stress situations that tend to disrupt the family unit and ways to deal effectively with them. The workshops were successful when presented in Gardena in March and April.

Co-sponsored by the Asian American Drug Abuse Program and the two churches, enrollment is free. To register, call:

Leslie Kim or Dick Osumi,
293-6284, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

San Francisco date

Joe Harrington, author of "Yankee Samurai", will be guest speaker at the MIS of No. Calif. dinner July 7 at the San Francisco Miyako Hotel.

TATEISHI

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Thus, it will be Congress which will have to make credible its own determinations.

The second step will be an appropriations bill which will incorporate the National Council mandate. Obviously, this procedure will take more time than a direct route, but at least there is a greater chance for success. The commission, once it is formed, will be mandated to report to the Congress within 18 months with its recommendations.

In the majority view of the Redress Committee, the commission approach is not in violation of the National Council mandate. The commission does not directly incorporate the language of the mandate, but it is a means of achieving the goals directed by the delegates at Salt Lake City. The success of achieving those goals, and a sense of responsibility to the community, are the factors which were part of the consideration in choosing the commission approach. #

AADAP poster contest

Los Angeles

"Drug Abuse Prevention in the Pacific/Asian Community" is the theme for the Asian American Drug Abuse Program Inc. third annual Poster Contest. \$100 is the prize for the 13-and-over category, and \$50 for children 12 and under.

Entries must be submitted before June 8, and must not

be smaller than 8½" by 11" or larger than 2' by 3'. Name, age, address must be on the back of each entry (telephone number is optional), which becomes property of AADAP.

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placements on Okinawa. Ben Hazard, with mustache, is in the front row center.



James Iwamura, Jerry Katayama and Bob Sugimoto display battle flags captured on Okinawa.

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Spring of 1945: MIS combat activity crescendos in Okinawa

CHAPTER 15

VIC Nishijima found himself on Ie Shima, although he had not been scheduled to go there. Jeeps, amtracs and ambulances had been blown to bits by the 500-pound aerial bombs that studded the airstrip, the bombs having been refitted to be land mines. Metal detectors were brought forward and the mines marked.

All this time Vic was trying to talk Okinawans out of a burial cave and finally told them if they didn't get out the caves would be sealed up, because he couldn't leave them in the rear of advancing American troops.

At that moment the man who appeared to be the leader drew back. So did Vic. He had no loudspeaker and was right at the cave's entrance. Vic expected a grenade, but a lady in sight shook her head to signal "no." The leader then came out, followed by about 150 others.

Nishijima was exhausted, but when he tried to relax, he spotted George Pratt, an intelligence officer, heading across the airstrip, close to the cave's mouth. With him was a slight, elderly fellow.

"Get the hell out of there!" yelled the Californian, ignoring military courtesy, and the pair obeyed him with alacrity. Vic, with the help of two other GI's, returned to herding his charges down to the beach. Twilight was approaching. With his Japanese features, he didn't want to be away from the command post after dark.

The procession work began to move well, and Vic was halfway to the beach when the elderly man he'd waved off the airstrip accosted him, starting to ask for details about how he'd gotten the civilians to come out of the cave. Tired, dirty, anxious and angry, Nishijima brushed the man off and kept moving.

He got to the beach, finished his business, and swapped a Japanese Luger he'd picked up for a camera

that Adolph Spreckles III, the sugar fortune heir, had. About that time one of the other infantrymen said, "Hey, Vic, do you know you just blew an interview with Ernie Pyle?"

The 77th linguist didn't even feel like answering.

Nishijima was on Ie Shima about a week. He once got smacked around, but not injured, by a satchel charge blast. One night, inside his perimeter, Japanese rushed out of caves, explosive charges strapped to themselves, trying to take Americans to eternity with them. Vic, again, survived unscathed.

Expecting to be relieved, Vic and the squad of soldiers who were his bodyguard went down to the beach. The other men were called back to the line, leaving him alone to wait for a ride back to his ship. This left Nishijima the problem of getting to where he'd be recognized, before someone shot him.

As he came over a dune, machine gun bullets whizzed past him, and he dove into a ditch. Minutes later, word was passed down the ditch that Ernie Pyle had just been killed. He'd been in the same line of fire of an enemy gunner who'd let almost an entire battalion pass, before opening up. The burst that missed Vic missed everyone, but Pyle stuck his head up too soon, and the second fusillade got him. Nishijima finally made it safely to battalion headquarters, where he saw a man in total collapse, crying from battle fatigue. "I felt just like sitting right down beside him and joining in," Nishijima said.

"A higher power was looking after me another time, too," Nishijima told the author. He spent all of one morning in a walled courtyard, waiting for an interpreter summons. None came, so he left. Five minutes later a mortar burst got the six men he'd spent the morning with.

Before leaving Ie Shima, the linguist crawled out into an open field, under fire, to rescue a wailing infant, whom he and his buddies immediately dubbed Okinawa Sue. He cut the child loose from a pack on her dead mother's back. He started out for a second one after that, but the machine gun fire this time was so close that the task proved impossible. Regrettably, Vic had to turn back.

Ie Shima was finally secured and Nishijima called away. On the beach he met Tetsuo Yamada, and the pair decided to pick up Mitsuo Shibata along the way. Mits said he was going to stay on the island one more night.

He did, and awoke the following hazy morning to see a group of civilians approaching through a draw. They had read surrender leaflets that stressed that they surrender only during daylight hours, for safety. Hoping to get the group out from under possible fire, Shibata leaped to his feet and shouted, "Kochi kinasai!" (Come here!), waving them over toward him. As he did, he was shot. It was never determined whether an enemy sniper or a sleepy and frightened buddy got Shibata, but he died.

Conquest of the southern end of the island of Okinawa proved fairly easy, but that was because Gen. Mitsuru Ushijima had planned it that way. He had let Americans get ashore without much opposition, then took a toll of them once they landed. Japanese artillery was zeroed in on nearly every inch of the island.

One deadly weapon the supposedly imitative enemy had was its 47-mm anti-tank gun. The gun had a low muzzle velocity, but by hollowing out its nose, Japanese artillery experts made it become an armor-piercing projectile that punched through American tanks as though they were paper.

There is little doubt that it was the model for the "shaped charge" used with such good effect against German tanks in Europe, after discovery of it by Australians and Americans on New Guinea. Apparently it had not been tested sufficiently

against American tanks on U.S. ordnance proving grounds, because on Okinawa it wreaked havoc as it had in the Philippines and on Iwo Jima. Again, an indication that intelligence is no good if someone does not put it to work.

On Okinawa, the task of Nisei linguists was made all the more difficult by what Japanese had told Okinawans about "American brutality". One mother offered herself to the 27th's intelligence officer to be raped so that her daughter could be spared. It took a lot of talking to reassure her.

Hoichi Kubo was on Okinawa and could have copied Mark Twain by saying, "The reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated." He had been written up by Les Finnegan of the North American Newspaper Alliance for the Seattle Times because of what he'd accomplished on Saipan. The last line in Finnegan's story read, "The D.S.C. award to Hoichi was made posthumously."

Given his choice of which wave he'd go in with, Kubo said the first, and was much admired for his bravery. However, Kubo claims, "I wasn't stupid. I saw that the first waves weren't getting hit too badly." The 27th landed on the seventh day of the invasion. Kubo'd been able to scan intelligence and casualty reports before that. Besides, Kubo had come up from Espiritu Santo in the New Hebrides with the 27th, "and my fellow troops were pretty raw. They'd only had eight weeks of training." They were replacements for men who died in Saipan. Kubo was taking no chances. He had heard or read somewhere that "Brave men get less brave with each battle."

The battalion Kubo was with got badly chopped up. When a marine unit came up to relieve them, they had only one officer and 220 men left fit to fight. "We were later moved to the north," Kubo said, "and the fighting got a lot easier."

"Our advance was held up for many days," said Richard Moritsugu of the 27th, "but when the first enemy line started to crumble, the second was much easier." Moritsugu, Jack Tanimoto, Tim Ohta, and William Nuno spent most of the campaign talking Okinawan civilians out of caves and burial chambers. Dick Kishine and Frank Mori found them frightened. Some caves were closed because infantrymen, their casualties mounting, didn't feel safe in leaving anyone behind them.

Larry Saito and Kishine had worked hard to master the differences between Okinawan and the Japanese spoken in other provinces, but a Caucasian infantryman had no such tool for differentiating between Okinawans and others. Many civilians died because of this, Shigeo Ito noted.

It gave certain Hawaii Nisei a wonderful sense of accomplishment and importance to assist in this campaign if they were of Okinawan descent themselves. Back home, while growing up, they'd had to endure a certain degree of discrimination right in the Japanese communities. Just as nearly every New Englander in the twenties and thirties (as well as while serving together during the war) considered everyone from Kentucky and Georgia an incestuous "cotton-chopper", basing much of his knowledge on the comic strip "Li'l Abner", so did most Hawaii Issei and Nisei think of Okinawans in the islands as "pig farmers". This part of the war brought the Yamashiro and Higas into their own. Without their knowledge of the Okinawan dialect, a lot more lives would have been lost.

Ben Hazard was with the 27th now, working closely with his men and damned proud of them. They would inspire him to such a degree that Hazard would devote much of his future to Japan-

alia, including study of the martial arts, rising to high rank in kendo.

Warren Higa had his brother Takejiro on his team—an interesting matter since the Navy had a policy of splitting up brothers after five Sullivan were lost when the cruiser Juneau got sunk in broad daylight, while under escort, by a Japanese submarine near the Solomons. This policy the Army may not have put into effect—so Warren was able to write boisterously that, "The Higa brothers were the only people who were able to repeat that famous phrase, 'I have returned!' upon landing on this—old island. We're glad to be back, but what a sight! I am glad that my father was smart enough to take us along to Hawaii for our education." Higa said that, although he'd met some uncles and aunts, he wouldn't want to remain on Okinawa, even if they made him "mayor, or something."

As in an earlier campaign, Warren Higa had solid suggestions to offer for MISLS. Like not using so much time on heigo "because a man can learn all the military terms he needs to know in a week!" He also stressed the need to have one man do the interrogating and another make notes, "so nothing is missed."

Higa gave Navy language officers from Boulder better marks than most Army officers, however, saying that Army language officers tended to lay too much of the work on their men and ended up as mere administrators, "which should not be, but it happens because the Army officers simply figure that the Nisei can do everything." If this were true, Higa added slyly, "there would be no need for Caucasian language officers."

Higa knew whereof he spoke, having had experience with Nisei at Attu, with checking work of field teams while in Hawaii and

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from being in combat situations himself in the Philippines and Okinawa. He also must have been one heck of a leader. At the time he wrote, eight of his men had been recommended for the Bronze Star. By the time the war ended, the Higa team would be credited with coaxing more than 30,000 Okinawans out of hiding and away from certain death.

The Higa boys and their associates met the on they owed their ancestors.

THE war didn't slow down elsewhere while the Okinawa fighting was going on. Don Okubo and Tony Sunamoto were roaming around the Marshalls, making repeated landings on small islets. They would approach in a landing craft first and use a loudhailer to address enemy holdouts, while planes simultaneously dropped leaflets they had written.

In the far-flung island group, which has less than 100 square miles of land in a million square miles of ocean, Okubo began to hear grisly tales of cannibalism. These became easier to believe as he noticed that not one lizard or rat was left alive on any of the coral dots. The two Nisei operated out of Kwajalein, which the U.S. Navy used as its main base in the Marshalls.

While Don did this work, his brother Tadashi finished MISLS, preparing to serve in Japan after the expected surrender.

The Australians began taking over outlying areas to the left flank and rear of MacArthur's troops in the Philippines. Henry T. Hikida was with them when they landed in North Borneo. Roy Fugami, Mamoru Takanishi and Masao Terai were also veterans of the 9th Division, as was Paul Bannai. The

British Army also took Rangoon while the Okinawa fighting went on, Sam Takamura working with them. A second landing on Negros resulted in capture of an advanced Japanese midget submarine base, eliminating that threat.

Torao Ikeda wrote from Bhamo, Burma. He said he was learning that Japanese treatment of natives there, like that described to him by Nisei friends in the Philippines, just might not be what American propaganda said it was. "The youngsters especially speak a lot of Japanese," he said, "and have nothing to say of the Japanese that is bad."

Ikeda liked Burma because "we can buy all the rice we want and fresh vegetables, and chicken to go with it." When not on duty, now that the war had quieted down, men on Ikeda's team could go hunting. The Japanese were retreating in Burma, not trapped and hiding out as they were in the Pacific Islands.

In India, Noboru Murakami didn't have life too bad. He and Timmie Hirata were getting free golf lessons from Johnnie Goodman, a former U.S. Open and Amateur champion. Tsutomu Shigeta and Harry T. Tanaka had joined up with the Australians on New Britain, at a place called Tol Plantation.

Nisei linguists were now all over the place, although there doesn't seem to be any public record of how William Randolph Hearst, Earl Warren and Leo Carrillo felt about it. Close to a hundred were at the secret activity known as PACMIRS. Hardly any were at JICPOA, but that was because they nearly all were out on the front lines.

A batch were doing decoding at Vint Hill, handling material of such high classification that no one would have believed it possible three years earlier that Nisei would ever get near it. Much was derived from ULTRA, the name given material intercepted and deciphered by the Enigma machine the British had stolen from Germans.

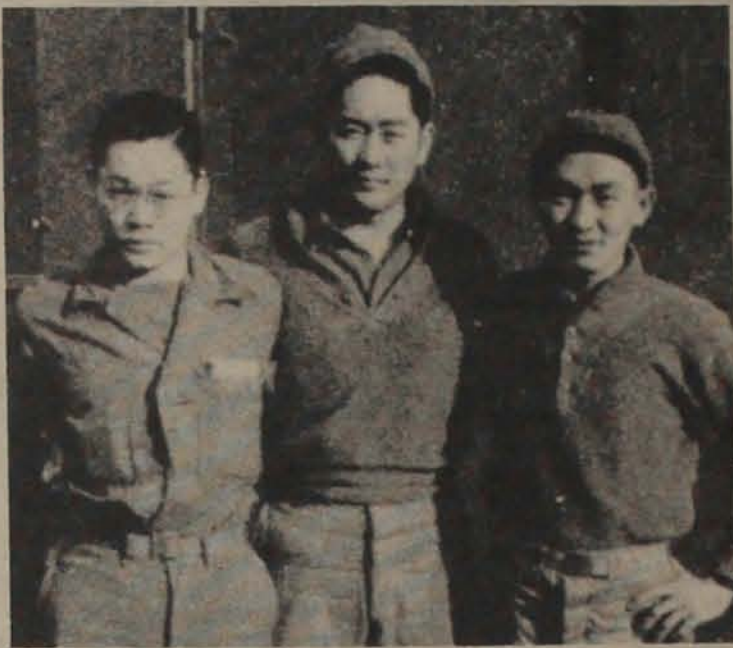
Had the U.S. had enough Caucasians to handle the Japanese language, Nisei might never

have gotten near the Pentagon during the war. Paradoxically, the need to communicate ended up allowing Nisei to communicate—their skills, loyalty, willingness and drive.

PAT Nagano, George Urabe and Kazuo Yamane waited patiently in France for a word that the Russians were going to let them into Berlin, but the possibility finally fizzled out. With John White, they heard what was now contemplated was a swift air attack on Berlin, an assault on the Japanese embassy, seizure of documents, and a quick getaway. Slowly, however, the staff at Versailles

fever"—made no contribution. Pat Nagano noticed that officers came to work around 10 a.m., went to lunch about 11:30, stayed until 1, and usually quit for the day at 3. They could hardly be blamed for this attitude. Everyone was thoroughly gut-sick of war, and in Europe at least it looked like the end of it was imminent. Some relaxation, to some minds, had been earned.

The easy-does-it atmosphere that began to prevail at Versailles may have washed across the Atlantic and splashed into the Paci-



Mitsuo Shibata, later killed in action on Ie Shima, was photographed earlier with fellow Aleutian Campaign veterans George Urabe (left) and Yoshio Morita (right).

began to realize there was no way that the Russians intended to let any allies get into Berlin at all, if they could help it. Occasionally word would come through of a German-held city falling with some Japanese nationals in it, and a trip would be laid on.

According to Pat Nagano, Nisei weren't included in plans for the first trip, the excuse being given that, "It would require separate messing for the ranks, etc." but when the three enlisted men complained enough, they were included. The operations were confined to areas the British, French or Americans controlled.

Yamane found no Japanese in Belgium. The offices of Mitsui and Mitsubishi, international companies, were special targets in reoccupied cities, the worldwide combines having operations everywhere. The absence of Japanese in Belgium was explained away by the possibility they might have escaped by submarine.

Yamane got to Cologne, Salzburg and Bavaria. He was appalled at the destruction that had been visited upon Germany. In nearly all cases, little was gained, Japanese records having been disposed of. George Urabe encountered some Japanese, but they were low-echelon civilians, not privy to the secrets of their consulates.

All in all, the operation for which there had been such high hopes—centered on capturing documents that would help the Pacific war to a speedier end—could not have been said to be a paying proposition.

The atmosphere from which it operated—"victory

fic. At least as far as the rear areas. Wally Amioka's team of Okinawa specialists were delayed a week at Fort Lawton, Wash., then sent to a California base to catch a plane. Tom Ige began to wonder whether his suggestion to the War Department had been all that valuable, when no one seemed in a rush to get them to their destination—Okinawa.

Seiyu Higashi, Leslie Higa, Shinye Shima, Jiro Arakaki and Hiroshi Kobashigawa joined in the general throwing up of hands and saying, "What the hell! Let's go to San Francisco while these guys are fooling around and have some fun!" In accordance with procedures that armies since Alexander the Great's have followed, their names got immediately posted for a flight before they could leave for town.

At Hickam Field, tired of sitting on a cold floor awaiting transportation, they asked for, were denied, raised hell about,* and got permission

* A totally false impression has been conveyed to the American public (which takes comfort from believing it) that Nisei were consistently humble and subservient. Self-effacing, yes. Subservient? You're kidding! Starting with Dick Hayashi's gang storming past channels to confront the commanding officer of Camp Crowder, Mo., in 1942 about a sergeant's having them search the base garbage dump for lost messhall tableware, Nisei tended to take nothing from anybody. More than one bullying Caucasian on a troop transport got hammered about. Hundreds more got told off, particularly CIC types ordered to "observe" Nisei in combat situations. From their parents, the Nisei inherited the Japanese propensity for righting wrongs, seeking redress. A third dan in judo helped.

to visit relatives overnight. Their next landing was made at Saipan, from which they were dispatched to the Philippines! Amioka got that straightened around, and a plane took them to Okinawa. There, a Navy lieutenant grabbed Amioka's team for the military government already set up. The team was scattered, and Wally made personal interpreter to Gen. Christie. "I baby-sat him for about two weeks," said Amioka, "before running into Arthur Swearingen."

"You're AWOL from our command!" Swearingen shouted. He lost no time prying the special Okinawan team loose and transferring it to the 27th Division, where the 10th Army wanted it.

WARREN Sakuma waxed poetic when writing of Okinawa, telling how much it re-

sembled Hawaii—"no jungle, all hills and plains." He noted the "characteristically Japanese pines and mulberry plants, but there also are tropical plants like *lauhala*, bananas, papayas and sugar cane". He told of "the most GI haircut I've ever seen", that an officer gave him as a favor, and of getting back from a jeep-borne scouting trip to tell associates of the island's beauty, only to get told, "You ain't seen nothing yet!" Some of them had been up north, and Sakamoto wrote, "They tell me it's where the real beauty is."

The XXIV Corps had a pair of teams attached to it, the 306th and 307th Language Detachments. Its members operated together as a group and also got sent where necessary, often

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working with the 7th, 27th, 77th and 96th Divisions, of their regiments. All were part of the Corps.

Language intelligence had come into its own by the time of the Okinawa landing. Nisei faces were seen in lots of places they hadn't before, including Navy flagships, but ashore they were in as much danger from both sides as they had ever been. America was at war, infected by the Old West and James Cagney movie philosophy of "shoot first, and ask questions later."

When the southern Okinawa campaign got stymied, Gen. John R. Hodge told his staff to plan for breaking through what was called the Naha-Shuri-Yonabaru Line, a Japanese defense that ran across most of the island. They did, and an attack jumped off at 6:40 a.m. on April 19. The attack was shattered, with 720 Americans killed, wounded or missing. This might not have happened had work done by Nisei gotten attention it was supposed to get. According to Hodge himself, it would not have happened at all!

Ben Hazard's language men had done a good job of indoctrinating other GI's. On April 18, one brought in a Japanese document. It was the artillery, mortar and machine gun defense for a particular sector of the Japanese defenses. Nisei were put to work on it right away. Lloyd Shinsato and a Nisei whose name slipped Hazard's memory after so many years (it might have been James Iwamura) were draftsmen. They prepared an overlay in English, using U.S. Army symbols so it could be handily read, after

the rest of a swiftly formed special team translated all of it.

At 5 a.m. the next morning it was rushed to Corps headquarters, Hazard carrying it there personally. It was ignored by an intelligence officer, who dared not interfere with plans "that had been finalized". Hodge didn't see it.

In spite of 190,000 American artillery shells from 324 guns of 105mm-240mm size, the Japanese line held. At no point was it breached, although it might have been

It is not the nature of Nisei to write letters like, "You left me out of your dumb book, Joe!" and the Caucasian officers who served with (and learned from) them tend to be equally uncritical. Men on Okinawa did such an excellent job, however, that it would be criminal not to mention all whose names I have been able to gather—while reminding the reader that should some names not appear again in the text, they did contribute to all earlier and henceforth mentioned Okinawan successes.

George Inagaki was on Okinawa. He figured prominently in the interrogation of the most senior Japanese of-

they passed the word. The morning after an all-day shelling of the well, soldiers and civilians began marching toward the American lines. Many lives were saved.

Nishiyama, like Dan Nakatsu later, got his hands on a cooperative Okinawa native who spoke English. He named him "Friday" after the Daniel Defoe creation, because he encountered his helper on a Friday, and thereafter used him as a channel of communication. Nishiyama had been lent to an MP unit then, to work with prisoners, and Friday was his assistant.

"We got into some unusual triple-play combinations, sometimes," said Legs about providing medical treatment to the sick and wounded, "with the ball going from our medical officer, to me, to Friday, to a captured Japanese medical officer, and back. My relay was Japanese, Hawaiian, English and pidgin all mixed together, so it was a good thing that Friday already understood what my doctor was saying in the first place."

Friday had been a professor at Hiroshima University, married, with one child. After the 9 p.m. movie, he and Nishiyama would lie on their backs, look at the stars, and philosophize. The cooperative captive had the view that weapons, not *Yamato damashii*, were deciding the war's outcome. He was an advocate of immediate surrender, to save Japan's 100 million industrious people for rebuilding their nation. The postwar general policies he thought would be best, turned out to be precisely what Gen. MacArthur did put into effect later.

Jerry Katayama worked mostly with George Kozuchi on translations and developed a relationship with George Sugimoto in language work that resulted in their being "still best friends" more than 30 years later. Jerry also worked with Tom Higashiyama, who had been pulled away from Jerry's language team ("for Peleliu, I think," said Katayama, before rejoining the team in the Philippines).

Katayama tried many things to get trapped enemy and civilians to surrender, but said, "Not too many did. We dropped leaflets and pictures, and one time even used two captured women to try to entice some Japanese soldiers out of a cave. No success. Flamethrowers had to be used." Jerry saw "several Japanese soldiers, one time, draped over rocks below an escarpment, from which they had leaped. Their

skins were like parchment, and I wondered why they hadn't been buried."

Ralph Saito was the only member of his team with a "native" grasp of Japanese, he being its only Kibei as well as its eldest member at age 31. George Takabayashi, Francis Yamamoto and Akira Tanaka frequently called upon him for his help. But Ralph needed theirs, too. He used two weeks of the time spent before the invasion to master all the key Okinawan phrases he could. They served him in good stead because the bulk of his time was spent working with prisoners.

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Foreign students

Washington

Not even the U.S. immigration service keeps track, but estimates show more than 250,000 foreign students are in the U.S. studying in colleges—a quantum leap since pre-WW2 years when there were less than 10,000 in a given year, a recent conference on international education indicated.

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broken at a place called Kakazu Ridge had the Nisei work been used. Hodge almost spat flames after the attack when he learned what had happened. Or, rather, what had not happened.

Sloppy record-keeping, failure to file facts, and perhaps a subliminal residual prejudice against anyone with Japanese features may be some of the reasons, but in researching this book, the author had to give up trying to identify everyone who figured significantly in the intelligence effort. Nisei reticence was no asset, along the way. A number of Caucasian officers were not identified, and many hundreds of Nisei, as well.

An example was Warren Sakuma's 303rd Language Detachment. Four of its members are identifiable only as Okano, Nakamura, Nagao and Mizuno. Numerous Nisei with these surnames served. The Nisei contribution on Okinawa was a key one, especially when it came to communicating with and sorting out civilians from Japanese military on Okinawa.

Warren Sakuma one day had to stop an elderly Okinawan, to ask where he was coming from, and an accompanying Nisei asked the man that question. No answer. Sakuma recalled special expressions he'd been taught only a few days before, and asked "Makara chaga?" The old man's face lit up in recognition, and he answered, "Koja son." Sakuma's wording was quite different from the "Doko kara kimashita ka?" a fragment of Japanese (probably broken) the author learned to use while living in Japan.

Sakuma said he then increased his efforts to master more of the Okinawan dialect.

ficer finally captured, when not diverting himself by interrogating the more attractive of the local belles, "for intelligence reasons, of course." Hiroshi Ito, James Iwamura and Jay Kaneshiro understood that, recognizing also that "brush-up" on dialect helped any linguist, and it might only be incidental that a lot of girls got interrogated.

Ted "Legs" Nishiyama, like all the linguists mentioned in this section of the work, saw combat on Leyte before coming to Okinawa. So did Jerry Katayama, James Ogisaka and Warren Sasaki. "You had to hop, skip and jump," said Nishiyama, "from coral head to coral head to get ashore."

Nishiyama was surprised to get a summons from the marines to interrogate some POW's. "You know the marines," he said. "They fight their way in, and they fight their way out. Taking prisoners only slows them down." Nishiyama and three other Nisei hopped a jeep to the marines' sector and found its rear echelon cooks, clerks and medics under fire from Japanese snipers. "You can guess what happened to the POW's," he said. "We never got any."

On Okinawa, at one point a part of the enemy force had retreated to a hot, dry area and was trapped there, and Nishiyama found out from a wounded POW that the Japanese were getting all their water from a single well in the deserted town of Mabuni. He and a lieutenant pondered long and deeply whether or not to give their artillery the well's location. Once it got destroyed, natives would have no other. Finally, deciding that "whatever would shorten this war and save lives is justifiable,"

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Workers in Japan face shock: unemployment

Tokyo

A generation which has known little job insecurity has discovered there is no Santa Claus. The worker in Japan became deeply entrenched with the idea that rapid economic growth in the postwar era would nev-

er cease until the oil crisis of 1973, the London Observer reporter Mark Murray noted recently. "The sack has arrived in Japan," he began.

What is happening now is that many of the most famous names of Japanese industry are seeking to rid

themselves of a large surplus workforce by every means possible. In the past three or four years, it has been the small companies which had become bankrupt, chasing thousands of workers onto the streets. The nation's unemployment rate is just over 2% or about 1.2 million.

While some encourage early retirement by offering a bonus, some have been more abrupt. Staff is being told there will no longer be automatic pay raises or promotions that were assured under the old lifetime guarantee system.

Average price on condominiums in metropolitan Tokyo is expected to increase a million yen to ¥19,000,000 (\$95,000), putting them out of reach of most people in their 30s, notes the Real Estate Economy Institute. The young adults earn about ¥4,000,000 a year.

Dismissal is seldom as massive in the big industries as in the West, but the latest example by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (with the loss of shipbuilding contracts) finds 80,000 dismissed in the past three years and another 10,000 is anticipated this year. Most workers do find new jobs with Mitsubishi affiliates.

Oki Electric said it would fire 300 employees. Nippon Steel, when it closes its work in Kamaichi, Iwate-ken, will put 10,000 people out soon and virtually shut down the city.

Most industrial commentators concede the simplistic view that a man's job is guaranteed for life is definitely on its way out. Mid-career retirement age of 45 is now in the scene, as compared with the traditional retirement at 55. Another Japanese sacred cow, "seniority", is

also being hit when ability and performance are beginning for the first time to be considered more than length of service in determining pay structure. #

'Shangri-la' (?) in Ecuador site for Japanese aged and artists

Tokyo

A recreational complex to accommodate old people of all nationalities will be constructed in Vilcabamba, Ecuador, under a five-year joint program of the Ecuadorian government and a private Japanese group, the Japan Happy International Long Life Society (HILLS).

Vilcabamba, community with about 7,500 population, has 16 over age 100—which the HILLS investigators said was due to favorable climate and the luxuriant vegetation. Climate ranges between 18 and 22 degrees C. throughout the year and the luxuriant vegetation furnishes abundant oxygen to the atmosphere, it was pointed out. Japan HILLS was formed in March, 1977, by Kokichi Otani of Hoshi

Pharmaceutical Co.; Taro Okamoto, a painter; and Masamitsu Kawakami, Tokyo Institute of Technology.

First project will be to construct a sanatorium, research institute and a clinic.

While the screening criteria are still to be worked out, such people as national treasures and aged artists will be given priority, Otani said recently.

—Daily Yomiuri

Manjiro monument in Okinawa planned

Naha, Okinawa

A monument in memory of the 1851 arrival of John Manjiro at the southern tip of Okinawa's main island is being planned by local history enthusiasts at Odohama in Mabuni.

Approval has been received from Hiroshi Nakahama, 50, of Nagoya, a surgeon and fourth-generation descendant of the first Japanese who was rescued at sea by American whalers in 1841 and who then studied English and navigation for nine years in New England. Kamehei Takayasu, fifth-generation descendant of the Satsuma Clan official who questioned Manjiro, of Tamagusuku-son also supported the plan.

2nd sake plant to open in Calif.

San Francisco

Four U.S. and Japanese firms are forming the second Japanese sake brewery in California, this time in Hollister under the Ozeki San Benito, Inc., label, it was announced here April 27.

Ozeki Sake Brewing Co. of Japan is putting up 40% of the capital (\$750,000 total); San Benito Orchards, Inc., 40%; Kikkoman Shoyu of Japan, 15%; and JFC International, 5%.

Company expects to be operational early next year, producing for the U.S. market and using California rice. The first sake maker, Numano Sake Brewing Co. of Berkeley, recently became operational.

Japanese search for battleship Yamato

Tokyo

The sunken hull of Yamato, a 72,000-ton battleship of the defunct Imperial Japanese Navy, is to be sought by a group of Japanese youth, headed by Kazuchika Taguri, 31. Ship was sunk April 7, 1945, following a series of attacks by U.S. planes halfway between Kyushu and Okinawa, 200 miles northwest of Tokunoshima.

Mitsuru Yoshida, one of the very few survivors, described in his book that the ship broke into several sections as it exploded and sunk to the bottom at a depth of 430 meters.

U.S. hydrographic charts of the area made in 1967 indicate the possible site of the Yamato hull, Taguri says.

Heritage 'month'

San Diego, Ca.

San Diego Mayor Pete Wilson proclaimed May, 1979, as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. The Union of Pan Asian Communities here sponsored a walkathon, film festival, food festival and its installation dinner in recent weeks.



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