

Assemblyman Mori lambasts UFW leadership, tactics

Sacramento

A "shameless smear campaign" has been aimed at Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) by the United Farm Workers, the Sansei legislator charges.

"For the past two months," Mori says, "the leadership of the UFW and their lobbyists here in Sacramento have been conducting a relentless campaign of personal harassment and insults against

me and my staff.

"They have picketed my office and my birthday fundraiser, called me names such as 'pimp,' circulated demeaning cartoons showing me dressed in women's clothing, and accused me of being unethical."

The source of this controversy, Mori's office believes, is a minor amendment to the state's farm labor law which Mori is sponsoring. AB 838

clarifies the decertification procedure and brings the California law in closer compliance with federal law and would allow workers the same rights to vote out a union as they have in voting in a union. This could occur when unions have failed to successfully negotiate a contract for its members.

(The bill, supported by Assemblyman Howard Berman, who authored the origi-

nal Agricultural Labor Relations Act in 1975, has already been passed out of the Assembly Labor, Employment and Consumer Affairs Committee and the Assembly Ways and Means Committee with bipartisan support.)

"Neither the leadership of the UFW nor its lobbyists have been willing to discuss the merits of the proposed change in the law, despite my numerous offers to com-

promise," claims Mori.

He has invited Cesar Chavez to discuss legislation, but the offer has been ignored, he says, and has copies of letters dating back as far as early 1977 in which he has been

asking to sit down and discuss matters with the UFW head.

Mori angrily charges that "the leadership of the UFW is not interested in resolving

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MAYOR CHARLES HAZAMA, ROCHESTER, MINN.

1st Nikkei mayor east of Rockies

Rochester, Minn.

Sansei Charles Hazama, 46, was elected mayor of this southeastern Minnesota city of 60,000, home of the famous Mayo Clinic.

In his first try for elective office, Hazama garnered 6,428 out of 11,555 votes cast in the mayoral elections on May 15, defeating city alderman Dick Postier, a longtime city father, who has always received the strong backing of organized labor. Alex Smekta, Rochester's mayor for the past 17 years, did not seek reelection.

Prior to being sworn into office on June 4, Hawaii-born Hazama was executive director of the 9,000-member Rochester YMCA. He was urged to seek the mayor's office by a coalition of church, YMCA and school groups in February.

Mayor Hazama said his support came predominately from the professional community. Major issues were flood control—the city suffered \$55 million in damages due to floods last year; downtown redevelopment—Hazama advocated rerouting the vehicular traffic; and open government.

One of his first official acts was to remove the doors to his city hall office.

He finds his victory "extremely satisfying," the new mayor has told the press.

Asked about local voter reaction to his ethnic background, Hazama said, "People in the Midwest have always judged me on my individual merits, and that's the ultimate. Individual character is the most important force in our community."

He added that he knows of only one other Japanese American family in the area, which is located about 90 miles south of the Twin Cities—Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Rochester is "the most outstanding community in the United States," Hazama boasted, and the city is unusual, with a population including nearly 2,000 physicians at Mayo Clinic and a major IBM plant.



GIFT PAINTING—Now on display in Little Tokyo Towers is this painting of bamboo trees and three sparrows by sumi-e artist Shoun Igarashi (right), who was inspired each time he visited the Koreisha Chusoku-kai nutrition program and saw the elderly present in good health and spirit. Accepting the gift are Frank Kagiwada (left), president of Japanese Community Pioneer Center, sponsoring agency of the nutrition program; and Emi Yamaki, program director.

A recipient of the bronze YMCA Heroism Award, the Congregational Church Layperson of the Year and Sertoma Club Man of the Year honors, Hazama has served as president of the Rochester Area Church Council, Mayo Parents Booster Club and Sertoma Club.

Hazama taught junior high school in Iowa before moving to Rochester in 1975.

Born in Puunene, Maui, he attended Puunene and Baldwin High Schools and Maunaloa College. He then enrolled at Grinnell (Iowa) College, which was followed by three years of military in Japan, Virginia and Missouri. He completed his education at the Univ. of No. Iowa.

Married to the former Almira Oyakawa of Kauai, Hazama has two children, Chuck Jr. and Ann, a college sophomore and high school senior.

He is the son of Charles and Mildred Hazama of Kahului, Maui, and is related to Hawaii State Rep. Gerald Machida.

JACL POSITION STATEMENT:

Redress, Commission Approach

The commission approach to seeking redress for Japanese Americans is neither an abandonment of the spirit of the Salt Lake City resolution nor the lack of courage in the pursuit of redress as intimated by the opposition. The rationale for the decision was as follows:

Redress has been a priority item in the national JACL programs since the 1970 convention in Chicago. It never got beyond the debating phase within the Japanese American communities because it was impossible to agree on the methodology of redress.

What made it possible for a redress proposal to be accepted at the Salt Lake City convention a year ago was an understanding by the National Council that the bill to be presented would be as broad as possible and that Congress would determine the details.

Accordingly, the Salt Lake City proposal was first presented to members of Congress who are most sympathetic to our case and who will play a key role in the passage of any redress bill in Congress—the Nikkei con-

gressional legislators.

The present JACL National Committee for Redress has given the opposing group a full opportunity to explain their views. Their views were also presented to the Nikkei legislators in Congress.

After studying the proposal submitted to them, the Nikkei congressional legislators' honest and candid opinion was that it has no chance of passage and therefore needed modifications if we are to hope for success. The suggestion was the commission approach.

The National Committee for Redress met in March 1979 to debate the direct appropriations vs. the commission route with care. Committee members are all concerned individuals with interest of the Japanese American community foremost in mind. All committee members were known liberal activists.

The majority felt that the commission approach was a responsible action toward the Japanese American community, that we owe it to them to come up with more than

just a satisfaction of a struggle. The majority voted for the commission approach as the most feasible and realistic one which will place us a step closer toward the goal we all seek. The committee vote was 4 to 2 (Chair not voting) in favor of the commission approach to seeking redress.

Most agreed that at this stage of the campaign, it is essential to remove the focus away from money to constitutional and moral issues. The commission route, it was felt, is an attempt to do just that.

A Presidential commission of distinguished Americans chosen from the list supplied by the JACL will be asked to make inquiry into the wartime treatment of Japanese Americans. A commission composed mainly of Nikkei will be considered too self-serving by Congress, and the commission recommendations will, therefore, be under question.

In the public hearings that will be held, we are not intimidated by the statements that will be made by those

opposing redress. We would like Americans to hear the nature of the opposition. They are mostly the same misdirected racist statements heard in 1942. We do not believe that these statements will give credibility to our opposition; we believe that they will serve to strengthen our cause. Japanese Americans may have known the facts since 1942, but America does not.

Public hearings in various parts of the United States will generate greater public awareness of the issue than just congressional hearings and debates in Washington, D.C. It will be up to the Japanese Americans to maximize their inputs at these local hearings.

A definite time schedule of not more than 18 months from the passage of the initial bill to the written report and recommendations of the commission is incorporated into the bill. We believe that an inquiry into the Japanese American incarceration during World War II will find a violation of our constitutional rights and a gross injustice.

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Honolulu
Fewer students in high schools and colleges are taking foreign languages—another indication of America's drift into a new parochialism, according to Roger

Carter backs Addabbo law amendment

Washington

The Carter Administration last week (June 7) announced its support for the Mineta amendment to S918, which is the Omnibus Small Business Act. The Mineta amendment would allow Asian/Pacific Americans to join Blacks, Hispanics, and Native Americans as groups which are presumed to be socially disadvantaged for section 8A eligibility.

Mineta said he is extremely pleased that the administration has formally endorsed his amendment. He said, "Today's announcement is a clear vote of support for the entire Asian Pacific community." A conference committee was to meet to resolve differences between the House and Senate versions of S918.

Page, consultant to President Carter's Commission on Foreign Language and International Studies.

He was in Honolulu in mid-May, asking Univ. of Hawaii officials what they would like the Commission to recommend to President Carter for improving foreign language and international studies in America.

And although from four to six years of study are regarded as necessary to achieve minimal competence in a foreign language, only 2 per cent of America's public school students ever reach the third year of study.

He also is appalled that:

- Nine out of 10 Americans cannot speak, read or effectively understand any language but English;
- One-fifth of the nation's public high schools offer no foreign language at all;
- Only 14.3 per cent of America's college freshmen in the fall of 1977 could speak a second language;
- American institutions of higher education requiring a foreign language for admission or graduation declined from 73 per cent to 53 per cent between 1967 and 1974;
- In the fall of 1977, only 127 American students in higher education were studying Indonesian, the language of a nation

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The Awa Maru: tragedy of 2,000 lives lost in WW2 studied by Utah Nisei

Tokyo

A Salt Lake-born Nisei businessman, Minoru Fukumitsu, writes every month to the Peking government for permission to recover the remains of 2,007 Japanese aboard the Japanese ship

MORI

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problems, but in creating them so as to engender public sympathy and support.

"What has developed is a cult-like paranoia which is used to strike out viciously at anyone who can be construed as the enemy."

He continued, "When any special interest group comes to Sacramento and refuses to discuss its objections to certain legislation but chooses instead to threaten, harass and malign the character of the author, we should be skeptical about what it is they are trying to hide."

"The UFW leadership may be afraid that if it doesn't keep its members focused on external enemies, they will begin to cast a critical eye on the union's own leaders and their failures in the collective bargaining area."

Mori has become involved in farm labor problems through his work as chairman of the special committee set up to evaluate the Agricultural Labor Relations Board. During the life of the committee (which is presently winding up its activities), he has both criticized and defended the controversial state agency.

He voted for the Farm Labor Act in 1975 and last year fought to maintain funding for the agency. This year he has recommended six cuts in personnel, while the Senate has recommended that 23 positions be stricken from the budget, he says.

"For my efforts, Chavez has accused me of trying to cripple the agency but has conveniently ignored the action of the Senate," an exasperated Mori says.

He has been a strong supporter of the ALRA and has tried to make constructive suggestions on how it could be administered more efficiently, the legislator believes.

Mori stresses that he supports the need for farmworkers to organize and to have a strong union but adds that they have human rights that should not be abused by either their employer or their union.

He believes that the UFW leadership may have become so isolated from its membership and the outside world that its efforts at representation have "actually become oppressive" in some instances.

"I want to make it very clear," he stated, "that I am neither intimidated nor influenced by pickets, threats or smear tactics. That's just no way to legislate on behalf of the people of this state."

"If, however, Cesar Chavez would like to sit down for a reasonable discussion, my door is—and always has been—wide open."

Awa Maru that was torpedoed by the U.S. and sank off Fukien Province in the Taiwan Strait in 1945.

A former U.S. Army crimes investigator, Fukumitsu has written a book on the Awa Maru incident and has asked that a small percentage of the cargo estimated on board to be worth \$500 million as solatium to next-of-kin of lost family members.

The Chinese Xinhua news agency two years ago reported discovery of the 11,249-ton cargo-passenger ship 30 meters below the surface and 10.8 nautical miles off Pingtan. It was returned from a mercy mission under an agreement with Allied powers for safe passage. It had unloaded 2,000 tons of relief goods for Allied POWs at Singapore and reportedly spare parts and ammunition for Japanese troops in southeast Asia. According to the Japanese, it loaded 10 tons of sugar in Java, 3,000 tons of tin and an unknown quantity of cigars.

Fukumitsu said the homeward bound cargo consisted mostly of rubber, ingots and uncut industrial diamonds worth \$500 million and the 2,000 passengers.

On April 1, 1945—in poor visibility, the U.S. sub Queen-

fish and its skipper, Commander Elliot Loughlin, fired four torpedoes at what he thought was an enemy destroyer in U.S.-controlled waters. For the record, Fukumitsu would also like to know where the torpedoes hit.

There was only one survivor, Kantaro Shimoda, a steward who was picked up by the Queenfish. The sinking was the second largest toll of passengers in maritime history. The largest loss of life at sea was the sinking of the French cruiser Provence with 3,100 lives aboard in the Mediterranean Sea on Feb. 26, 1916.

No wrong-doing found in accounts

Honolulu

An investigation by the Japan Foreign Ministry into accounting practices of the Japanese consulate here has turned up "no wrong-doing", the consulate said, and the "matter is closed".

There were published reports in Japan (see May 11 PC) revealing the local consulate asked various Hawaiian groups to sign blank receipts when given grants or payments for services rendered.

The findings were released on May 12.

TEACHERS

with 140 million people.

And only 9,808 students were studying Mandarin, the world language with the most number of speakers.

• Approximately 10,000 English-speaking Japanese businessmen are operating in America, but only 1,000 Americans are operating in Japan, and few of the Americans can speak any Japanese, "which may suggest something about the unfavorable Japanese-American trade balance."

• Federal funding for foreign affairs research declined nearly 60 per cent (in constant dollars) between 1962 and 1976.

Why are Americans decreasingly interested in learning about foreign cultures and languages?

"There are many theories. One is that because we are geographically isolated over here in North America, we don't have to learn anybody else's language. Another contention is that because we've never been invaded and occupied by a foreign country, we've always had only our own language to live with."

"Also, our economic welfare isn't keyed to any ability to speak other people's languages; they speak ours. And many students shy away from studying a foreign language because they view such study as difficult."

Still, Paget is against the imposition of requirements for foreign-language study in high schools; he would rather see interest encouraged through incentives.

"I'd like to see more foreign-language courses made available, more opportunities to continue learning in the same foreign language, more and better learning materials,

more college entrance and graduation requirements for learning a foreign language, and more careers requiring knowledge of a foreign language.

"I'd also like to see the federal government get more involved in helping students and teachers of foreign languages travel to countries where those languages are spoken. First-hand exposure like that does much more than any book can do to motivate the study of a foreign language."

"If there were incentives like these, enrollment in foreign language courses would increase on its own."

Still, he feels that many boards of education view foreign language teachers as expendable when there is any kind of a budget squeeze.

"Often it is these teachers who have fewer students, who are seen as not 'pulling their load,' and whose service is a lower school priority. Foreign-language teachers are often the most oppressed and imposed-upon teachers in education today."

In Honolulu, the Advertiser in its May 15 editorial supported continuation of Chinese language classes at an intermediate school and two high schools. At one time, seven more public schools and two private schools were teaching the "world's most widely spoken language."

"Hawaii with its unmatched multi-cultural background and Pacific location has reason to try to lead the country in the study of other languages," the Advertiser concluded.

Rep. Matsui heads task force on narcotic abuse by elderly

Washington

Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Sacramento, Calif.) has been selected chairman of a task force on the elderly for the House select committee on narcotics abuse and control.

Matsui believes the problem of drug misuse among senior citizens has been ignored for too long and will hold hearings and make recommendations to the full

Narcotics Committee.

"Twenty-five percent of all prescriptions are used by people over 60, and often without enough knowledge on proper dosage, shelf life or what the medication will treat," he said.

A recent task force study at the National Institutes of Health estimated that

10-20% of cases diagnosed as dementia, or senility, are actually due to drug intoxication. Besides causing "false senility," the misuse of prescription drugs can also make a patient appear to be anemic or have heart disease.

Matsui plans to recommend that "programs be stepped up" to educate not only the elderly, but also pharmacists, doctors and hold a public seminar on this subject in Sacramento this fall.

Crowds entertained at Salt Palace

Salt Lake City

The Asian Association of Utah and Society of Polynesia in Utah staged its second annual Asian-Pacific Fest at the Salt Palace May 26. Despite the long holiday weekend, approximately 4,500 people passed through—sampling a wide variety of Asian and island foods, examining handicrafts and artwork either on display or for sale and obtaining information on the various cultures.

Entertainment was almost non-stop in the Assembly Hall—songs, dances, displays of martial arts, a fashion show and colorful costumes comprising the program.

Jimi Mitsunaga, past Salt Lake JACL president, said plans had been formulated to coincide the Fest with Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week this year, but due to complications, it had

to be delayed.

The Asian Association of Utah is comprised of:

Cambodian Assn. of Utah, Chinese for Community Action, JACL, Laotian Community Assn., Korean American Society

of Utah, Filipino American Society of Utah, Vietnamese Friendship Assn.

The Society of Polynesians represents Hawaiians, Maoris, Tahitians, Tongans, and Samoans.

Florida's Yamato pioneers subject of Morikami exhibit

Lake Worth, Fla.

"Yamato, Florida: A Photographic Essay," will be on exhibit June 15-October 14 at Morikami Museum in Delray Beach.

Yamato was the Japanese community located between Delray Beach and Boca Raton from 1904 until 1942. Several dozen Japanese originally engaged in pineapple farming were among the pioneers of the area.

Some of the photographs of Yamato and its residents belonged to George S. Morikami; others were loaned or donated by members of the other families who lived at Yamato: Kamiyas, Kobayashis and Sakais.

Research on the history of Yamato has taken place under a grant from the Ethnic Heritage Studies Program of the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare.

JACL Okubo-Yamada Fund

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

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

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

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Heavy dialogue precedes Nat'l Board vote on redress

BY HARRY HONDA

San Francisco

One of the major decisions at the 1979 National JACL Board meeting (June 1-3) was acting upon the Redress Committee's recommendation to pursue the congressional committee approach. Between 8:30 and 11 a.m. on Saturday when the board voted 13 to 1 to approve the draft of the proposed legislation, there was some heavy dialogue that chapter board members might appreciate since they are being asked to act on the same within 30 days of receipt of the mail poll.

Before the turning the presiding officer's chair to national v.p. James Tsujimura, national president Clifford Uyeda noted the topic of redress had generated a lot of emotional feelings and he hoped as a consequence that individual sincerity and integrity was not questioned.

Tsujimura called on John Tateishi, national redress committee chair, for his report since the committee was organized after the Salt Lake convention. In brief:

Oct. 1978—First meeting held, consultation with Nikkei in Congress begins.
Jan. 1979—Meetings held in Washington with Nikkei in Congress.
February—At subsequent meetings, two alternatives (IRS check-off plan, direct appropriations to trust) discussed.
Mar. 3—Commission approach for redress recommended on 4-2 vote.
May—Legislative draft completed; chapters to be polled.

On the matter whether any recommendation from the National Board might be "prejudicial" before asking the chapters, national v.p. Floyd Shimomura held since the National Board and committees are accountable to the chapters, it was incumbent upon the board to exercise its leadership role to provide the best judgment and go to the chapters for support.

Midwest Gov. Lillian Kimura remarked the JACL process must insure against making it appear that a national committee acts on its own and welcomed questions of the committee through the board.

Asked about the rationale for the commission approach, Tateishi said the redress committee had realized there was no chance of a money bill getting out of subcommittee today in view of the Proposition 13 Congress and the Senator Hayakawa comment on the \$25,000 payment to individuals. That widely-publicized remark also clouded JACL's major thrust on redress being education first.

But the Salt Lake City convention mandate has not been abandoned, Tateishi assured. The two-step approach was preferred to get Redress through Congress, which must also understand the issue of Evacuation. He believed the commission approach has the greatest possibility to pass.

About sums to establish a congressional commission, Tateishi said \$1.5 million was the standard allocation.

About current feelings in Washington, such a bill passing the Senate is good but not in the House, said Tateishi

without adding any details. Washington representative Ron Ikejiri recalled that in the 95th Congress, over 15,000 bills had been introduced and 5,000 had passed. Two of them were JACL-supported bills: internment credit and Heritage Week proclamation. The present 96th Congress can be even testier because of the Proposition 13 fever and characterizing itself as the "oversight" Congress.

Ikejiri, who is about to complete his first year as Washington representative on July 1 and an attorney in private practice before, discoursed further about the Capitol scene: "If Congress doesn't come out and say Evacuation and the U.S. concentration camps were wrong, how can we influence them. Remember, the priorities in Washington today are not into civil rights but on street crime, inflation and energy. Hence, it's up to us to keep the idea alive through a redress bill."

Ikejiri agreed with the Sen. Inouye statement (June 1 PC) for reparations that "we have to show the American public the dark chapter of our history."

Ikejiri exhorted the board to keep moving on the issue: "We shouldn't stop on procedure now. I can't see the same thing (of Salt Lake City) being repeated at the 1980 convention (at San Francisco)."

Responding to a query that too much JACL reliance on the Nikkei in Congress might appear to some as a conflict of interest, Ikejiri said the problem with that is that Nikkei congressmen are regarded as "expert" on Japanese American matters.

Charles Kato, representing the Pacific Northwest Gov. Harold Onishi, wondered whether the National JACL Board ought to explore further the so-called "bootstrap" method and whether the commission route might not be the same as holding public hearings on other kinds of redress bills.

Gov. Kimura, aware that redress committees in Chicago and Seattle had published a statement in the June 1 Pacific Citizen, asked what would National's position be if other groups push their own. Ikejiri said it was a healthy idea and that National shouldn't feel the commission approach was the only way. "I see no problem..." Ikejiri said.

But Kimura thought it would be a PR problem inside the Japanese American community: "Where would that put us?"

Ikejiri didn't think redress should divide National but that the board this time was deciding "which way to go" for Japanese Americans everywhere.

Past PNWDC Gov. Ed Yamamoto, attending at his own expense, was allowed time to add his comment as chairman of 1974-76 reparations committee. Personally in favor of the commission approach, he wondered why the chapters were being polled when the 1976 Sacramento mandate was firm. The mandate also

carried a provision that campaign funds be made available "at the appropriate time, if possible". That time was never determined to launch a fund drive.

Board member Mikio Uchiyama of Fowler said the issue before them was: which bill can survive? The judge saw no conflict despite the several approaches and was confident that Congress would deal eventually with redress.

As a farm folk, Uchiyama added, "Farmers are practical

ly takes away the main issue of telling the Evacuation story. The commission approach removes the "money" aspect for the present. It may not be adequate, but the commission approach can educate the American public.

The hangup now, countered Kato, is not money but what the redress committee said was "political reality" in opting the commission route. Kato recalled that some in JACL were reluctant to push for repeal for Title II (Emergency

port on aging and retirement planning, defended the Seattle plan was not fragmenting since the commission approach appeared to lose direct control of the thrust to pursue redress. He asked whether the Board vote to affirm would negate the chapter vote?

Uyeda said the actions are separate. The board will be acting on its own in light of the broad perspective at its command. The board is deciding on how best to implement the national mandate.

the commission approach, (2) educational campaign. Vote on part 1 was:

YES (13)—Higuchi, Kodama, Kojima, Nagata, Nakashima, Nishio, Okura, Shimizu, Takeshita, Tameno, Tsujimura, Wakabayashi.
NO (1)—Kimura.
Abstaining (2)—Kato, Kawamoto.

A \$397,996 package was approved by the National Board on Sunday to establish an educational process to educate the American public about redress. It is in the realm of success, Tateishi pointed out, if supported by JACL members who each pledge \$15 a year for the term of the campaign, expected to take five years.

While there is no immediacy, Iwama said the campaign would eventually mean a separate JACL political arm. Authority to move into this area was given by the EXECOM earlier.

Tateishi explained the package envisions:

1—Management information center (\$138,310); 2—national speakers' bureau (\$30,560, mostly for mileage); 3—local speakers' bureau (\$42,482 max.); 4—general operations and local mileage (\$80,264); 5—Washington lobby budget (\$52,050); 6—media budget (\$50,300).

Some consideration was reiterated that the Washington Office and Pacific Citizen might become an integral part of the JACL political arm to protect National JACL's non-profit tax-exempt status since these offices are lobbying and engaged in business (selling ads), respectively.

REDRESS

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We have strong endorsements for the commission approach from the Nikkei legislators in Congress who will play a key role in the redress bill. Non-Nikkei congressional legislators have also voiced their strong support. In addition, we have support from non-Nikkei civil rights organizations.

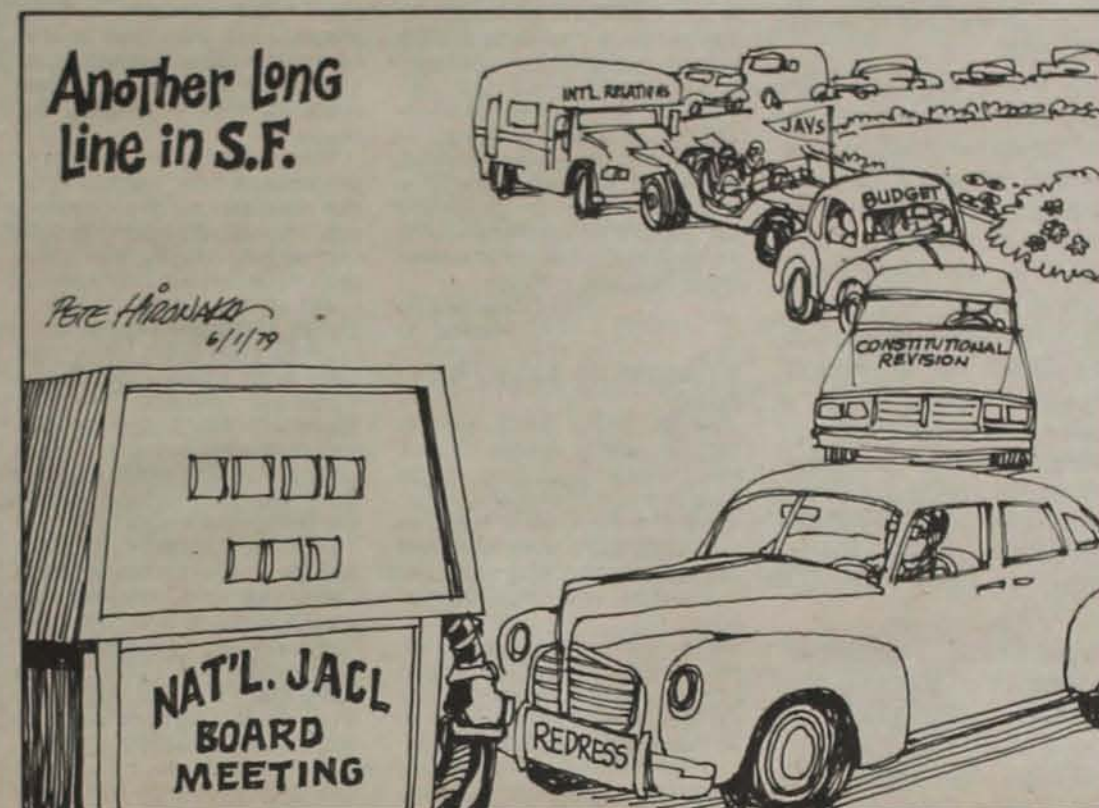
It was the determination of the National JACL Legal Counsel that the commission approach does not violate the Salt Lake City mandate. It was considered a two-step approach to the mandate, with the creation of the commission being the first step.

The National Board in endorsing the commission approach by a vote of 13 to 1 with two abstentions has made an important decision. Whatever may have been the past differences on redress, they were the necessary elements in an issue of this magnitude. Our goal, however, has always been the same. There is no question concerning the sincerity of all participants, whatever their views.

The hope of the National Board is that we can now unite and go after redress in an orderly, carefully planned, step-by-step approach—the first of which is the commission.

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JOHN TATEISHI

June 6, 1979



people who know that Prop. 13 feelings overburden any plea for redress. But we are more interested in keeping the Evacuation story alive in history, in the textbooks, to make sure this story is told. We back up the commission idea because the (rest of America) would recognize the wrong of Evacuation."

Uchiyama felt farmers are not expecting any money from redress. They understand the process and how important it is to educate. "If we were purely after claims, it wouldn't fly in the first place," Uchiyama concluded.

More concerned as committee chair, Tateishi stressed JACL can't afford fragmentation on this issue and assert other methods are O.K. It would lead others to ask, "What do we want?" That lessens impact a single national effort would have.

Mountain Plains Gov. Mits Kawamoto regarded the existence of other plans shows a lack of Nisei unanimity. Furthermore, a big part of the U.S. public still perceives Evacuation was "right", he insisted and urged JACL needs to educate the public before getting Congress involved. He also wondered if the commission route would culminate with a whitewash and a report filed away and forgotten.

An hour had passed before Uyeda decided to comment. He recalled that Mike Masaka had told the Salt Lake convention: "Let the Congress decide..." and the council understood that while voting on the mandate. Any focus on money, Uyeda continued, on-

Detention Act) from the 1950 code because of anti-Red feelings still in the Congress then.

Ikejiri didn't think the money part to redress may not occur until 1990.

Steve Nakashima, national v.p., said he was against redress and the money angle at the outset, but since the National Council had decided, he was backing the program and honoring the mandate. "I hate to see chapters come up with their own versions after National worked on the issue," he said. Differences in an organization are healthy, but once the decision is made, the democratic process should prevail, all should support the decision of the majority will. The redress committee was to determine if the Evacuation was justified or not ("we all know it was morally wrong") and if unjustified, to determine what form of redress.

Intermountain Gov. John Tameno expressed his district's support of Tateishi's work and committee recommendation. He noted several church bodies in his district have already been asked to support JACL's redress push.

Central California Gov. Stan Nagata concurred. Till the Tri-District Conference in Fresno, there were many individual Central Cal JACLers who were opposed or lukewarm, but after Tateishi and his panel's presentation, "we were turned around". And why do Sansei have to continue asking the Nisei about Evacuation? Because it's not in the books, Nagata declared.

Dr. Min Masuda of Seattle, on hand to submit his own re-

But the chapters already know a legislative draft is to be sent them for review, "so let's go ahead and vote," declared both Uchiyama and Kimura. The observation that this was one of the few times Central Cal and Midwest readily agreed brought some rare chuckles to the discussion.

Shimomura, in a well composed summary, said the board had spent two hours in frank talk and had developed a consensus that says, "We can back up the work of the Redress committee; so by asking the chapters, the board members now have to explain." This process will strengthen organizational support, show Congress our solidarity and also help solidify the grassroots.

Legal counsel Frank Iwama addressed the point whether the commission approach violated the guidelines of the Salt Lake mandate. It was his opinion that it did not since the five concepts were broad enough. Concepts dealt with:

- 1—Eligibility: to those who were actually detained, interned or were forced to move from the excluded areas.
- 2—Individual payments: to survivors and the heirs of deceased detainees.
- 3—Included are Nikkei from Central and South American who were interned in the U.S.
- 4—Claims payment: a U.S. government responsibility.
- 5—Japanese American commission would administer the trust foundation (established by redress funds) for the benefit of Japanese Americans.

Prior to the board vote, Karl Nobuyuki, national executive director, said the chapters are to be asked "to reaffirm" the actions of the National Board and its redress committee. The board action on redress will be in two parts: (1) committee recommendation for

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Iva's defenders

Back in 1949 Iva Toguri was defended by a trio of counsels in the case known as the "Tokyo Rose" trial.

Wayne M. Collins was the chief counsel. Few individuals had done more for Japanese Americans in time of need than Collins. His fierce devotion to principle was without equal. He took the Korematsu case to the U.S. Supreme Court to challenge the constitutionality of the government's indiscriminate incarceration based solely on ancestry. Nearly single-handedly he took up the cause of the renunciants, the discarded citizens, not only to prevent their being expatriated to a war-devastated Japan but to recover their citizenship which was renounced under extreme governmental duress. He rescued hundreds of Peruvian Japanese who were brought to this country as hostages and then were scheduled for removal to Japan, a country many had never seen. At age 74, on July 16, 1974, Collins succumbed to a fatal heart attack while on board the Pan American airlines, flying from Honolulu to San Francisco.

Theodore Tamba was a Swiss American, a conservative Republican who joined the crusade. He, too, was convinced of Iva Toguri's innocence, and he sought for over 24 years to vindicate her good name and restore to Iva her cherished U.S. citizenship. He succumbed to a heart attack on Dec. 15, 1973.

The third member of the trio was George G. Olshausen, a liberal and a scholar of Western history. He is remembered for his eloquent summary statement for the defense at the 1949 trial. Being multilingual, he had been living in Yugoslavia for many years. He was working on the seventh volume of his monumental work on the history of slavery in the Western world.

He returned to the United States unexpectedly last year, and on a Sunday in August 1978 Iva Toguri, the younger Wayne Collins, I and my wife Helen spent a day together in Oakland. Soon afterward he returned to Yugoslavia. We received word that he died quietly in a town of Split, Yugoslavia. He was 74 years old.

Iva's legal defense counsels are now all gone. Only George Olshausen lived to see Iva regain her American citizenship. Their meeting last August was a touching scene. Most of Iva's adversaries are also gone. Of all the major players in the 1949 drama which was highlighted internationally as the trial of "Tokyo Rose," only Iva Toguri remains.

Vindicated by the enormous public support she received in 1976, Iva Toguri has regained spiritual peace. It also vindicates one's faith in the American people. #

YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry K. Honda

The Week That Was



We touched upon the gasoline crunch here the last time... so, one would expect less running-around. But such was not the case this past week, which was laden with out-of-routine engagements. Also unfolded were the various kinds of Japanese American communities that co-exist in the greater Los Angeles area.

The youngest and most vibrant community revolves around the youth and there they were running at West Los Angeles College on Sunday (June 3), hundreds of them

around the track while even more people—parents, friends—watched from the stands and infield. The blend of this particular community was exhilarating to behold. And this is the only Nikkei track meet in town that's getting bigger because more of the older athletes, age 30 and up, are jogging back into competition.

The industrial-business community was much in evidence at the New Otani Hotel on Tuesday for the Japanese Friendship Dinner given by the Equitable Life Assurance Society. Its president, Coy Ecklund, urged more Japanese investments into America to help balance the trade picture. He noted: "Capital is

Racial backlash?

Editor:

If M. Y. Iseke (PC April 20) had read the letters to the editor columns of various newspapers responding to Senator Hayakawa's remarks about the poor not needing gas, he would have gained first-hand knowledge of one type of "backlash." The remarks aimed at the Senator can easily be and would be directed at all of us with the slightest excuse as we have something in common with the Senator—racial ancestry. The prosaic mentalities so prevalent in WW2 days have not decreased nor improved one iota.

The Senator was taken to task for merely stating facts. It is a fact that the wealthy can afford gas at any price. It is a fact that the poor do not need gas because they can't afford it. Those who heard or read the Senator's speech against redress compensation should have known that he was not referring to those with low income. The key words contained in his speech that provides the clue are: Free handout. Thus, the meaning of "poor" indicates that the Senator is referring to the "professional welfare recipient" who is physically able, but too lazy to find and hold a job. Illegal aliens by the thousands find jobs with ease.

HASHIME SAITO
Tucson, Az

Thanks to Amy Doi

Editor:

Re: the Doi vs. JACL case (PC May 18) settled in favor of Amy Doi, I want to thank Amy, a long-time personal friend, and let her know that there are many of us who appreciate what she went through in pursuing what her convictions and integrity dictated.

It was a long and painful experience for Amy. As a JACLer, I am grateful that her courage allowed her to take the unpopular stand of suing JACL in fighting for what she believed was in the best interest of the organization.

ROZ ENOMOTO
Woodside, Calif.

Yoshie Ohori

Editor:

This is an appeal for special PC help in locating Mrs. Yoshie Hashimoto Ohori. Yoshie was my secretary when I was national information officer of Angeles National Forest in 1941-42.

Right after Pearl Harbor we prepared a devilishly clever letter that bypassed the whole Forest Service bureaucracy and started the nationwide forest fire prevention campaign which led to Smokey the Bear at war's end.

Yoshie and her West Covina family were rounded up and sent to Heart Mountain concentration camp. She and I kept in touch after she married Harry Ohori in New York City but lost contact later. I need to find her now to verify what we did to start the nation's most famous publicity character.

ARNOLD B. LARSON
Loleta, Calif.

A variety of views of Redress

Editor:

I was happy to see, at long last, some comment on the Seattle response to the Commission approach. The one serious problem plaguing this issue is the illusion of unanimity and wisdom. I have found only one person in Chicago who outspokenly favors the Commission. Most of us, I'm afraid, simply play follow the leader. We follow Tateishi's analyses. But I don't.

Tateishi argues that "once these determinations have been made (by the Commission), we will submit legislation which will ask for those things mandated by the National Council." It's not quite that simple. The Commission will be an autonomous entity. It will make its own determinations. If those determinations contradict our National Council mandate, we will once again hear about "political reality" and the mandate will once again have to be contravened. Someone may plaintively wail, "Well, we had every intention of fulfilling the mandate."

Then, when he writes "an appropriations bill... would virtually stand no chance of succeeding," he pointedly ignores the IRS approach to funding which was devised by the Seattle Chapter. It is not an appropriations bill. It simply allows Nikkei taxpayers to direct their taxes into a trust fund from which redress payments are to be made. The expenditure side of the budget (appropriations) is not increased. It is a clear alternative which ought to have been fully debated by the Committee but wasn't.

Finally, he argues that "in the majority view of the Redress Committee, the Commission approach is not in violation of the National Council mandate." That may well be. But it is not up to a committee to make that judgment. It is a point of order. A committee, however it votes, may not contravene an action of the main body. It certainly cannot vote to determine its own contravention. The point of order must be resolved by the chair of the National Council, the president.

It is only the illusion of agreement and wisdom. How can we follow an illusion?

WILLIAM HOHRI
Chicago, Ill.

Editor:

The internment of thousands of Japanese Americans defied the letter and spirit of the U.S. Constitution. Individuals in positions of influence initiated the un-American incarceration, and that in itself is a sad note. Worse, however, is the fact that millions of other Americans failed to defend their own Constitution by remaining silent. Their unspeaking tongues traduced the very constitution of their own country.

Some solace might have been found in the revelation of this awesomely un-American incident in textbooks on U.S. history. But no. Very little if any space is devoted to this dishonorable chapter in our history.

Japanese Americans were

shoved behind barbed wire and made to suffer physically, mentally and spiritually. Now the question is posed: Should those who sustained the injury of imprisonment be financially compensated for their losses?

The pain and indignity and injustice will always remain, a fact of memory as well as of history, and no amount of money can undo what has been done.

But the United States, as a matter of pride, honor and simple justice, owes Japanese Americans financial reparations.

That the matter is subject to debate is astounding, and that is why I have written this letter.

MICHAEL DRIVER
San Francisco

Whereabouts

Editor:

I am trying to locate some people I knew in Chicago in 1942-43: Hideko (Lena), Pearl and Rose Kokubu. I have some pictures belonging to Hideko that I want to give her.

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Patriotic point

Editor:

I believe that EVERY CITIZEN has an obligation: to himself, to his neighbors, and to his nation.

If we don't demand our rights, there will be no rights. Laws will be a paper tiger and would become meaningless.

Only by stating our cases.

From Nobuyuki Nakajima

U.S.-Japan Trade

"We can't get something for nothing." This is a well-known saying among us, Americans. It is also identical to the traditional Japanese belief. As applied to U.S.-Japan trade, it means we must make more effort to increase our sales to Japan. Instead, we criticize the Japanese and demand they buy more of our products. Would a good salesman criticize a potential customer? Would he demand a customer to buy merchandise?

On the contrary, a good salesman finds customer's need. If we shed the traditional anti-Japanese bias and recognize Japanese as a people, then we can find their needs—underlying human needs. Traditionally, America does not lack good salesmanship. So we must know what is getting on our way.

Another important aspect in the U.S.-Japan trade is that we must have a more innovative approach. We are preoccupied with selling products, natural and manufactured. But today large segments of our and Japanese economy are in non-products; such as, services, leisure, information, research, education and even in "retirement". In each of these areas we have almost unlimited horizon to expand our trade.

Various Japanese institutions already pay millions of dollars to support research at our universities. They bought an entire space journey for the experimentation in space. They support joint research on energy. We can expand tourism considerably more. We can invite Japanese to build universities here to educate their students. We can encourage them to build modern retirement villages here. These are but a few ideas which have multiple benefits to both U.S. and Japan. #

were readily explained in English—a unique capability of this community.

On Thursday, the 20th anniversary of the inaugural Japan Air Lines flight from L.A. to Tokyo was celebrated by an even greater community at the Bonaventure Hotel. JAL President Mr. Asada, marking this flight and JAL's 25th, thumped open a big keg of California-made (Numano's) sake before a huge turnout. The sake was then ladled into the masu, a square wooden cup provided at such festivities.

This was a convivial community—civic, commercial and social—involved enough in U.S.-Japan affairs to fly at times across the Pacific. It was the week's greatest show

of cultural wealth in terms of people and whom they represented. But such is the magnet of a common carrier.

Earlier in the afternoon, the groundbreaking rites for the 100-unit low income housing inside Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project area brought forth still another segment: the Issei-Nisei-Sansei community hobnobbing with the political and construction phalanxes after the Buddhist invocations, speeches and turning of ceremonial sand. The faithful flock of aged Issei in such wholesome numbers here may be the last stand in the nation.

The week ended with our annual tilting with a playful community at the Maryknoll

Only by making people aware that we are truly AMERICAN CITIZENS will we be able to clarify just who we are. The question is, "Are we American citizens or not?" If we are, we've got to fight for what we are. Otherwise, we don't belong here. We aren't what we say we are. We are not on trial here. Our country is. Our law is.

It is my belief that if a nation feels we owe the country something, we have every right to ask for what is rightfully ours. Like ex-President Truman would say, "The heck with everything else."

ELMER S. TAZUMA
Seattle, Wa.

35 Years Ago

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

JUNE 10, 1944

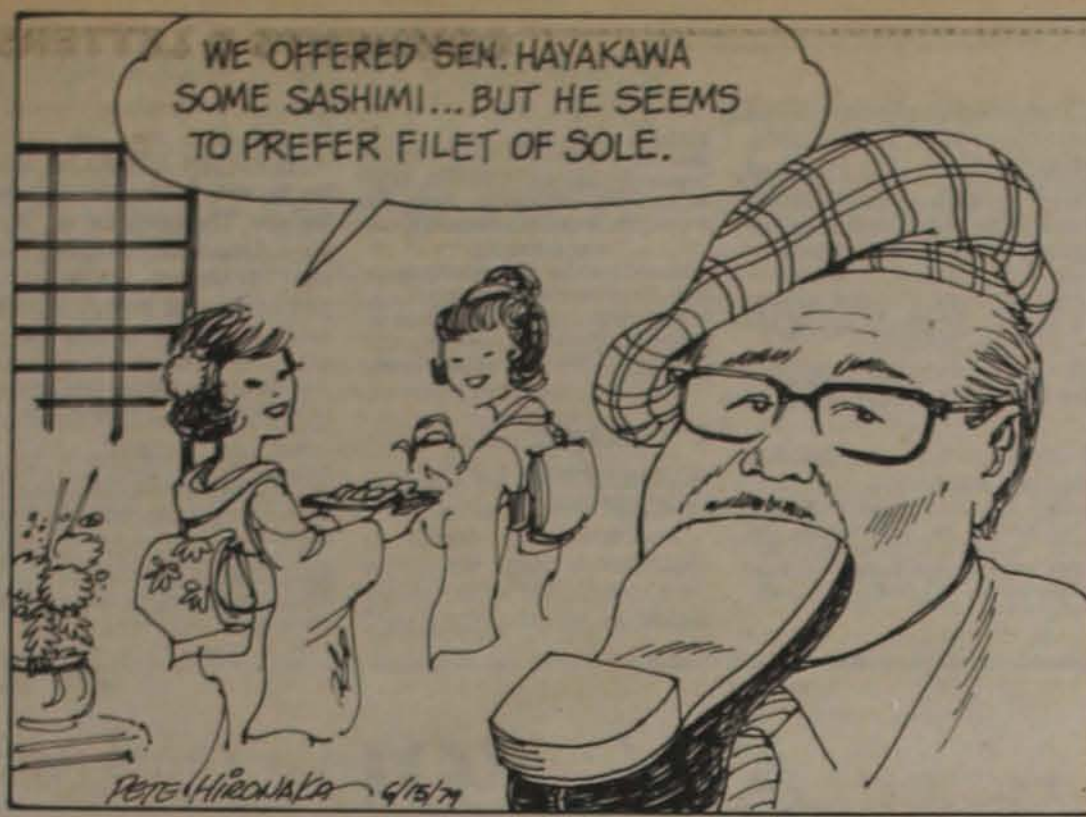
May 31—New York Post editorial welcomes Nisei evacuees to Brooklyn hostel; WRA office reports 900 Nikkei, including prewar group, in area.

June 2—Univ. of Pennsylvania bars honor student (Naomi Nakano) for graduate work because of her "Japanese ancestry".

June 2—Three evacuee farm workers attacked by white youths and forced out of Provo cafe, trio later attacked at Orem train station with police from Provo called to quell disturbance; over 200 volunteer farm workers from camps on seasonal leave stay at Orem, Utah.

June 5—California Methodists urge restoration of rights of loyal Japanese Americans.

School carnival where we help run one of the booths there. A change in the weather (from drizzly all week to a Santa Ana wind condition riding the haze and therefore a warming trend) ushered in a free and easy community that anticipates the upcoming summer vacation. It was a happy way to top off the week and reflect on the vitality of so many communities... and really not travel about using expensive gas... It was also the week where we could have attended one of many graduation exercises that jam a June calendar. But we needed Wednesday to make up for the twirls of Tuesday and Thursday. #



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

'Ladies of Leisure'

Salt Lake City
Occasionally someone remarks on my "lady of leisure" status. The comment is usually directed toward my husband. I suppose its kindly intent is to congratulate him for his ability to provide for a wife. My husband, who has his share of male misguided ego, says nothing to discourage this illusion. He also tries discreetly to scotch-tape my mouth or to step on my sensitive toes to stem the flow of demure dispute.

Lately he has been referring to me as his "shy, demure wife". For some reason, obscure to me, it generates laughter. I notice Ern says it quite often, like a comedian with a fail-proof joke. I accuse him of making a fool out of me. Not that this is a new revelation. But I thought things had changed since I began wearing glasses. At least he gave me that impression. Requiring glasses was about the best thing that happened to me, according to him. His immediate and approving reaction was, "People might even think you have some intelligence." I really didn't believe that my stupidity was previously so obvious.

As our wedding anniversary rolls around this month, with monotonous regularity, it occurred to me that I didn't require glasses when I married him. That came much later. I have always maintained that when he was scouting around for a wife, he had one qualification for her. She had to be dumb. "No one with any brains would have married you," I remind him, as he mumbles and grumbles about my multiple failings.

It is tough being married to him. Some people refuse to believe this. But then, some people never give up believing fairy tales. When any woman comments on what a fine husband I have, I always eagerly offer, "Try him." Maybe that is the wrong approach because invariably there is an abrupt shift in conversation.

It is no secret among our friends that I am a firm advocate of polygamy. As the years advance, my advocacy is reinforced. One wife in this family is not enough. We need more help in this house, I tell my

husband. That is not an exaggeration because by his last count, I was running at least three months behind on my chores. A few weeks ago, as I hauled rocks down the hill, my whole body ached. This old mare isn't what she used to be. When I complained to my sister about hauling rocks, she said I must also have rocks in my head. "You're the only wife I know who does things like that," she said. And, "Really, I wouldn't tell the whole world about it like you do. People will think you're strange, always moving rocks around. Not to mention all the other dumb things you do."

Of course, such straightforward sibling talk caused the rusty machinery to start functioning. And the more I thought, the madder it made me. Remembering back 28 years, through the fog on the brain, is a difficult feat. But nowhere can I recall consenting to haul rocks and other such risky tasks. In fact, I vaguely remember his promise to make me "a lady of leisure". Those little hands aren't meant for hard work, he had commented. Such a passionate statement is unforgotten. It isn't that my hands are dainty. They are boney. When I flutter them around in an abracadabra motion thrice daily, my rings rattle against bone, making an interesting, spooky sound.

If I were a weeping woman, the sight of my ruined hands would be sufficient to drown me. No one ever warned that marriage is mostly menial. It is a commitment to hard labor, the kind no longer common in civilized penal systems. Most prospective bridegrooms are too conniving to suggest the hardships of marriage. Instead, they trick future brides with highfalutin promises. I remember my husband telling me that once the early hard years were over, I could spend my days in splendid repose lazily turning the pages of books. For us, the hardship years never came to an end. In this marriage, they never will.

It is a continuous obstacle course, similar to the crazy maze through which experimental mice are paced. By all conventional measure, it can be considered a cockeyed arrangement. It has never acquired the veneer of complacency that some marriages project as anniversaries come and go. I used to envy that state in others. But recently, I am not so sure. Perhaps complacency is only a cover for boredom.

To those who have passed their 28th wedding anniversaries, I may seem to make too much of this occasion. But just the other night, we were talk-

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Kay Sugahara

New York, N.Y.

BACK IN THE hungry 30's, one of the Big Nisei, if not THE Big Nisei in Los Angeles' Li'l Tokyo was a dapper young fellow named Kay Sugahara. He made his living as a customs broker, but he seemed to have his fingers in a lot of pies around town. He seemed to know everyone who was anybody. When the politicians in City Hall wanted something done in Li'l Tokyo, they came to talk to Kay. When Li'l Tokyo merchants needed something to drum up business during the Great Depression, Sugahara came up with the idea for Nisei Week.

Sugahara was a remarkable fellow in many ways. He had been orphaned at 11. His brother, Roku, and three sisters were young enough to be cared for by welfare agencies, but Kay had to fend for himself. He found a bunk in the men's dormitory operated by the Methodists and worked in a fruitstand while putting himself through junior and senior high school.

It early became apparent to Sugahara that he wasn't getting anywhere stacking oranges 60 hours a week for \$15. While attending UCLA he found a fulltime job with a customs broker. That meant he went down to the waterfront and cleared through customs the merchandise being imported by Li'l Tokyo shopkeepers. By the time he was graduated in 1932, almost all the Li'l Tokyo merchants were his clients.

Sugahara felt he deserved a partnership in the brokerage firm. His boss didn't think so. Sugahara quit and he and several friends opened up their own brokerage business. By the time U.S.-Japanese trade was suspended in the darkening summer of 1941, effectively destroying his livelihood, Sugahara was a millionaire.

With such resources Sugahara would have moved east before the Evacuation. But he felt he ought to stay with the Issei and Nisei, and he and his family were evacuated to Santa Anita, then to Granada WRA camp. In his work Sugahara had become acquainted with many kinds of government officials. Before long he was recruited from camp by the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), predecessor to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). There, so far as most Nisei know, is where Sugahara's trail ends. He vanished from the Nisei scene.

But there's nothing particularly mysterious about the Sugahara epic. A few weeks ago, in his luxuriously appointed office on the 39th floor of a fashionable Park Avenue address, he spent a couple of hours talking about his rags-to-riches

story. The timing was appropriate. Sugahara had turned 70 a short time earlier, and he was about to announce the presidency of Fairfield-Maxwell Ltd., the holding company for his business empire, would be turned over to the oldest of his three sons, Kaytaro, better known as K.G. (The other sons, Bryan and Byron, are also company executives.)

Sugahara would remain as chairman of the board, keeping a sharp eye on Fairfield-Maxwell's 35 or 40 subsidiaries and affiliates operating world-wide.

The backbone of Fairfield-Maxwell's operations is shipping, which accounts for Sugahara being called the Nisei Onassis. The company owns more than a million tons of oil tankers plus sundry other vessels. Some of them are refrigerator ships that shuttle between Australia and the East Coast with loads of beef. Another refrigerator ship transports Toyota automobiles to Florida and takes back loads of citrus fruits.

How did an orphan kid from Los Angeles become an international shipping tycoon? It is an involved story much too long to be told in a single column. However, the bare outline starts with an obscure organization called the American Council on Japan.

At the end of World War II it became apparent some influential Americans were determined to strip Japan of its industrial potential. Others feared such a policy would drive Japan into the Communist orbit, and believed it was to America's self-interest to help Japan become an industrial power that would be the cornerstone of U.S. Pacific policy.

Sugahara and Japan-born Eugene Dooman, who had been a high official in the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo under Ambassador Joseph Grew, were mainly responsible for setting up the American Council on Japan. Working behind the scenes, the council helped shape a liberal peace treaty which laid the foundations for a democratic Japan.

Sugahara's efforts opened many doors in the reborn Japan. Through his American and Japanese contacts, he was about to break the international oil cartel and open up new markets for American oil producers while assuring Japanese refiners of a new source of supply. One thing led to another, and before long he was deep in the tanker business.

Today, Fairfield-Maxwell has some 1,000 employees scattered from New York to Argentina, Australia to Houston, San Francisco to London—all a long, long way from the corner of East First and San Pedro in Los Angeles where once Kay Sugahara scrambled to make a living. #



REDRESS PHASE TWO: John Tateishi

What Will Win

sometimes have very little to do with the end result. The "Evacuation" itself is a case in point.

What we are involved in is a national political campaign, and national politics at best is a very complex game to play. Most of us, I dare say, know very little or nothing at all about this game, and unless we are willing to wake up to what this game is all about, Redress will go into the deep freeze.

We can talk about the disappointments and successes of the past, but the Japanese American community has never been involved in anything quite like the Redress campaign. Title II and the res-

cission of Executive Order 9066 were not campaigns which necessitated the radical and entire change of consciousness of the American public and the United States Congress. Nor did they cost the government any money.

This is not to belittle the efforts and successes of those who gave so much of themselves to those campaigns, because their efforts and commitments certainly are to be commended. But the point is that we are now involved in an entirely different kind of campaign, one which necessarily must enter the arena of national politics.

Momentary successes are

fine, but they will not win the case for Redress for us. What will win is to know how things work on the inside and to pursue that course of action which will lead ultimately to success. We have to win the many small skirmishes before we can claim the battle.

The decision of the National Committee for Redress to establish a Congressional commission is one such skirmish, but one should not be misled to think that we have lost sight of the battle. The ultimate goal is still monetary compensation. The decision of the Committee was based on what we felt to be in the best interest of achieving ultimate success in Redress. Each Committee member who voted in favor of the commission personally would have pre-

ferred an appropriations bill, but personal preferences were placed aside in favor of hard realities.

What we view as "political realities" others deride as foolish rhetoric and to a few principals in Washington, D.C. Such opinions have little bearing on the facts, and the fact—the hard fact—is that this is a game of national politics. And in this specialized, very sophisticated arena, who else can you turn to other than those who know the D.C. scene and those you trust—those who truly have the Japanese American interest at heart and will not give empty promises? To do otherwise, it seems to me, would be foolish.

When the Redress Committee made its decision, it knew the decision would perhaps be unpopular with some people.

NC-WNDC fiscal procedure deals with unbudgeted items

Sunol, Ca.

The NC-WNDC second quarterly session hosted by Tri-Valley JACL at the Sunol Country Club May 6 featured the usual panoply of progress reports from various chairpersons, special media workshops to advise on how members should respond to media interviewers for greatest impact on the positive side, and three motions dealing with fiscal policy.

On fiscal matters, authorization was granted to the DC governor, secretary, treasurer and regional director to transact business relating to time certificates of deposit, to sign DC checks by any of the two aforementioned, and that the Executive Board be able to disburse up to \$250 for any nonbudgeted item, providing they do not exceed \$500 in any calendar year.

Gov. Ben Takeshita appointed Akira Nakamura to chair the district health plan which aims to assure the health plans servicing the membership are fair and equitable.

William Nakatani succeeds Dr. Yoshi Togasaki as chair.

● Cincinnati

EVENTS FOR SUMMER SCHEDULED

Cincinnati JACL is holding a general meeting on Saturday, June 16, 8 p.m., at Shuller's Wigwam with Bill Yoshino, Midwest Regional Director, and Karl Nobuyuki, national executive director, as scheduled speakers.

Dayton and Indianapolis chapters are co-hosting the event.

The chapter board will meet June 24, 1:30 p.m., at Lida Fukumura's home.

calendar

*A non-JACL event

● JUNE 16 (Saturday)

EDC—Seabrook hosts: Qtrly session.

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

Cincinnati—Gen mtg, Shuller's Wigwam, 8pm.

Chicago—Japanese movie benefit (2da), Parker Aud, 7pm.

● JUNE 17 (Sunday)

Pocahontas—JACL picnic.

*San Jose—Sumitomo Bank tennis dbles tournament, SJSU.

Cleveland—Schol awd dnr, Hofbrau Haus, 6pm; Karl Nobuyuki, spkr.

● JUNE 20 (Wednesday)

*Sacramento—Salute to Dr Jack Fujimoto, Wakanoura Restaurant, 6:30pm.

● JUNE 22 (Friday)

NC-WNDC—Workshop (2da), Monterey JACL hosts.

● JUNE 23 (Saturday)

*Gardena—Carnival (2day), JCI.

*Honolulu—Nisei Veterans reunion (Jun 23-28).

Contra Costa—Health screening, Richmond Health Dept, 9:30am

Contra Costa—Carwash, George's Union 76, Berkeley.

● JUNE 24 (Sunday)

Fremont—Bowling tourney, Fremont Bowl.

Fresno—Picnic.

Cincinnati—Bd mtg, Lida Fukumura's res, 1:30pm.

● JUNE 27 (Wednesday)

*Gardena—Nisei Awareness seminar, JCI, 8pm; Karl Nobuyuki, spkr.

Monterey Peninsula—Bd mtg, JACL Hall, 7:30pm.

● JUNE 30 (Saturday)

Monterey Peninsula—Reno trip (2da).

● JULY 1 (Sunday)

Cleveland—Comm picnic.

Seabrook—Comm picnic.

Roosevelt High; Noreen Osaki and Neal Taniguchi, Hoover High.

Earlier in the week, Fresno JACL president Ken Kurokawa presented a wreath on behalf of the chapter at

the Memorial Day rites at the Nisei War Memorial in Roeding Park. The Hanford Nisei Liberty and Fresno Sierra Nisei VFW posts were co-sponsors of the service.

'Great Expectations' theme of Midwest-Eastern NYC confab

St. Paul, Minn.

Four workshops for Sansei-Yonsei youth development will be featured at the biennial Midwest-Eastern JACL District Youth Council conference here July 19-22 at Bethel College. The Twin Cities JAYs are in charge of arrangements and program.

With the theme of "Great Expectations", the four workshops will focus on individual and youth chapter development ("How to start, strengthen and sustain JAY chapters") and specifically its membership, fund-raising, interpersonal communications and affirmative action.

A follow-up on the spring workshop on redress and camp experiences will be included in the weekend program, which culminates with a dinner-dance at L'hotel de France. About 100 youth are expected. Registration is \$45 for JAYS, \$50 for non-JAYS, including housing, meals,

● Marysville

TWO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EXCELLENCE PRESENTED

Marysville JACL annually presented two scholarships, based primarily on academic excellence to a local area high school graduate and to a second-year collegian entering upper division studies at the university level. This year, the awards went to

\$150 Award—Janice Kuroki, Yuba College, p: M/M Ray Kyono, Yuba City.

\$250 Award—Glen Marumoto, Live Oak High, p: M/M George Matsumoto, Live Oak. (Reporting in July at the U.S. Naval Academy.)

● Monterey Peninsula

FIRST-EVER RENO OVERNIGHTER SLATED

Monterey Peninsula JACL's first-ever Reno overnigher will be held June 30-July 1 at the Red Carpet Lodge, a busload leaving from the city hall parking area at Seaside, it was announced by George Takahashi and Pet Nakasako, who are in charge of the charter trip.

● Omaha

RHONDA MATSUNAMI WINS SCHOLARSHIP

On June 1, the Omaha Chapter awarded its annual award of \$200 for outstanding scholastic achievement by a high school graduate to Rhonda Beth Matsunami, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manual Matsunami, long-time Omaha JACLers. Rhonda had a GPA of 3.93 at Northwest High and ranked seventh in her graduating class of 580. She plans to continue her education at Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln, where she will major in accounting.

● San Mateo

NINE SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN TO SENIORS

Nine high school seniors being awarded San Mateo JACL scholarships have been announced as follows:

\$100 AWARDS

David T. Miura, Bellarmine Prep School, p: M/M Neal Miura, San Jose; Art Morimoto, Hillsdale High, p: M/M

K Morimoto; Yoshiko Otonari, Hillsdale High, p: M/M T Otonari; Anna Sawamura, San Mateo High, p: M/M M. Sawamura; Tracy Akira Sagawa, Burlingame High, p: M/M M Sagawa.

SSO AWARDS

Diane Suwabe, Hillsdale High, p: M/M Akira Suwabe; Cara Kiyohara, Aragon High, p: M/M Sam Kiyohara; Connie M Shimo, San Mateo High, p: M/M Fred Shimo; and Kelly Nakai, Aragon High.

● Stockton

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTED TO EIGHT

Stockton JACL conferred eight scholarships for a total worth of \$1,500 at its award luncheon June 9 at the Kazan

Steak Kobe Restaurant to: \$500 JACL/Elizabeth Humbargar; Brenda Nakayama, Tokay High, p: M/M Richard Nakayama, Lodi. \$250 JACL/Elizabeth Humbargar; Michael Masada, Edison High, p: Rev/ Mrs Saburo Masada, Stockton. \$250 JACL/Humbargar for Foreign Student: Kam Hung Chan, San Joaquin Delta College, p in Hong Kong.

\$100 Sumitomo Bank: David Fukuhara, Franklin High, p: M/M Frank Fukuhara, Stockton.

\$100 Fred Dobana Memorial Awards: Nancy Takemoto, Stagg High, p: M/M Dick Takemoto; Michael Morodomi, Stagg High, p: M/M Marco Morodomi.

\$100 Stockton JACL: Alan Fujii, Stagg High, p: M/M Atsushi Fujii; Bruce Satow, Franklin High, p: M/M Bill Satow.

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South retains state JACL track crown

BY STEVE OKAMOTO
Special to the Pacific Citizen

The Southern California champions, here June 10 for the second annual JACL North-South track and field meet at Laney Community College, went home with most of the medals, representing 542 points to the host Northern California's 400 points.

There were 36 new records set and one tied in a program of 50 events that attracted 400 spectators under ideal June weather and 360 participants.

Sequoia JACL's Jay Sasagawa, meet director from Palo Alto, was praised by visitors and hosts alike for his handling of what is the greatest statewide gathering of Nikkei youth, parents and boosters in one place at one time.

The first place winners:

MEN'S AYE
100-yd.—Robert Kojikami, San Mateo, 10.01; 220—Martin Toyama, Sacramento, 23.52; 440—Martin Toyama, Sac, 51.75 (new record); 880—Clyde Matsumura, WLA 2:04.95 (nr); Mile—Clyde Matsumura, WLA, 4:40.64 (nr); 2-mile—Clyde Matsumura, WLA, 10:04.35 (nr); 120HH—Richard Peterlin, Gardena, 14.65 (nr); 330LH—Martin Toyama, Sac, 38.35 (nr); LJ—Tohru Asami, Orange City, 23.42 (nr); HJ—Tohru Asami, OC, 6-6 1/4

(nr); Trpl J.—Craig Duijogo, Lodi, 48-9 (nr); SP—Richard Okubo, OC, 51-10 1/2 (nr); 440 Relay—Sequoia, 44.01 (nr); Mile Relay—So Cal Tm 1 and 2 tie for first, 3:35.5 (nr).

MEN'S BEE
100—Nate Imahara, West Valley, 10.59; 220—Nate Imahara, WV, 24.24 tie record; 440—Alan Just, OC, 53.9; 880—Alan Just, OC, 2:08.86 (nr); Mile—Alan Just, OC, 4:49.4 (nr); 70HH—Tom Kuwada, San Jose, 9.68; 330LH—Yuji Kohara, OC, 41.0 (nr); HJ—John Yamashita, OC, 6-11 1/4 (nr); LJ—Clayton Woo, Contra Costa, 21-1; SP—Gary Wada, OC, 48-1 1/4 (nr); 440 Relay—Sequoia 46.53.

MEN'S CEE
50—Steve Shimahara, East L.A., 5.97; 100—Dean Yamada, Sequoia, 11.08; 220—John Fukuda, S.F. Associates, 26.52 (nr); 440—John Fukuda, SFA, 57.01 (nr); LJ—John Fukuda, SFA, 18-4; HJ—Lon Kurashige, OC, 5-7 3/4 (nr); 440 Relay—Gardena Valley, 50.53 (nr).

MEN'S DEE
50—Ron Hashimoto, SFA, 6.7; 220—Derrick Yanagawa, Gar, 30.05 (nr); 440—David Fukuda, SFA, 1:05.45 (nr); LJ—David Fukuda, SFA, 15-2 1/4; HJ—Cary Honda, OC, 4-7 1/4 (nr); 440 Relay—San Francisco Associates, 57.75 (nr).

WOMEN'S AYE
100—Shari Kishiyama, Gar, 11.73 (nr); 220—Shari Kishiyama, Gar, 26.81 (nr); 880—Vee McCarthy, OC, 2:23.75 (nr); HJ—Janet Warner, OC, 4-5 (nr); LJ—Alison Fukuda, SFA, 15-11 1/4; 440 Relay—Gardena Valley, 54.02 (nr).

WOMEN'S BEE
100—Leslie Saito, Gar, 12.38; 220—Leslie Saito, Gar, 29.55 (nr); 440—Leslie Saito, Gardena, 1:05.98; HJ—Justine Tanabe, OC, 5ft (nr); LJ—Annette Yamashita, Seq, 14-10 1/2 (nr); 440 Relay—Sequoia, 56-67 (nr).

Outstanding Athletes
A—Tohru Asami; B—Alan Just; C—John Fukuda; D—David Fukuda; Wom A—Shari Kishiyama; B—Leslie Saito, Gar.

Marin, West Valley to host JACL swim meet July 22

San Jose, Ca. Marin County and West Valley JACL chapters are co-sponsoring the annual Northern California-Western Nevada District swim meet on Sunday, July 22, at Gunn High School. This AUU-sanctioned meet is limited to swimmers affiliated with JACL and invited guests, according to John Kaku, meet director.

There will be considerable competition in all groups and classes, special 8-under through 15-18, from B to AA. A meet sheet is available by writing to or calling:

John Kaku, 4970 Moorpark Ave., San Jose, Ca 95129; (408) 253-8187.

Entries must be postmarked by midnight July 11 on official pink (girls) or blue (boys) cards, accompanied by a consolidated form and 75 cents per event. Chapter affiliation is necessary. Swimmers may sign for five events, ex-

Redress issue reactivates JACL chapter after 25 years

(The New England JACL was reactivated earlier this year when a Nikkei group of students and residents gathered at Cambridge Feb. 25 to hear about current JACL programs from Washington Representative Ron Ikejiri. The chapter was formed in 1948 and lasted through 1952—paralleling the JACL push for evacuation claims and naturalization for Issei.—Ed.)

Boston, Mass.

New England JACL's initial efforts to stimulate local public interest in the national redress campaign has won support of a widely-known radio talk show host and television newscaster in this area.

David Sakura, Ph.D., JACL co-chair for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week, was interviewed May 19 by Westinghouse Channel 7 "Black News" anchorman Lavell Dyatt following his earlier participation in the opening ceremonies for APAHW held at the John F. Kennedy Federal Building in Government Center, Boston.

The newscast began with close-ups of enlarged prints of a newspaper cartoon, Executive Order 9066 and an intern-

ment camp, taken from the New England JACL photographic essay on the World War II removal and incarceration of Japanese Americans. Dyatt then engaged Dr. Sakura, a native of Seattle, in a conversation on his experiences as a six-year-old interned at Puyallup before being sent to Minidoka, Idaho, as well as on the present-day implications of the JACL Redress Campaign.

The JACL photographic essay for Heritage Week was prepared and mounted by Dr. Sakura and Tetsuo Takayana, architect with the Cambridge firm of Stubbins Hugh and Associates, Inc., for the Multi-Ethnic Exhibit jointly developed by:

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Detroit

A profile of Lloyd M. Miyao, an American Sansei from the eastern United States, shows a young man who came home from the Vietnam war 11 years ago and made good.

The son of Walter and Elyse Miyao, longtime De-

troit JACLers, was given an award for his promotion by Hitachi Ltd. of Japan in Tokyo last month. He was appointed the assistant regional sales manager of power systems sales and service division for the western district of the United States.

Living with his uncle upon return from Vietnam in 1968, Lloyd, then 23, chanced upon a progressive Japanese company in San Francisco and applied for a position. He was hired and within the year was sent to International Language School in Japan and for industrial basic training at Hitachi Industries. He was assigned by the company to survey the hydroelectric implementation needs in the United States. Within one year of surveying, he was able to secure a contract with the United States Reclamation Service for installation of hydroelectric generators at Grand Coulee Dam. The job was worth several millions and Lloyd was given an award for his effort.

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ing about contemporaries who were married about the same time. A third of those marriages were terminated by divorce. We are probably the last of a generation whose elders stigmatized any separation until "death do us part". It must be purely coincidental, but in every instance we could recall, the wives involved in divorces were those who had attained the status of "ladies of leisure".

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On May 26, Dr. Sakura was joined by Reyko Shiraishi, Ed.D., for a 40-minute segment of the two-hour Sunday night Lavell Dyatt Show on WGB-AM 1030. A guidance counselor at the Cambridge Pilot (alternative) School, Shiraishi shared some of her earlier experiences in being removed from her So. California home to the Santa Anita Race Track with her family, then to Rohwer, Ark.

A primarily sympathetic radio audience response from callers reflecting a diverse background of experiences in minority issues was received during the broadcast.

Dr. Sakura, a research biologist at McLean Hospital, was called to appear on PBS Channel 2 as guest on the "Say, Brother" show June 16.

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week, May 5-11, was coordinated by the Boston Federal Executive Board under the direction of Marian

Huang and Linda Yui Connor of the Office for Civil Rights. Co-sponsors were:

Massachusetts Council on the Arts and the Humanities, the Mayor's Office for Cultural Affairs, the Chinese American Civic Association, and New England JACL.

Alex Kimura, co-chair, compiled selected facts on Japanese American history for the Asian and Pacific American Profile Information distributed at the opening ceremonies. Kei Kaneda, JACL Publicity Chair for APAHW, also served as a representative on the Planning Committee. Michael S. Adachi, chapter interim Program Chair, was responsible for solicitation of food donations for the reception.

As for membership, Mrs. Herbert Nishino, New England JACL, P.O. Box 548, Cambridge, Ma 02138 should be asked. The paperback editions of Weglyn's "Years of Infamy" (\$5.95) are also available at the same address. Proceeds from the book sale go toward the chapter redress education project.

Milwaukee names scholarship in honor of evacuee worker

Milwaukee, Wis.

Four scholarships were presented to area high school seniors by the Milwaukee JACL and JAYS at the Lime House Restaurant here last month (May 5).

One was newly named in honor of Elizabeth Campbell, longtime director of International Institute, who founded a temporary home for evacuees relocating here from the World War II camps. She was also the originator of the now successful Holiday Folk Fair 32 years ago.

Two JACL awards, in her name, were presented to: Karen Nakamoto of Brookfield East High, who will enter

UW-Milwaukee to major in business; and to Ruri Teramura of Brookfield East High, who will continue at UW-Madison to major in zoology.

The two JAY Award winners were:

Cheryl Miyazaki, Wauwatosa East High; and Russell Mukai, Marshall High.

The Rev. Stevenson Leong of the Wauwatosa First Congregational Church was guest speaker on "Opportunity, Life's Challenge". Jim Miyazaki was emcee.

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Books

Dr. Burton Watson, 53, of New Rochelles, N.Y., adjunct professor of East Asian languages and cultures at Columbia University, was awarded the Columbia Translation Center Gold Medal for "lifetime of excellence" in ceremonies held May 1 at Japan Information Center, New York. He has translated 21 works including the classic two-volume *Japanese Literature in Chinese* (Columbia University Press). Watson translates with equal facility both Chinese and Japanese into readable English.

Business

Moskatel's of Los Angeles, Inc., a major supplier of artificial flowers and plants, was recently purchased from the parent firm Inarco by its top management personnel, headed by **Raymond A. Shimizu**, chairman of the board and chief executive officer. Other top officials include **Kay Miyamoto** exec vp, operations; and **Ted Kuniyuki**, vp, store operations.



Loretta Wakuya

Only a few advertising agencies take the trouble to train copywriters, one of them being Benton & Bowles of New York, where the program is in the hands of **Loretta Wakuya**, 36, a senior vice president. Previously with Young & Rubican, she is a graduate from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern. Recently, B&B announced four openings for ad copywriters, had tested 200 applicants to find only one. If accepted, the person is assigned to an associate creative director, who supervises, assigns, corrects and encourages.

Courtroom

Former Honolulu circuit judge **Masato Doi**, 58, now in private practice, has been nominated by the Federal Judicial Selection Commission as a candidate to fill a vacant seat in the U.S. District Court in Hawaii. U.S. Attorney **Walter Heen**, 51, also a former circuit judge in Honolulu, was named on the list published May 22 with Harold W. Nickelsen, former circuit judge on the Big Island. President Carter will make the choice for the seat vacated by the death last year of Judge **Dick Yin Wong**.

A federal grand jury in Los Angeles indicted a former employee of the Internal Revenue Service on 14 counts of embezzlement. **Howard M. Okamura** of Gardena, who left the IRS in April, was accused of converting \$3,107 in federal funds to his personal use. The indictment listed

14 instances of conversion of amounts ranging from \$135 to \$431.

Education

Dan Uchinaga, 21, of El Cerrito, Ca., was elected student body president at Seattle Pacific University for the 1979-80 term. A political science major, he was a judiciary aide in Sen. S.I. Hayakawa's office in Washington in the summer of 1978. **Sen. S.I. Hayakawa** gave the keynote address at the May 5 inauguration of Central Washington University's new president. Dr. Donald Garrity. Hayakawa was president of San Francisco State for five years during Garrity's tenure at SFSU as provost.

Robert Yoshioka of San Francisco addressed the opening session of the 7th annual conference on Ethnic and Minority Studies, May 2-5, at the Univ. of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. He is president of the Nat'l Assn. of Interdisciplinary Ethnic Studies. Other Nikkei on the program included **Masa-yuki Sato** of San Jose, who presented his paper, "Shame and the Mental Health of Pacific Asian Americans"; **Niel Tashima** of Chicago and **Eugene Tashima** of Humboldt State University, "Amaeru: a Constellation of Feelings"; **Gary Y. Okihiro** and **Debra May Ushijima**, Humboldt State, "Religion and Cultural Resistance in America's Concentration Camps"; and **Howard K. Suzuki**, Univ. of Florida, discussant, "Ethnic Identity".

Active San Diego JACler **Vernon T. Yoshioka** was elected chairman of the San Diego City College Citizens (Advisory) Council. PC contributor **Joe Oyama's** eldest son, **Bob Oyama**, who was graduated from Hofstra in applied social science, received a graduate scholarship from Columbia University Teachers College. UC Irvine recently acknowledged a \$1,000 contribution in memory of the late **George Wada** from his widow, of Orange, Ca., for heart research under direction of **Lloyd T. Iseri, M.D.** at UCI's Medical Center.

Dr. Dennis M. Furuike, mechanical engineering professor at San Jose State University, was named Outstanding Engineering Professor of the Year by the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society at SJSU. He began teaching at SJSU in the fall of 1976. A Caltech graduate with a Ph.D. in applied mechanics, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Furuike of San Mateo.

Flowers-Gardens

Gardeners intending to take up native California plants may join the California Society, Suite D, 2380 Ellsworth St., Berkeley. Its quarterly journal, "Fremontia", is edited by **Margadant Hayakawa**, wife of Sen. S. I. Hayakawa.

The team of **Junichi Asakura & Associates Landscape Architects-Park Planners** based in San Fernando Valley was selected to master plan five park sites for the planned community of Silver Lakes located near Victorville, Calif. The high desert parks will provide varied recreational experiences and picnic areas for residents of all ages, according to Robert Shipley of the Silver Lakes Assn.

Honors

"Women's World" has announced **Tritia Toyota** of KNBC News garnered the most votes to win in the Women of the Year competition in the field of communication. Other Women of the Year were Beverly Jane Moore of First Women's Bank for business; Jan Sarnoff of California Special Olympics for humanities; Dr. Pauline Marry of L.A. Valley College for education; golfer Nancy Lopez for sports; and author Sandra Winston for literature.

Arcadia (Ca.) High School senior **Vicky Isensee**, daughter of Mrs. Hideko Isensee, won an achievement award from the Calif. Assn. of Work Experience Educators, Alpha Chapter. She plans to continue her studies at Azusa Pacific College.



Peter Ohtaki

Peter I. Ohtaki of Woodside High School, Menlo Park, Ca., was selected from high school seniors throughout the state by the DAR to receive the Good Citizen Award (\$299 U.S. savings bond). He is senior class president, involved with rewriting the student constitution to make government work available to more students. He is a 3.98 grade point average student, the son of the Peter Ohtakis, and is heading for Harvard in the fall.

Carol Lynn Nakano, graduate student in social work at the Univ. of Southern California, received the Rockwell Dennis Hunt Scholastic Award for 1979, which is given for outstanding scholastic record to a USC graduate student. Nakano attended Glendale High School and Glendale College, and belongs to Phi Beta Kappa.

Lynne Kimura of Hilo High School and **Annabelle Okada** of Punahou School in Honolulu have won National Merit \$1,000 scholarships. Kimura is the daughter of the Shunichi Kimuras in Hilo, the Saneo Okadas are the parents of the other recipient.

Tish Okabe, 17, of San Jose was among eight semi-finalists in the Miss Teenage America pageant held Feb. 9-16 at Nashville. An honor student and senior at Willow Glen High School, she received a \$1,000 scholarship from Who's Who Among High School Students as a semi-finalist and the World Book encyclopedia. She is the daughter of San Jose JAClers, Dr. and Mrs. Mas Okabe, a member of the Buddhist Church and Bando Mitsusa dance group.

Government

Among Japanese Americans invited by President Carter to the White House state dinner held May 2 for Japan Prime Minister Ohira were **Sen. S.I. Hayakawa** (R-Ca); **Sen. and Mrs. Spark M. Matsunaga** (D-Hawaii); **M/M Frank H. Kawabe**, Universal Office Equipment, Inc., Los Angeles; **Joji Konoshima**, dir., Asian Affairs, Democratic National Committee, Washington; **M/M Jun Mori**, of Mori & Ota, Los Angeles; **Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Murakami**, dentist, Washington; **Jiro Murase** of Wender, Murase & White, New York. It was an outdoor meal of barbecued buffalo, chicken and suckling pig for 180 guests.

Minoru Yasui, executive director of the Denver Commission on Community Relations, was appointed chair of the Colorado State Advisory Committee for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Milestones

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tashima (nee Mary Suzuki) of Los Angeles celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends Easter Sunday at a Chinatown restaurant.

Press Row

Modesto Bee staff photographer **Debbie Noda**, 25, accompanied her parents, the Bill Nodas of Turlock, to the Tule Lake plaque dedication over the Memorial Day weekend. Joining them was Bee reporter **Liz Leedom**. Their pictures and story in the May 30 Bee drew favorable comments. Front page featured a 3-col. photo of Kiyo Sato Viacrusis of Sacramento, hugging her daughter Tanya; while the front page inside in Section B devoted the top half to photos and the story.

Lee Moriuchi, Seattle Times reporter, won two prizes in the statewide Sigma Delta Chi contest for professional journalists. He had first place in public affairs/minority affairs reporting for a special supplement on minority youth employment and shared second place with Paul Henderson in their investigative reporting series on waterfront theft.

Sandra Oshiro, 27, of Honolulu and an Advertiser government writer was awarded a Fulbright-Hays grant to study Japanese investment in the U.S., with a special focus on Hawaii. A Univ. of Hawaii graduate in communications and a master's in journalism from Columbia in 1975, her award included a \$1,500 travel grant from Columbia. She plans to study in Japan for a half-year. **Hawaii Gov. George Ariyoshi** put in a brief appearance at the American Newspaper Publishers' Assn. meeting in New York April 25, making a hit with convention dignitaries who received flower leis. Reason? ANPA meets in Hawaii next year.

Sports

Tim Morioka, sophomore at San Diego's Mission Bay High, won the 1979 city swim conference titles in the 100 breaststroke (1:02.7) and 200 individual medley (2:06.5).

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A Korean War veteran remembers a WW2 hero

(Here is the text of an address by Marshall M. Sumida, a Korean War veteran, who was guest speaker at the May 28, 1979, Nisei Memorial Day services at the Golden Gate National Cemetery.)

By MARSHALL M. SUMIDA
(San Francisco JACL)

We are gathered here to pay homage to our comrades who carried out their mission with full accountability in battle and made the supreme sacrifice—paying their dues with their lives.

I would like to pay my tribute to them with a few comments of my own as a veteran who fought in the Korean War as a young officer with the Eighth Army.

Items

Alan Takemoto has works in the "Street Life" exhibit of paintings at the Old Venice Jail Gallery at the Social and Public Art Resource Center in Venice, Calif. until June 30.

Asian American choreographers will be featured at the Dance Collective's concert June 15-16, 8 p.m., at the Chinese Culture Center, San Francisco. Some of the works and choreographers are "Images for Brush and Ink", "Sushi Stomp", Sachiko Nakamura, Yuki Shiroma, Gayle Nishikawa, Brenda Aoki and Marian Okamura.

Benefit carnival at Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute in Gardena, California, will be June 23-24 this year, featuring food concessions, game booths and cultural exhibits.

Cleveland's famed Sho-Jo-Ji dance group continues to entertain and introduce Japanese culture throughout the State of Ohio. For April, they performed at the Multi-cultural Education Day program at Cleveland State University; at the Geauga County Maple Festival in Chardon, the Conventry School in Cleveland Heights, and the American Heritage Festival at the Trumbull campus of Kent State University at Warren. Group was first organized in 1957.

"Japanese Food and Culture", a UCLA Extension class, will be taught by Matao Uwate, June 23-July 28, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at a private home in Encino. Call (213) 825-2272.

Tea ceremony classes will start the first week in June in San Diego, under Madame Soshin Saito, an accredited teacher from the Uransenke Foundation. Call the San Diego chapter, Uransenke Tea Ceremony Foundation, (714) 272-5426.

Under the direction of Charlie Tagawa, the Peninsula Junior Banjo Band of Santa Clara Valley was on "Evening Magazine," a program on San Francisco television station KPIX, on May 25. The Peninsula Banjo Band, also with Tagawa as musical director, participated in the seventh annual National Banjo Jubilee on May 27 in San Jose, with the proceeds donated to the Children's Hospital in Stanford for cancer research.

There are no heroes in a losing war, and Korea is all but forgotten, just as many are trying to forget adverse experiences of the Vietnam War.

However, adversities are not easily forgotten.

We cannot forget the meaning of accountability, which is carrying out the obligations that have been assigned to us by choice or circumstances to the best of our ability.

It is especially important when our "national security" is threatened. Thirty-seven years ago, we were put to the most severe test of our accountability to the United States and came through. Physically and emotionally, embattled like everyone else in the world at that time.

The men buried here knew that they were fighting the enemy on the front and were also fighting a battle against racism at home.

There is a friend buried here in San Bruno that personifies all 700 men who were killed in action, one hundred or more who are buried here. These men made the sacrifice so that we might live in a better world.

I would like to relate a few words about him.

Lt. Hitoshi Yonemura—I remember him as a young leader at UCLA in 1941. He was the "head yell leader" and student reserve officer. Day after Pearl Harbor he led a contingent of young Nisei at UCLA and volunteered for the military and was rejected by the authorities because of the emotional stress at that time.

Later, when the 442nd Regiment was formed, he was one of the first to volunteer. In battle, as an accountable young officer, he paid the price with his life. He is buried here.

When the Korean War broke out, there were many of us on active duty and reserve. Many 442nd veterans were recalled. I myself was on active duty and found myself assigned to staff duty with Eighth Army headquarters in Korea within a week after the war started.

We knew we were accountable and expendable; and remembered the legacy of the 442nd and dedicated our lives to equal their proud record.

This time we did not have to go into concentration camps and prove ourselves to our government. We were not a segregated unit—we fought alongside others. The Fifth Regimental Combat Team, with the 24th Division from Hawaii, had many veterans of the 442nd in key positions. This group suffered very high casualties like their brothers in World War II—but there are no heroes in a losing battle, and we have not heard of the sacrifices of these men.

Twenty-five years later—in the Vietnam War—our children went into battle, remembering the legacy of the 442nd. Many did not return. Those that went into the military and those that did not have come out of it emotionally distressed, disturbed and depressed, unable to forget.

Today marks a day that we, too, cannot forget. I believe that we are accountable to the men who gave up their lives so that we might live in a better world than they left. I could not forget the proud record that boys like Hit Yonemura and the 442nd left when they went into battle and won. It was a great day for all Japanese Americans when they returned as the most decorated unit for its size.

It was our turn in Korea to do the same—nothing less.

But what about the home front? The battle against racism still rages on.

I find much misunderstanding remains after 38 years of trying to block out from my mind the many adversities of the past years. I'm distressed that our Nisei

senator in Washington and the national organization supposedly representing the interests of Japanese Americans are at loggerheads. Some of the reactions shown by the country have indicated that they have all but forgotten the issues for which they are accountable.

We have still today a law on books from the Supreme Court of the United States that makes it "legal" to place anyone into a concentration camp because of "race" or any other spurious reason. This is the case of "Korematsu v. U.S."

I am suggesting that all of us here are accountable to the men who are buried here to see that this battle on the home front against racism is finally won. I believe that we must do a "mopping-up oper-

ation" and neutralize the after-effects of the Korematsu case before we veterans join our comrades in arms who are buried here.

In the Korematsu case, there were three dissenting opinions that I believe should be the law of the United States of America, and not just the majority opinion. In that case, it was Justice Robert M. Jackson who said:

"... A military order, however constitutional, is not apt to last longer than the military emergency... but once a judicial opinion rationalizes such an order to show that it conforms to the Constitution... the Court for all time has validated the principle of 'racial discrimination' in criminal procedure

and transplanting American citizens."

Justice Owen J. Roberts also dissented and said:

"The indisputable facts exhibit a clear violation of Constitutional rights... it is the case of convicting a citizen as clear punishment for not submitting to imprisonment in a concentration camp, based on his ancestry, and solely because of his ancestry, without evidence or inquiry concerning his loyalty and good disposition towards the United States."

Thank you for allowing me to say a few words today in the memory of those buried here.

I believe we are accountable to them to try to complete the mission for which

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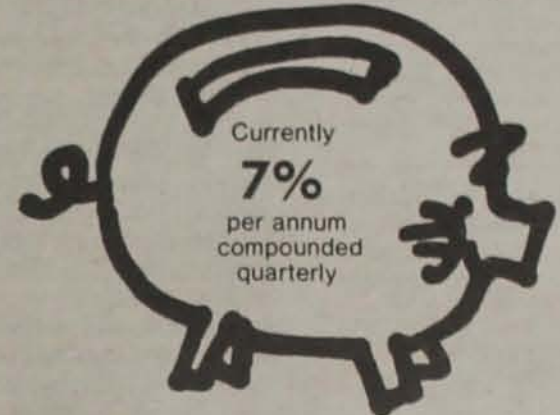
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WEST WIND: Joe Oyama

'Fresh Off the Boat'

Berkeley, Ca.

Ishmael Reed, the Black novelist and poet, said, "Asian American writing is hot right now," and it seems that almost every creatively bent Asian American is writing a play or a novel right now.

DESPITE THE LONG delay in getting off to an interest-sustaining start, allegorical intrusions and some unclear enunciations of lines, judging from the sustained laughter and enthusiastic applause, David Henry Hwang's new play, "F.O.B." is a success.

"F.O.B." (Fresh Off the Boat) Play by David Henry Hwang

At Univ. of Calif., Berkeley; presented by Stanford Univ. Asian American Theater Project. CAST: Loren Fong, Hope Nakamura, David Pating. CREW: Nancy Takahashi, producer, props; Randall Tong, asst. dir.; Roger Tang, lights; George Prince, sets, prop; Miki Yoshimura, props.

Steve, a young Chinese from well-to-do Hong Kong manufacturing family, comes to UCLA to study English

Bookshelf

●Award winner

LIFE ON TWO LEVELS (William Kaufmann, Inc., Los Altos, Ca. \$10) (Jan 5-12, PC), an autobiography by the late Josephine W. Duveneck, a wartime National JACL sponsor, was named a Christopher Book Award winner for 1978 for affirming "the highest values of the human spirit". Previous recipients of this award include Clare Booth Luce, Charles Lindberg, John F. Kennedy and other distinguished Americans.

• "Choice Magazine" called two Kodansha books on Asian cultures as "outstanding academic books of 1978": CONFUCIANISM AND CHRISTIANITY (\$15) by Julia Ching, who compares central aspects of the two in a very readable style; and THE IMAGE OF THE BUDDHA (\$50) edited by David Snellgrove, "a monumental work ... spectacularly illustrated."

MIS keynote speaker

San Francisco

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Cal.) will be keynote speaker at the MIS testimonial dinner July 7 at the Miyako Hotel here for Joe Harrington, author of "Yankee Samurai". For tickets (\$17.50), write to Bob Midzuno, 612-26th Ave., San Francisco 94121.

N.C. Nisei Singles

San Jose, Ca.

Nisei Singles Club meets every fourth Friday at the Sumitomo Bank, 515 N. 1st St., from 7:30. Attorney Grant Shimizu speaks June 22 on wills and retirement. For events, call Aiko Harunaga, pres. (408-252-3195) or Jack Matsuda (408-297-5116).

This country is where it is today on account of the real common sense of the big normal majority.

—WILL ROGERS

but is confronted with prejudice and social ostracism and becomes confused and bewildered.

As Steve, David Pating captured the speech, carriage, mannerisms and the perplexed and baffled expressions of a newly-arrived Chinese student. To find out how F.O.B.s act, Pating said, "I went into Chinese restaurants and places where they congregate. Once I watched two people for a long time and when they got up to go, I found that they were Japanese!"

Symbolic of Chinese men who first came to America, Steve prides himself as being "Kwang Kung, reigning deity of Chinese America—god of wars, loyalty, righteousness, plunder, literature, high executioner, and protector of actors". (Quotes from Ben Tong, *Bridge*, Summer 1977.)

The well-known Chinese American playwright/director and writer, Frank Chin, once wrote, "Every Chinaman over here thought of himself as a soldier."

Steve's pride and stubbornness reminds me of our Issei pioneers—tough, unbending, but flexible like bamboo.

Inviting Grace, the co-ed who works part time at her uncle's restaurant, out to dinner, he repeats time and again, not only to Grace but to everyone, "Do you know who I am? Do you know who I am?" Perplexed at their lack of knowledge, he replies, "I am Kwang Kung! Soldier. Writer. Prostitute." (Does he mean

'China Camp'

San Rafael, Ca.

China Camp State Park was entered into the National Register of Historic Places. One of the last sites of 20 Chinese shrimp fisheries that dotted the Bay Area shores 100 years ago, China Camp is three miles northwest of here on San Pablo Bay. #

Consular dean

Denver, Colo.

Bill Hosokawa, editorial page editor of the Denver Post and honorary consul general of Japan, was recently elected as its dean for the coming year by the 24-member honorary consular corps here.

For the Record

We regret the confusion caused by the story concerning books instead of flower as a memorial by LaMourne Schurtz for her friend, the "mother" of Mrs. Kiyo Hashimoto of Chicago. The word, mother, was missing in the story here last week.—Ed.

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protector of prostitutes?)

(You'll have to excuse this layman-reviewer, who admits a personal lack of sufficient, adequate background in Chinese history.)

LOREN FONG AS Dale, is the Chinese American student bigot, who is jealous of Steve's status and wealth, makes fun of his lack of knowledge of English and criticizes the Hong Kong businessmen's purported manufacture of "nothing but cheap junk". For Dale, Steve epitomizes the stereotype of a new arrival Chinese: Greasy. Clumsy. Big-footed. Loud-mouthed F.O.B. (Not S.O.B. But treat him like an S.O.B. Dale does.)

Dale's insulting behavior is reminiscent of the prejudicial attitudes some of our Nikkei harbor towards new arrivals from Japan: Loud. Spoiled. Pushy. Arrogant. Untrustworthy. Opportunistic. Even "sneaky!"

Ironically, some of these people are our "new Issei", and oh! how our Sansei adulterate them. But they have to be

doddering and old.

Hope Nakamura, as Grace, is the arbiter in the bitter conflict between Dale and Steve. As befitting a man of status, Steve comes after Grace in a big car. Dale goes outside to examine the car and returns to report, "It looks like a funeral car!" The two compete, trying to take Grace out in their respective cars.

AS THE SCENE develops, Grace discovers that Steve has insulted her father in Hong Kong (the circumstances unclear to this writer). She adeptly takes command of the situation, picks up two wooden spears and tosses one to Steve, challenging him to a fight. Steve is easily subdued. Later, she offers him a present (a peace token?), which he abruptly knocks off the table.

Grace then explains to Steve, "I, too, was an F.O.B. I came here when I was young. I lived in Malibu Beach. I bleached my hair and I wanted to become white, but I was rejected." Finally coming to terms with herself, she ex-

plained, "I am now studying Chinese history and literature."

IN THE PROGRAM notes under "Dieties and Warriors" Fu Mu Lan in *The Woman Warrior*, by Maxine Hong Kingston, wrote, "When Chinese girls listened to the adults talking-story, we learned that we failed if we grew up to be but wives and slaves. We could be heroines, sword-women. Even if she had to rage across all China, a swordswoman got even with

anybody who hurt her family...."

Jere Takahashi, acting assistant professor of ethnic studies at UC Berkeley, viewing the play candidly said, "There is a growing gap between the faculty and students. I didn't know that students had such problems."

This is not to say, "Good-bye Mr. Chips!" Takahashi was sympathetic.

(Hwang was selected among the top ten finalists in the Eugene O'Neill Awards competition in New London, Conn.—JO)

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RANDOM MUSINGS: Robert H. Kono

Master of the Sword

plays, starred in the movie with Joe Penny. It was interesting to note that the Superman plot was invoked in the film—in this case, the fight against good and evil was performed in the name of the tenets of Bushido.

Yankee Samurai, by Joseph D. Harrington, which describes the exploits of the Nisei in the Pacific during World

Robert Kono, a Sansei Oregonian, spent his postwar years in Japan, returning for his collegiate studies and eventually into teaching, writing and counseling. The topics here will generally dwell on matters cultural.

War II, is another harbinger of things to come that will make for a greater appreciation of the fighting spirit of the Japanese Americans.

I suppose the important thing for us to remember in relation to the phenomena is the possibility of drawing upon it for an understanding of ourselves. Unlike the European knight, the samurai has not yet been buried as a relic of the past. He is still with us.

The founders of Meiji Japan were all samurai, and the samurai is still very much alive in the minds of the Japanese today, judging from the movies extolling his virtues. Shintaro Katsu, the blind swordsman of the films, embodies the mystique that persists in surrounding the person of the samurai. An understanding of Japanese history,

even modern history, is not complete without grasping the importance of the samurai and his credo.

I have always been fascinated by the exploits of the samurai. As a boy, I was told that my grandfather, an Issei from Ehime-ken, was a samurai, or a *shizoku*, as they were known in Meiji Japan. I have seen pictures of him and his brothers dressed in *haori* and *hakama*, wearing the deadly *Nihon-to*, the blade that all samurai cherished. Not only was it a weapon, it was also a symbol of their honor and manhood.

The samurai were fierce in battle, giving no quarter and asking for none, and they placed the highest importance on loyalty to their lord. It would seem, in view of their practice of beheading their enemies and disemboweling themselves, that they were bloodthirsty and barbaric, but nothing could be further from the truth. Besides loyalty they valued purity, frugality, simplicity, sincerity, propriety, a warlike spirit, a sense of honor, and love and gentleness. These qualities were embodied in Bushido, which also emphasized the ethics of Confucianism in the 17th century.

Later when Zen Buddhism was brought into Japan from China, the samurai found it to be compatible with their love

'Orient Times'

New York
An all-English weekly focusing on matters Asian primarily and Asian American, the Orient Times began publishing here May 14. Robert Egielski is editor. For an introductory subscription rate of \$9 at 52 weeks, write to 21 E 43 St, New York, N.Y. 10017.

of simplicity and embraced it wholeheartedly. The Japanese have had a way of amalgamating the concepts and ideas they imported from abroad with their own traditions. This has been true throughout Japan's history, especially in connection with her contacts with China and later in the 19th century with the West.

We have all heard of the samurai, but I wonder how many people know of their origins. Their identity as the military elite and rise to power began with the dissolution of the influence of the emperor's court and the central monasteries. They were farmers, foot soldiers and guards to begin with, attached to the palaces, temples and manors.

With the breakdown of the conscript system, there arose private arms-bearing warriors gathered by the local aristocracy in the provinces to take the place of the increasingly ineffective central authorities. In time, military duty became a regular form of service in the lord-vassal relationship, and specialized training in archery, swords-

manship and horsemanship was prescribed for the samurai.

By the 10th century, clans bond by kinship grew around strong leaders, notable among whom were the Taira and Minamoto. Both clans developed a huge power base and eventually confronted each other in battle in the famous Gempei War (1180-1185), chronicled in the Heike Monogatari (The Tales of Heike), which inspired many Noh and Kabuki plays about the war. The samurai of the legends were an outgrowth of the days of the Kamakura period (1185-1333) following the war that had been romanticized so often.

The Masters of the Sword were the administrators, guardians of society, poets and literati—the elite of the nation. Their fierce spirit lives on even today.

Perhaps Bushido contains the seeds of the kind of tempered individualism we need to bring alive the idea of courage and dedication evident in the lives of the samurai.

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Canadian Sansei makes hall of fame

Boston

Herb Wakabayashi, former Chatham, Ont., Sansei hockey star, was recently inducted to the Boston Univ. Sports Hall of Fame. Now a professional hockey star in Japan, Herb played here in 1965 after his junior hockey with the Chatham Jr. Maroons.

Wakabayashi was named an All-American. His brother Don accepted the award.

Kuhaulua sets Japan sumo mark

Tokyo

Jesse Kuhaulua set a Japan record on May 10 by wrestling his 1,025th consecutive bout in the senior sumo division in the summer grand festival in Tokyo. He is now shooting for the non-consecutive 1,128 total makuuchi appearance record. Professionally known as Takamiyama, he is the oldest active sumoist at 34.

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James Clavell's bestseller, *Shogun*, based on the historical tale of the rise of Ieyasu Tokugawa in the 17th century, sparked the general public's interest in things Japanese, deepening the already prevalent appreciation of Japanese culture and paved the way for the filming of the movie of the same title. Toshiro Mifune, the international star, will play the part of Toranaga.

Another indication that the samurai is appealing to an ever-increasing number of Americans is the TV movie called "Samurai", shown recently on ABC. A mature James Shigeta, looking the part of the mentor that he

Non-English census forms suggested

San Diego, Ca.

Gov. Jerry Brown, as lead-off witness at a House subcommittee hearing on census and population here May 25, recommended that 1980 census forms be printed not only in English but also in Spanish and other appropriate languages to help avoid the serious undercounting of minorities that occurred in 1970.

"Even at the time of Christ, when the census was being taken and the Holy Family went to Bethlehem, it was taken in Aramaic, Greek and Latin," he noted.

Rep. Edward Roybal (D-Cal.), sitting ex-officio on the subcommittee, said the 1970 census failed to count about 300,000 Hispanics in Los Angeles County and as a result, the county lost about \$50,000,000 every year. "We also do not know how many Asians were not counted," he added.

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Japan ponders poultry farms in West Virginia

Charleston, W.Va.

The Japanese may be into chickens in West Virginia before coal as Agricultural Commissioner Gus Douglass recently reported the Japanese have asked about duplicating one of the state's largest poultry plants here, to then send the poultry product back to Japan.

Some of the nation's largest chicken farms are located in the eastern panhandle of the state, Douglass noted.

But Gov. Rockefeller also just returned from a trip to Japan, where he was trying

ing to interest them in buying more state coal. A coal liquefaction plant in Morgantown is being planned by Japan, the governor said.

Carter's visit

Tokyo

President Carter wants to jog around the Imperial Palace during his visit here June 24-29, but the Foreign Ministry and police hope he changes his mind, Kyodo reported. The 2 1/2-mile course downtown is popular with joggers.

Tule Lake Plaque Dedication

San Francisco

JACL-Tule Lake Plaque Dedication Committee, as of June 1, reported 727 contributions have been acknowledged for a total of \$15,807.50 over a span of five months—topping even its subsequently adjusted goal of \$15,000. Recent donors were:

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Douglass said the Japanese have developed a taste for poultry since World War II, but that it was too expensive since grain must be shipped to Asia. As a result, Japanese industrial officials have met with his agency and with poultry businessmen from eastern part of the state.

Ironically, Douglass' interest in Japanese industri-

al expansion here comes from an official who earlier this year was skeptical of too much foreign control in this country. But he said he was not opposed to a foreign corporation having industrial connections here and saw nothing wrong with foreign aid for the experimental Morgantown coal liquefaction plant.

Driver's handbook in Nihongo printed

Los Angeles

The Calif. Driver's Handbook that most people read before taking a written examination for a driver's license is now available in Japanese. It is the seventh foreign language version of the book now found at most Dept. of Motor Vehicle offices.

Final translation is ascribed to Teichi Hirano of Sacramento. Toyo Printing Co., Los Angeles, printed the pamphlet.

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they were willing to give up their lives. To do anything less would be like repeating the famous Gettysburg Address. I hope we gathered here today are gathered together dedicated to the proposition that all men can live as equals.

I do not believe ... that "these men have died in vain." We should dedicate our lives to the proposition that our leaders be accountable to see to it that the experiences of the Japanese Americans during World War II need not ever be repeated again—to anyone—regardless of race, color, creed or national origin.

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