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L.A.'s new Children's Museum aces out Japanese restaurant

Los Angeles
The city's public works board showed its political muscle by having Los Angeles Children's Museum open its doors this past week rather than a restaurant at the northern end of the City Mall, the Kashu Mainichi reported June 20.

The museum will be paying \$1,000 per month rent for the 17,000 sq. ft. facility. While making it possible for the Children's Museum to open, the City Council had refused to hear at least two restaurant proposals, including one from the operators of Tokyo Kaikan Restaurants, the

paper said.

Michael Oh, former Little Tokyo CRA project manager, was not permitted to speak before the city council's public works committee to explain the Tokyo Kaikan proposal, which may have brought in upwards of \$144,000 per year based on minimum projected revenue.

Original plans for the mall called for a first class restaurant in the space leased to the Museum. The City Council approved the recommendation of the L.A. Board of Public Works chairman Warren Hollier by a 13-1 vote May 30. Tokyo Kaikan was approached by the city a year ago to consider use of the space, unoccupied since the mall opened five years ago. #

Filipino accountants win in state fight

Sacramento, Ca.
The State Board of Accountancy voted 6-3 to recognize the results of accountant licensing examinations taken in the Philippines, reversing a past policy. Up to 500 Filipino accountants would be exempted from taking a 2½-day examination.

Attorney Robert Gnaizda, representing the Filipino accountants before the board, said this change was "the opening wedge in providing professional opportunities to immigrants from Pacific nations." #

Wendy seeks public support

San Francisco
Wendy Yoshimura this past week made a public appeal for freedom to continue to "rebuild" her life during a press conference called in Nihonmachi on Monday (June 18) after the state supreme court refused to hear her appeal the previous week.

The court's action was denounced by Yoshimura's friends and supporters in the Japanese American community who called the press conference.

"Since my trial, I've been trying to rebuild my life and normalize my life," Yoshimura, 36, said. "I have a really good job that enables me to support myself and do my artwork. I've been able to do community service, and I've

made lots of friends."

Given the kind of life she has been leading, "it won't do any good at all to put me in jail," she said.

Gail Aratani, coordinator of the Japantown Art and Media (JAM) Workshop, outlined the volunteer service Yoshimura has provided, including a watercolor class for the elderly. Wendy is one of the few bilingual persons helping at the workshop. "She has been a model citizen during her freedom on bail," Aratani added.

The Rev. Lloyd Wake, chairperson of the Wendy Yoshimura Fair Trial Committee, attested to the continued strong community support for Yoshimura: "Wendy is a person of good standing

in the community; she has a job, is not a threat to anyone. There would be no useful purpose in sending her to jail; it would be a waste of taxpayers' money."

Yoshimura's appellate counsel, Dennis Riordan, said he will ask the trial court to reduce her 1-15 year sentence or grant probation when she is ordered to surrender herself within the next 60 days. Yoshimura has been free on a \$50,000 cash bail provided by members of the Japanese American community.

Riordan, who is deputy state public defender, indicated there are still some legal options available in the state courts and that the appeal definitely will be further pursued in the federal

courts. Continued bail, however, is at the discretion of Alameda County Superior Court Judge Martin Pulich, who heard the trial.

"Her case virtually cried out for Supreme Court review," Riordan said. "The merits of the case fulfilled every legal requirement for a hearing, but the court was under tremendous political pressure from the right-wing, as evidenced by the (Harold) Tanner reversal, and they dodged a controversial case which surely would have attracted a glare of publicity."

"The court ignored the long respected legal principle that a person stands trial only for specific charges against herself, not for the alleged crimes of other people she may know," Riordan continued. "Highly prejudicial evidence unrelated to any offense charged against Ms. Yoshimura was allowed: namely, testimony regarding the activities of Patricia Hearst, Emily Harris and William Harris."

The charges related solely to illegal weapons found in a garage she rented in 1972.

Even the State Court of Appeal decision on April 5 acknowledged:

"The pre-arrest proof included lurid descriptions of Hearst's participation in the San Francisco bank robbery, and the incident in which she shot up the Los Angeles sporting goods store, in the spring of 1974; (but) there was no evidence that appellant (Yoshimura) had been involved in these episodes in any way."

"It is outrageous that the Court can uphold a conviction based on guilt by association, especially an association which took place years after the fact; whatever her roommate may have done prior to their meeting is totally irrelevant to her case," added Raymond Okamura of the Wendy Yoshimura Fair Trial Committee. #



Reiko Weston

MINNESOTA'S SMALL BUSINESS AWARDEE

Restaurant entrepreneur honored

Minneapolis, Minn.
Kimono-clad entrepreneur, Reiko Weston, who now runs three small restaurants—Fuji-Ya, Fuji International and Taiga—became Minnesota's Small Business Person of the Year, receiving a plaque from the SBA that cited the daughter of a former Japanese admiral for "exemplifying imagination, initiative, independence and integrity"

and for making a vital contribution to the nation, the economy and the free enterprise system.

It was an emotional event (May 21) at her Taiga Restaurant as state and local officials gathered to honor her. Reiko said it was a long and hard task to turn "meat and potato-eating Minnesotans into suki-yaki lovers". She came as a bride to Minneapolis in 1953,

and to support two children (her marriage had dissolved), she decided to run a restaurant, the Fuji-Ya, which opened in 1959 on LaSalle Ave. between 8th and 9th. Her parents came from Tokyo to help. Her father died two years later, but her mother stayed on.

As business flourished and being intrigued by the Mississippi River, she took over

Dr. Edmund Jung wins bias case

San Francisco
A federal appeals board found Dr. Michael Geokas guilty of racial discrimination against Dr. Edmund Jung, a physician on Geokas' staff at the Veterans Administration hospital in Martinez.

The Jung case does back to December, 1975, when he filed an employment discrimination complaint against the VA Hospital where he

practiced as an internist for 26 years.

Last May, the U.S. Civil Service Commissions appeals review board—the last resort in administrative appeals—upheld six of Jung's 22 complaints, including the charge that Geokas called Jung a "Chinaman" and mimicked Jung's appearance by pulling up the corners of his eyes.

Geokas, once nominated by Gov. Brown to the State

Board of Medical Quality Assurance, voluntarily withdrew his name from consideration for the state board position two years after large scale protests from the Asian American community.

Geokas is still chief of medicine at the Martinez VA hospital, while Jung, who transferred from Geokas' section, now works in the hospital's ambulatory care section.

Jung is still unhappy that

nothing was done to discipline Geokas, who according to Jung's attorney, Dr. Robert Nolan, has never apologized to Jung.

Jung has since filed a civil rights suit in federal court, charging Clarence Nixon, hospital director; Geokas and other VA officials discriminated against him because of his race in violation of Title VI. A trial date has been set for the fall. #

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washington

Commerce Department reorganization of its minority enterprise programs to aid previously ignored medium-sized firms could hurt 98% of minority businesses, according to Dr. Berkeley Burrell of the National Business League. The Department has denied the charge. A medium-sized firm is defined as one with gross receipts exceeding \$1 million annually, and it is estimated there are 8,000 such firms among 400,000 minority businesses.

Congressmen and senators who have exempted their own staffing decision from the federal law barring job discriminations, may be subject to job-bias suits under the Constitution as a result of the Supreme Court's 5-4 decision of June 5 in the Otto Passman case. A dismissed woman employee of the Louisiana congressman had sued for back pay on the basis of the Fifth Amendment. The same day in a 7-2 case, the court upheld the Massachusetts veterans preference system, saying the law wasn't intended to discriminate against women. The plaintiff, a woman, was denied civil service appointments because male veterans, despite lower scores, were ranked higher.

Federal regulations to carry out the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 were issued June 5, insuring all programs and activities receiving federal money do not discriminate on the basis of age.

Handicapped persons have no right to force colleges to accept them in spite of their handicap, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously June 11 and added that colleges receiving federal aid have no binding duty to take affirmative action to open up their programs to the handicapped. Since the decision was based on the 1973 federal law, Congress could overrule the court and provide added protection. The plaintiff, a deaf woman, was refused admission to a registered nursing program at Southeastern Community College, Whiteville, N.C. She had been a licensed practical nurse for over 12 years but was rejected because of her hearing problem. Thus "physical qualifications" may be used as a reason for barring a person from a college program.

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california

S.F. Examiner columnist Guy Wright (June 13) credits Sen. Hayakawa with "the most ingenious suggestion yet" with respect to dealing with the illegal Mexican worker problem in the U.S.: for a \$250 deposit, Hayakawa would grant a legal work permit good for six months, and the deposit is returned when the worker returns home with a guarantee of the same deal next year. The plan would remove traffic from the hands of the hoodlum, threat of exposure by exploiting U.S. employers and the need to build higher fences at the border.

Community Asian Art and Media Project, based at 1322 Webster St., #402, Oakland, Ca., is being organized to provide graphic services to East-bay Asian American groups.

Deaths

Tadashi Yamaguchi, 96, of Seattle, died May 19. Recipient of the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 5th and 6th classes; operated the North Coast Importing Co., active with Nichiren Buddhist Church, JAFL, Japan America Society, Puget Sound Golf Club, Japanese Community Service and Donka Club. Survived by s Kay, Jiro (Chicago), Minoru, d Taeko Yamaguchi (Japan), Mieko Jonokuchi (Gardena), Natsuko Chin, 13 gc and 3 ggc.

It is an offshoot of San Francisco's Japantown Art & Media. Artists skilled in silk-screen and photography, lettering, layout and writing may call Asian Manpower Services (415-548-5519) about job openings.

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los angeles

Special summer classes in Japanese cooking will be conducted by Matao Uwate at Zenshuji Temple, 123 S. Hewitt St. in Little Tokyo from June 30, every Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be four sessions covering many aspects of sushi making, both Kansai and Tokyo style. The fee is \$50 for the entire course, including the cost for materials.

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northwest

Seattle's Pike's Place Market Preservation and Development Authority (206-625-4764) has initiated an oral history project, which is interested in talking to anyone who has worked at the Market in the past.

Japanese language courses in the Seattle high schools have been successful in drawing non-Japanese students, but with the shifting Nikkei population away from current schools which are offering the course, the consequent decrease in the number of Japanese American students may affect the program, the Seattle JAFL Board was told recently.

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the south

Two Dallas men, described as members of a nationwide Chinese-American gang, were arraigned in federal court May 25 on charges of extorting nearly \$5,000 from two Dallas Chinese restaurant owners. The local Chinese community of about

3,000 cheered the arrests. Mike Kin Chi Yee, 28, and Cheung Hon Law, 23, were charged. FBI said they did not know to what extent the city's 60 Chinese restaurants were shaken down.

SMU Film Archives, Dallas, received eight new films about Japan and its culture through Japan National Tourist Organization on a one-year loan arrangement.

A cooperative U.S.-Japan shipbuilding effort (such as U.S. naval vessels) could dramatically reduce the U.S. trade deficit with Japan, Texas Instruments chairman Mark Shepherd declared in Dallas at the 16th Japan-U.S. Businessmen's Conference June 11-14. Shipbuilders in Japan have been troubled by a drop in demand, noted Shepherd, and U.S. Navy recently curtailed its plans because of inflation. A Japanese businessman thought the move was impossible because of strict arms controls in their constitution.

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the west

Denver's Rocky Mountain News editorial (May 28) regards Sen. S. I. Hayakawa as "essentially frivolous" and one who "deals in invective and superficial summations that sometimes pass for wit." "Let's not make a cultural hero out of a man like this," the paper concluded.

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hawaii

Retired Circuit Judge Masato Doi says he is reasonably satisfied political spying among East-West Center students has occurred even though he has found no hard evidence. He was retained by EWC in February to check published charges of political surveillance and released a 25-page report June 7. First reports published last year of spying involved students

from Taiwan, whose associations, statements or reading habits made them suspect of being critical of their home government.

Hiroschi Yamashita, 54, of Keaau may succeed State Rep. Jack Suwa of Puna if he resigns to join the state administration. Yamashita, on leave from Puna Sugar Co., is president of the National School Board Assn. and has been on the State board of education since 1965. Governor Ariyoshi would appoint Suwa's successor.

Governor Ariyoshi signed into law a bill creating the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to coordinate programs intended to help Hawaiians. Currently, native Hawaiians comprise about 18% of the Island population.

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canada

Toronto's proposed "emergency plan bylaw" has been compared to the 1914 War Measures Act which coordinated government steps to evacuate in 1942 the 20,000 Japanese Canadians from British Columbia to inland camps by Edy Goto, a Sansei student, in a brief filed by the Annex of the Japanese Canadian Community Centre. A

Metro Council committee had been assured by Solicitor George Rust D'Eye that the plan does not allow police and other authorities to have greater powers of arrest or expropriation than they already have. An "emergency" would be declared by the Metro Council, its executive committee or its chairman.

At New Denver, B.C., a mountain ghost town in 1942 that was converted into a Japanese Canadian "concentration camp" because of the war, turned a new leaf in May when a new Japanese Canadian Community Centre was dedicated by representatives from federal, provincial and local governments. The Japanese-styled structure stands as a remembrance of things past, however unpleasant, and the courage and faith Japanese Canadians showed in meeting adversity, the New Canadian noted.

The Raymond (Alta.) Buddhist Church observed its 50th anniversary May 27 with Prof. Masatoshi Nagatomi, whose father founded the church in 1929, as guest speaker.

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japan

An Argentine Airforce Boeing

707 transport flew June 4-5 from Osaka to Buenos Aires (22,400 miles) with a refueling stop at Auckland over the Antarctica, first such attempt during the south polar winter season.

The National Language Council in Tokyo is discussing a changeover from Toyo Kanji (1,850 Kanji designated for daily use) to Joyo Kanji (Kanji in common use). Government officials would like to see standard Kanji for names.

WESTON

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of the old Salisbury Mattress Bldg. in the St. Anthony Main Development. It features Chinese cuisine.

Talking with Margaret Morris, staff writer of the Minneapolis Tribune, Weston revealed plans for building a Japanese hotel on the riverbank which would fit into the city's riverfront development plans. She is also into Oriental pasta (frozen shu-mai) business and has ordered equipment to produce the dumplings.

In 1974, she married John Drummond, a food broker. Her daughter Carol, 17, is interested in hotel-restaurant training in college. Her son Michael, 15, is more interested in aeronautics.

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Kyu Sakamoto sings hit song with sign language

Tokyo

Kyu Sakamoto, the singer whose rendition of "Sukiyaki" became an international hit in 1963, has a new hit, "Shoshite Omoide" (And Then Memories) delivered with sign language at the recent National Convention of Deaf and Mute here, according to the Asahi Evening News.

Rokusuke Ei, who wrote the lyrics, and Hachidai Nakamura, composer, added the eloquent sign language after witnessing a "sign language chorus" perform here this past summer and in anticipation of the famous American National Theater of Deaf.

"Shoshite Omoide" in sign language is rich with special body movement. The words are:

"I want to talk about someone / I want to have an enjoyable talk / With someone I will meet / About my hometown / About the mountains covered with snow / About the sea with its waves."

The Asahi Evening News noted there was provincialism in the Japanese sign language, the deaf-mute in the Kanto area (Tokyo) being unable to understand the deaf-mute of the Kansai area (Osaka-Kyoto). "There should be no rush to eliminate these regional differences," The Asahi commented. "If the people of the east (Kanto) and west (Kansai) continue communicating for several years, won't a joint sign language evolve?"

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18 high school, 4 college scholars share \$13,300 in awards

San Francisco

JACL National Scholarships totaling \$13,300 have been awarded this year to 18 high school graduates and four college students. Among the 18 freshman scholarship winners, chosen from 120 applicants, eight were ranked at the top of their senior classes, and six had perfect grade point averages of 4.0.

The awardees are:

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ELEANOR KIKUMI MELTZER, the daughter of Robert and Betty Meltzer of Beaumont, Calif., ranked No. 1 in her class of 173 at Beaumont with a 4.0 gpa. She will enter Stanford University in the fall, and her goal is to practice internal medicine. She was a National Merit Finalist, Bank of America winner in Liberal Arts, wrote a weekly column about school activities for the local paper, and was active in student government, sports, and on the yearbook staff. She participated in JACL activities, Little League, and takes music lessons.

Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Moriuchi \$1,000

BRIAN IGARASHI of La Mesa, Calif. is the son of Yoshiya and Helen Igarashi. He ranked No. 1 in his class of 542 at Helix High with a 4.0 average and plans to enter UC Berkeley and to major in biomedical engineering. He was National Merit Finalist, CSF Life Member, finalist in 1978 and 1979 Southern California Journalism Write-Offs, captain of the Math Team, president of the Senior Club. He was on the school newspaper, in the Science Club, marching and concert bands.

JOHN TATSUO NAKAHATA, son of Donald and Alice Nakahata of Mill Valley, Calif., ranked No. 2 in his class of 364 at Tamalpais High with a 3.97 gpa. He plans to work for a political science degree and a career in law. He won the Bank of America mathematics and science award, is a CSF life member, was in the Debate Club, Computer Club, concert band, on the school track

team, and is active in church activities and the Marin Youth Orchestra.

Kenji Kasai Memorial \$700

PETER IWANOHTAKI, JR., son of Peter and Rosie Ohtaki of Menlo Park, Calif., ranked fourth in his class of 480 at Woodside High with a 3.98 gpa and will enter Harvard with economics and political science as his goals. He was senior class president, in the Senate Youth program representing his high school, a CSF life member, won the Harvard Prize Book Award, is an Eagle Scout, and is active in church and tutoring.

South Park Japanese Community of Seattle \$700

GREGORY DAVID NAKAGAWA, son of Cdr. and Mrs. Gordon Nakagawa of Coronado, Calif., ranked second in his class of 225 at Coronado High, with 4.0 as his average. He plans to study computer science at UC Berkeley. He was a National Merit Finalist, salutatorian for his graduating class, recipient of the Bank of America Achievement Award for Mathematics, math team member, captain of the bowling team, on the school magazine and a student Rotarian.

Dr. Takashi Terami Memorial \$600

NAOYA OBAYASHI, son of Hiroshi and Kimiko Obayashi of Princeton, N.J., ranked at the top of his class of 300 at South Brunswick High with a 4.0 average, and plans to attend an East Coast university to study biophysics. He was National Merit Semifinalist, member of the math honor society, on the chess team and part of a special Community Involvement-Personal Educational Development program at his school.

Mr. and Mrs. James Michener \$500

TISH MIYE OKABE, daughter of Masayuki and Shirley Okabe of San Jose, Calif., had a 3.9 average at Willow Glen High and plans to study public relations and journalism at the University of Southern California. She was a National Merit Finalist, winner of a Bank of America certificate for foreign language, on the cheerleading squad, yearbook and newspaper staffs, active in student government, Young Buddhists Assn., the Bando Mitsusa Kai dance group and Nisei Junior Bowling League.

TIA SUZANNE MIYAMOTO, daughter of Keith and Marilyn Miyamoto of Albany, Calif., ranked ninth in her class of 180 at Albany High with 3.88 as her average and plans to study political science and international relations. She is a CSF life member, was active in student government, Big Sisters and Senior girls, the school band and orchestra, and was captain of the cross-country track team.

Sumitomo Bank of California \$500

JEFFREY YOSHIO SUTO, son of Frank and Mae Suto of Hacienda Heights, Calif., ranked at the top of his class of 600 at Los Altos High and plans to pursue political science or business administration. He is a National Merit Finalist, CSF life member, won the Bank of America award for achievement in fine arts, has held office in student government and won three letters in sports. He was in the marching band, wind ensemble and jazz ensemble, teaches clarinet and performs locally and in other cities.

KAREN AKEMI SHISHINO, daughter of Takao and Helen Shishino of Culver City, Calif., ranked No. 1 in her class of 424 at Culver City High School, will study foreign languages in connection with business or speech therapy at a Southern California university. She was valedictorian for her class, belonged to the Ski Club, class councils, and the Chirons, a service club. She played varsity volleyball and basketball and is active in Buddhist League basketball.

Gongoro Nakamura Memorial \$500

JOHN DAVID KURATANI, son of Kazuo and Esther Kuratani of Torrance, Calif., ranked at the top of his class of 609 with a 4.0 average and will study natural sciences with the goal of a medical career. He was a National Merit Finalist, CSF life member, won a Bausch and Lomb Science Award, belonged to the math club, Renaissance Playgoers, industrial arts club, and taught tennis. He has been active in the Gardena Judo Club, U.S. Tennis Assn., Explorers Club Medical Post 1041.

Mitsuyuki Yonemura Memorial \$500

MARK FISHER KADOSHIMA, son of Beverly and Donald Kadoshima of Kent, Wash., had a 3.57 gpa at Kentridge High and plans to attend the Univ. of Washington and become a dentist. He was in the National Honor Society, on the varsity teams in judo and wrestling, and was active in the NRA, AAU, SPARC, and U.S. Judo Federation and the Puget Sound Judo Yudansha-kai.

Majin Uyesugi Memorial \$500

YUKI AKAMATSU, daughter of Mrs. Noriko Akamatsu of Augusta, Ga., ranked fourth in her class of 375 at the Academy of Richmond County with a 4.0 average and plans to study chemistry with medical research as her goal. She has won the Augusta College and Univ. of Georgia Certificates of Merit, has held student body office, belonged to the Pep Club, math team, Foreign Language Club, the science club, YMCA and was a summer counselor at YMCA Day Camp.

Col. Walter Tsukamoto Memorial \$500

RENEE MIYUKI OKAMU-

RA, daughter of Raymond and Taeko Okamura of Berkeley, Calif., attended Berkeley High and will enter UC Berkeley with plans to work in the media. She is a CSF Sealbearer, member of the Hiking Club, Gourmet Club, was on the yearbook and newspaper staffs and did makeup and design for school productions. She worked for, and belongs to, East Bay Japanese for Action and Asians in Mass Media.

Saburo Kido Memorial \$500

CAROL LYNN SACHIOYO OZAWA, daughter of Koji and Betty Ozawa of San Francisco, ranked 11th in her class of 820 at Lowell High with a 3.9 gpa and plans to study science with a medical career as her goal. She is a CSF life member, won the National French Contest Certificate d'Honneur, Soroptimist Youth Citizenship Award and the Medical Apprenticeship Program scholarship. She was a member of the Japanese, French, German and Star Trek clubs, editor of her school paper, was active in sports and orchestra, and has been a volunteer worker for her church and with the Medical Explorers of the Boy Scouts.

Glitchi Aoki Memorial \$300

NANCY ANNE JAMESON, daughter of Clayton and Eiko Jameson of Petaluma, Calif., ranked No. 1 in her class of 349 at Casa Grande High and has a medical career as her goal. She was president of CSF and the National Honor Society, active in student government, on the speech and debate team, cheerleading squad, was in the French Club, Eco-Chemistry Club, Biology Assn., National Forensics League and the Bay Area Experience for Mentally Gifted Minors.

13 Asian cultures featured at Heritage Week

New York

Thirteen local Asian cultural groups joined the spirit of Asian/Pacific Heritage Week proclamations signed by President Carter, New York Governor Hugh L. Carey and New York City Mayor Edward I. Koch in a program at Citicorp Atrium May 5.

Tibetan ceremonial horns played at the beginning of religious celebrations in the monasteries of Tibet, followed by traditional dances reflecting 13 Asian cultures:

Indonesia, China, Pakistan, Philippines, Korea, Indian, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Tibet and Japan.

Ruby Schaar, active New York JACLer, emceed the Japan Day program on May 5, which included greetings from Shotaro Takahashi, Ja-

JACL Supplemental \$250

GARY ISAMU ARISHITA, son of Henry and Maxine Arishita of Petaluma, Calif., ranked third in his class of 320 at Petaluma High and will study biology at UC Davis and plans on a career in medicine. He took photographs for his yearbook, was team captain in swimming and wrestling, belonged to Mentally Gifted Minors, Spanish Club, and is a member of the JAYS.

COREY ISAO KASHIWAGI

Graduate Scholarships

Sumitomo Bank of California \$500

CHERYL MITSUKO YOKOYAMA enters Harvard Medical School in the fall and is a graduate of UC San Diego with a BA in chemistry. She has been involved with the San Diego County Hospice, which seeks to provide physical, emotional and spiritual support for the terminally ill and their families. She also worked with the Minority Biomedical Support research program during her last two years at UC San Diego.

JUDY YAMAGATA of Berkeley, Calif., is attending the graduate school of business administration at UC Berkeley where she will earn an MBA in 1980. She is a graduate of US San Diego in economics. Yamagata plans to concentrate on applied economics and finance and will work on an individual management research project in the future.

Nisaburo Aibara Memorial \$500

RAYMOND M. SHIGEOKA of New York is a Ph.D. candidate in music at New York University

son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kashiwagi of Sacramento, Calif., ranked No. 1 in his class of 527 at Luther Burbank High, will study physical sciences at Cal State Sacramento for a career in energy resources. He belongs to the Society of Distinguished American High School Students, is a CSF Sealbearer, belonged to the Asian Club, marching and concert bands, played varsity tennis and was in a summer tennis league.

and has received his Masters in Music at Juilliard School and his Bachelor in Music at the Univ. of Hawaii. His career has been marked with impressive musical achievements, and he is regarded as being talented in both piano and percussion. Shigeoka successfully debuted at Carnegie Recital Hall in 1976, and performed to excellent reviews in the New York Times at Alice Tully Hall in 1977.

Magoichi Kato Memorial \$450

VERA NAKAKO MIZUSHIMA of Boulder, Colo., will enter Columbia University this fall for a graduate degree in International Economics. She received her BA in economics from the Univ. of Colorado. Mizushima has lived abroad for a significant part of her life, and this along with her Japanese immigrant background, has influenced her academic decisions. She has been active in the Konan-Illinois Study Abroad Program in Japan, was program assistant at the Economics Institute in Boulder, and in the university orchestra and chorus.

panese consul general; and George Shimamoto, pres., Japanese American Assn.; koto, aikido, kendo, vocal selections and classical dances.

Programs marking Korea Day, India Day, Philippine Day, China Day and Indonesia Day completed the schedule staged by Asian Americans United Inc. Ruby Schaar, stage manager for all the shows, was recognized with the Asian American Success Award for her "outstanding example of achievement and service".

In San Mateo, Ca., a record crowd witnessed the Heritage Festival coordinated by San Mateo JACL at Central Park May 6. Resolutions passed by the San Mateo County board of supervisors and the City of San Mateo were on display with other

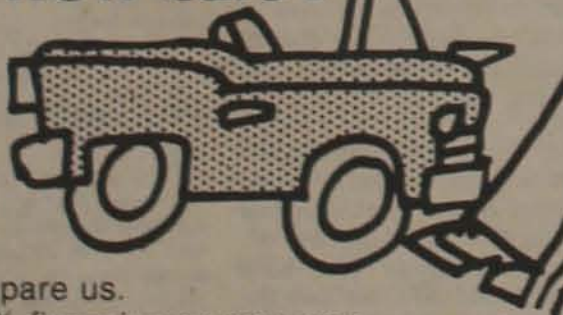
cultural exhibits. Ethnic foods and entertainment were featured. Co-sponsors included:

Asian American Community County, College of San Mateo, Asian Student Union, Foster City Chinese Club, Foster City Filipino Club, San Mateo JACL, Peninsula Assn. of Chinese Americans, Samoans for Samoa, S.M. Vietnamese Community, S.M. Korean Community, Talekeiela Tonga Club, S.M. Parks and Recreation Dept.

In Indianapolis Gov. Otis Bowen and Indianapolis Mayor William Hudnut signed proclamations promoting Heritage Week. Joining JACL in observance were:

Barangay Club, Chinese Assn. of Indiana, Indianapolis Assn. of Chinese Americans, Japan America Society of Indiana, Korean Society, Minyo Club, Philippine American National Assn., and the Vietnamese and Friends Assn.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Clifford Uyeda

Political Game

Citizens in a democracy have high hopes of influencing their elected officials—and they do. Righteous issues are often acted upon because they become politically wise to do so. Political appointments are also made with lofty pronouncements. How much is reality and how much a political game?

Whether in a monarchy, dictatorship or in a democracy, the process of political appointments seem to vary little. The pronouncements are all imposing, but the bottom line is the payment of political debts for services rendered.

In a democracy political debts are acquired in three ways—votes, money and labor. The first two are just potentials unless made into reality by the third. This is why a small minority such as Asians, or an even smaller minority such as Japanese Americans, can contribute mightily to a major candidate's campaign.

Getting involved in the political process is most important. Being visible, workers in campaigns are essential. Organizing for getting votes, organizing for fund raising, becoming a part of the party machine—these are the essentials of a successful political involvement.

We speak of under-representation of Asians at higher civil service positions. Once beyond the middle-management level, appointments are often political. As Japanese Americans increase their direct political involvements, we will be much more likely to be considered or be consulted on more essential and desired appointments.

GUEST SPEAKER:



A Time for Reflection

Midwest JACLers were unanimous in their petition to have this speech reprinted in the PC. It was delivered by Congressman Mineta Mar. 16 at the Univ. of Michigan campus where the "EO 9066" exhibit was being shown for the first time in the state.

By **NORMAN Y. MINETA**
(Member of Congress)

It is an honor and privilege for me to be with you this evening, and I'd like to thank Ann Lyons and Dr. Harry Kitano for their gracious invitation to share some thoughts about evacuation and internment.

It is important for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to know and to appreciate our history, not just for the intellectual stimulus involved, but also because it helps us understand the present, and it gives us some of the wisdom necessary to deal with the future.

Let me recall for you my internment experience and present my impressions of what its lesson holds for future generations of Americans.

When the first Issei, the first generation from Japan, came to America, they brought with them a basic belief in the principles on which America was founded: equality, opportunity, freedom, and justice. They struggled for many years and made untold sacrifices to achieve freedom not only for themselves, but for succeeding generations.

Most immigrant groups start at the bottom of America's socio-economic ladder and have to work their way up. For the Issei, the road to equal opportunity and social acceptance was strewn with obstacles.

Despite their determination, despite the sacrifices they made to insure that their children would become a part of the social and economic mainstream, their hopes and aspirations were totally dashed overnight by Pearl Harbor, Executive Order 9066, and the subsequent internment of Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

Executive Order 9066 authorized the Secretary of War to designate "military areas" within the U.S. and to exclude "any or all" persons from those areas. This Executive Order triggered the evacuation and the military movement of more than 112,000 American residents of Japanese ancestry into camps. Because the time between the signing of Executive Order 9066 and the first movement of evacuees was so short, the Army took over race tracks and county fairgrounds, broomed out the horse stables, and those became our "homes".

At one point, the camps held nearly 120,000 persons. Over 70,000 were U.S. citizens. None of them were accused, indicted, or convicted of any illegal or criminal act, and the sole reason for our removal and imprisonment was our ancestry.

As one who was interned with my family in a camp, along with the other over 112,000 Japanese Americans, I can recall the mental anguish and economic consequences endured by loyal American citizens forced from their homes, their education, their businesses and jobs in the country they loved. Most lost everything they had worked so long and hard to achieve, including their homes, personal property and businesses which they were either forced to sell or had confiscated by the government.

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A variety of views of Redress

Editor:

I don't intend to hide in a hole with my lips sealed trembling in my zoris because a few of my people plus Hayakawa are in fear of a "backlash." To live in fear is not living at all.

The Tucson reader (June 15 PC) says: "The prosaic mentalities so prevalent in WW2 days have not decreased nor improved one iota." So, what does he propose? Should I crawl in a hole and fade away? I prefer to fight the system through the courts. I would like to be able to climb the highest mountain and shout at the top of my lungs: "The Constitution was written for me, too."

The decision of the National Committee for Redress to establish a Congressional commission has my full support. But ultimately a monetary compensation is a must.

Hayakawa was not incarcerated in the concentration camps, nor was I, but to use the word "free handout" is disgusting and irresponsible.

His defense of Hayakawa's latest faux pas amuses me. He says, "It is a fact that the poor do not

need gas because they can't afford it." But "poor" is relative. Some people feel poor even if they have a million dollars. Others feel rich if they have a hundred dollars jangling in their pockets. It is all a matter of personal goals. As for me I feel poor because I was forced to wait in line for two hours to fill my tank with gas. If I owned the gas station, most certainly, I would feel rich.

There is nothing more disheartening than a nouveau riche that has no compassion for the poor.

M. YAMANAKA ISEKE
Palo Alto, Ca.

Editor:

The "Redress, Commission Approach" and "What Will Win" statements demand response.

In the first statement, we are told that the Commission was designed to circumvent the "no chance of passage" of the Seattle bill; that the Commission will take us one step closer to redress; that therefore it is a "responsible action toward the Japanese American community". Very persuasive. But the undis-

closed fact is that the fact-finding aspect of the Commission was suggested as a method of neutralizing Senator Hayakawa. The Commission is to conduct an inquiry into whether grave injustices occurred, whether we internees suffered, and whether redress should be made. It is hoped that the findings of the Commission on these points would effectively rebut and refute the senator's anti-redress utterances. Why hide this fact from the membership? Or has Hayakawa already refuted this strategem? His response on learning about the JACL's Commission approach was "Why don't we drop the whole matter?" (PC May 18) Can Hayakawa ever be neutralized?

If we remove this fact-finding aspect, if we change the "whether" into "whereas", the need for the Commission disappears. We would be affirming the need for redress. The only thing left would be the method and amounts of payment. This, surely, would be something Congress itself could do.

What are the facts regarding the Nikkei legislators? We are

led to believe, by careful language, that their "suggestion" was the Commission approach. But the actual wording is "The suggestion was the Commission approach". Not dumb. What was their position? Senator Inouye favored the Commission approach and felt uncomfortable with the IRS method of funding. Senator Matsunaga was intrigued by the IRS approach. Congressman Mineta opposed the IRS method because it involved too many congressional committees. He also opposed the Commission if it would do nothing Congress itself could not do. Congressman Matsui favored redress for those in need. That's really not quite so tidily in favor of a Commission, is it?

As to the question of contravention, we are told, "It was the determination of the National JACL Legal Counsel that the Commission approach does not violate the Salt Lake City mandate." I suppose it is possible to argue that since the Commission may arrive at a recommendation similar to the 1978 mandate, the mandate is not, with total certainty, violated. Legal advocacy has its function when both sides are advocated and adjudicated by an impartial judge. But one side advocacy? Clifford Uyeda, in his memorandum of 8-8-78, clearly defined the guidelines on which the Bill presented to Congress is to be based. These guidelines include eligibility, individual payments, Latin Americans of Japanese ancestry, the responsibility of the U.S. for claims processing and payments, and a trust foundation. The Commission Bill is based on none of these.

I believe that John Tateishi is quite sincere when he calls the redress effort "a game". We, the membership, have been played with and manipulated. We have not been given the straight facts. We have been led to conclusions. We are told the Commission is our only hope, not a strategem to neutralize Hayakawa. We are led to believe the four Nikkei legislators came up with the idea of a Commission. Only Senator Inouye did. The fact-finding aspect comes from Mike Masaoka and Kaz Oshiki. We are told that the 1978 Council mandate is not violated by the Commission Bill when that Bill contains none of the guidelines required by that mandate.

Fortunately for us, the Seattle redress bill will be introduced in the Congress. JACL members and friends will be able to channel their frustrations creatively. Both the Northern Illinois and Pacific Northwest Conference of The United Methodist Church voted overwhelmingly to support of this bill. The American Friends Service Committee, midwest region, voted its support. It's just the beginning. This bill offers no assurance of victory, no alleged sophistication in gamesmanship. But it does offer a clear statement of the case for redress and a clear expression of the will of the people who support redress.

WILLIAM HOHRI
Chicago, IL

Hikkome! Hikkome!

Editor:

Question: Why is the MacArthur plan to make Japan the Switzerland of Asia only partly successful?

Answer: Because the Japanese can't be taught to yodel.

NAOMI KASHIWABARA
San Diego, Ca.

'Oriental Flavor'

Editor:

I am looking for a cookbook, "Oriental Flavors" (I believe that was the name), which I had sent for over 20 years ago from somewhere in California. Its plastic cover was red, the name in black, illustrated with a rice bowl and a pair of chopsticks, and spiral-bound in black plastic. My old copy is long lost.

Can anyone help me locate this or is willing to sell me one?

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FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

'John Wayne' Alive and Well

Salt Lake City:

John Wayne, the actor, is dead. But our friend John Wayne, who lives up the street, is alive and well. His name is really Bill. I remember a time when they used to whisper behind his back, "There's John Wayne." It was not a joke, for some of the men who passed the word were leaders of this valley. It was said with respect, bordering on awe.

There is some physical resemblance. Bill is a tall, muscular man. He has the Wayne stance and some of the actor's gestures. Facial similarity is in the stubborn set of the chin, in the direct gaze of the eyes. I notice it most when in anger his eyes narrow, becoming almost Asian.

He takes pride in his masculinity, struts it at every opportunity. I do not enjoy his bruising embraces or his handshakes that force me to eat left-handed. But I refuse to give him the satisfaction of knowing how much it hurts, preferring to suffer in silence. I am mean. Physical endurance is important to him. I remember when, after surgery on his back, he gripped the hospital bed with whitened hands. He was not gritting his teeth but grinding them as he forced a smile and said he was fine.

There are times when I have called him, to his face, both a bigot and a racist. One night, he refused to listen to a recording by a black artist. The day before, his only daughter had been slashed severely in a San Francisco restroom. Her assailant happened to be black. "That was another black man," I said. It took time for the blood on the knife to dry.

I remember when American antagonism toward Japanese trade was at its peak. American economy, particularly within the corporate structure, was severely threatened. Some of the anxiety was deflected toward Japanese Americans, often by those who could not distinguish between Japanese and Americans. At a party, my husband and I were engaged in some lighthearted conversation, the general gist which I have forgotten. But somewhere, another guest raised his glass toward us, saying rather loudly, "Banzai." We laughed. Bill was at the opposite end of the room, but I saw him whip around when he heard the salutation. His eyes were dangerously narrowed as he quickly moved toward us. "It's all right. We were just having fun," I assured him. But all that night, I could

sense his lingering watch over us. This was the same man who makes a point to engage me in debate over our political differences.

It reminds me of the time he almost killed a dog. Bill hates dogs, even the poodle his family owned. He never petted it or talked to it. But one day, a German shepherd grabbed the poodle in his mouth. Bill ran off to get his shotgun to kill the larger dog. It was a matter of justice to him. He will defend every man's and every dog's right to it. I have told him he is irrational, everything being so black and white with him. Deliberately withheld is the admiration I have for a man who so genuinely believes in justice, whether for foe or friend. No sense letting him get big-headed.

At the inaugural festivities for President Carter, John Wayne referred to himself as being the "loyal opposition". That description also suits our friend Bill. He has the same sense of honor and dignity that Wayne conveyed so well. One of his kind is worth more than a whole army of unfaithful sympathizers. John Wayne is not dead. He lives up the street and is alive and well.

FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Mesokawa

Frantic Spectators at a Swim Meet

Denver, Colo.

Matthew William Harveson, occupation grandson, has been taking swimming lessons and making remarkable progress. At age 7, he is completely at home in the water and, understandably, he was invited by the coach to join the pool team.

Last Friday Matt took part in his first meet, and of course, his parents, grandparents, uncle and aunt had to be on hand to provide moral support.

The meet was a lot more sophisticated than anything I remembered. Although the contestants were only skinny little 7- and 8-year-olds, they were timed by a complex electronic clock that calculated down to the hundredth of a second and displayed the results on a scoreboard hooked into the system. There was a professional-looking starter in white pants and a starting gun that was loud enough to frighten the beezus out of small babies and unaware adults.

As it turned out, all these trappings were necessary because the little kids could swim like fish. They weren't just splashing around in the pool; most of them had excellent form and showed the results of expert coaching. Matt's form was as good as any of them—he slid through the water with the greatest of ease—but this was his first meet, and he lacked both the strength and experience to keep up with the best of the competition. Nonetheless, he won a couple of red ribbons (plus three candy suckers which were the consolation prizes for those who didn't finish first, second or third).

Watching Matt compete was great fun, but it was even greater fun to watch his parents, Lloyd and Christie, shouting and clapping and urging him on even though there was so much noise being made collectively by other parents that obviously the swimmers could be aware of no individual voices.

The scene was poignantly reminiscent of another time and another cast of characters, and suddenly it came back to me. It was at least 25 years ago, maybe even before that, when Mike, our first-born, was a pre-teenager. He was swimming the anchor lap in a free-style relay for the YMCA team. I could recreate the scene vividly in my mind's eye.

Mike's team was in second place when the No. 3 man completed his lap. Mike hit the water a good two body-lengths behind the leader. He swam beautifully, inching up on his foe until it was impossible to tell who was ahead. Then, for a brief while they swam dead even, matching each other stroke for stroke. The crowd's cries were deafening. Then, little by little, Mike pulled ahead, maintaining his poise, rejecting the temptation to thrash wildly in a frantic effort to win. The discipline paid off. He won the race with room to spare. The victory in the relay meant winning the meet. Mike was the hero of the meet, and there was great jubilation all around.

Mike went on to win a swimming letter in college. He coached the freshman team at the University of Oregon and the varsity at San Diego State, or maybe it was the other way around, or it might have been the varsity at both schools. I've forgotten the details. But I cannot forget the thrill of watching him win his first race.

After Matt's performance, he and his little brother Jon and his folks went somewhere and had a bite to eat. Then they all went home and hit the hay, even though it wasn't late, because suddenly they discovered they were all very tired—Matt because he swam five races, Jon because it was bedtime, and Lloyd and Christie because they had discovered just how exhausting it is to be rooting from the sidelines when one's own child is involved in an athletic contest.

And then I remembered, too, how tired I was after Mike won the relay for the YMCA. I felt as though I had swum every yard of the way with him, and in a sense I had.

Calif. columnist raps Hayakawa for failing to understand redress

Readers have sent in Earl G. Waters' column of June 11 where the syndicated columnist on the California scene writes about redress. One paper headlined it, "Hayakawa Wrong"; another had "The Why of Reparation: Not Japanese redress, but American authenticity at stake".

By EARL G. WATERS
(State of the State)

It is difficult indeed to understand how one as well educated as S. I. Hayakawa could fail to understand the most significant issue involved in the efforts of the Japanese Americans to win reparations from the U.S. government. And the fact that he is a U.S. Senator makes that failure completely unacceptable.

Hayakawa's reaction to the growing movement for redress for the civil wrongs done the Japanese Americans during WW2 was an unsympathetic admonition that the whole thing should be for-

gotten. If it is surprising that the U.S. Senator representing this state should take the matter so lightly, it is even more so when it is a senator of Japanese ancestry. But, then, Hayakawa was born and raised in Canada and didn't venture into California until long after the Japanese here had taken their lumps.

Yet, his seeming insensitivity to the sufferings which those who were here underwent, may be based on the feeling that, all things considered, it is better to let sleeping dogs lie. He may feel that opening old wounds would cause greater harm than any benefits to be gained. Such rationalization could stem from the fact that in the 34 years since the end of WW2, the Japanese Americans have progressed magnificently. From the pit of total rejection, they have climbed by their own industry and good conduct to the peak of complete social acceptance, as evidenced by Hayakawa's own election to the U.S. Senate by the people of California. Thirty odd years ago, he would have been tarred and feathered if he had dared announce his candidacy.

Having been merely a spectator, watching the Japanese Americans being abused from afar, it may be easy for Hayakawa to forget. But for the 110,000 men, women and children, who, in those dismal weeks immediately following Pearl Harbor, were rounded up in California, Oregon and Washington and herded into barbed wire enclosures, it was an experience never to be forgotten.

Hayakawa scoffs at those who draw a parallel between the "relocation centers" and Hitler's concentration camps. True, the people were neither executed nor physically abused. Still, it has been cor-

rectly observed that imprisonment in no less a place than the Waldorf-Astoria, does not make the loss of freedom any more palatable. The camps, nothing but bare board barracks built in the most desolate places, were a far cry from a Waldorf-Astoria.

Keep in mind this massive arrest of innocents, many of whom were native-born U.S. citizens, was carried out without anyone being convicted of anything. In fact, no one was charged with any crime. The whole thing was under the banner of "national security". In itself that would have been inexcusable. But because the real truth is that it was prompted by an economic motive, a desire to be rid of the fierce competition of the more efficient Japanese American farmers, it is an unspeakable disgrace.

Security did not compel any interference with the Japanese in Hawaii, where they outnumbered the rest of the population. It did not result in the imprisonment of the Germans or Italians, despite the nation being at war with their homelands or with the knowledge that many Germans had formed into Bunds and goose-stepped in New York and elsewhere in support of Hitler. Or that some of the most notorious gangsters were of Italian descent. In contrast, the entire Japanese American population was almost completely devoid of criminality. Furthermore, they had never clogged the welfare rolls, being a thrifty, industrious race that took care of its own. And, in a final proof of the terrible injustice, not a single case of sabotage or other anti-American acts, was ever proved against any Japanese American during the entire course of WW2.

Even if these people could now forget this horrible treat-


ment, as Hayakawa advises, the American people should never permit this black mark in its history to be erased from memory. For, what happened 37 years ago to the Japanese Americans could very well happen to any one of us in the future. The payment of reparations will etch in marble the grossest mistake in the nation's record. #



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June 6—Camp Jerome, Ark., being closed June 30; close to 5,000 being relocated to other camps.

June 8—Canada State Secretary McLarty authors bill to disfranchise Nisei in Canada for duration of war; Nisei already barred from voting in British Columbia had voted for the first time in eastern provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

June 16—Maryland State Board opposes hiring evacuees in state hospitals or child care facilities.

June 21—Western Defense Commanding officer Gen. Delos Emmons (who had succeeded Gen. DeWitt in 1942) transferred; Gen. Hartwell Bonesteel from U.S. Forces in Iceland, takes over.

Boise Valley, IDC honor grads and a longtime friend

Boise, Ida.
Intermountain District Council delegates here for the second quarterly session May 26 at the Royal Inn joined the host Boise Valley JACL for dinner to honor the area high school graduates and pay tribute to a longtime benefactor, Harry McCluskey.

McCluskey, a devoted friend of the Idaho Japanese community, was presented a

National JACL certificate of appreciation and a gift and resolution from the Boise Valley JACL. Tok Yamashita, host chapter president, opened with greetings, while David H. Leroy, Idaho Attorney General, delivered the main address. Lanny Fujishin, Adrian High graduate and JAYS president, responded for the graduates. Barry Fujishin was dinner

emcee.

At the IDC business meeting, progress reports and updates generally comprised the agenda. Gary Koyama, Idaho Falls president, announced the theme for the IDC Convention to be held Nov. 23-24 in Idaho Falls will be "Transition—Yesterday and Tomorrow". Workshop topics should be forwarded to Yoshioko Ochi, program chair.

Sam Fujishin, IDC nominations chair, requested nominations for district offices be submitted at the next quarterly in Twin Falls Aug. 18, which will be in conjunction with the Minidoka Memorial Project dedication. Masa Tsukamoto of Pocatello is in charge of the dedication.

Robert C. Sim's publication, "Japanese American

Contributions to Idaho's Economic Development" was distributed. Boise Valley JACL helped finance the printing. Another publication, "The Price of Prejudice" by Leonard J. Arrington, about

the Japanese at Camp Topaz, was also made available.

IDC Gov. John Tameno reported a new district legal counsel will be selected to succeed Terry Yamada, who has moved out of the district.

T.C. to host East-Midwest joint parley

Bloomington, Minn.
The Twin Cities JACL will host the Eastern/Midwest District Council Conference at the Thunderbird Motel here, Aug. 24-26. The Conference theme of "JACL in the 80's" will be highlighted in workshops which will address concerns for JACLers in four areas: Biracial families, stages of adulthood, affirmative action, and U.S. and Asia—future relations.

Separate district meetings are planned for 9 a.m. Friday and 1:30 p.m. Saturday. A joint meeting is scheduled at 9 a.m. Sunday as a final event.

In addition, there will be many booster activities, including tours to the Betty Crocker Kitchen, the State Fair, the Nicollet Mall, the St. Paul Omni Theater, tennis and golf.

Packets containing reservations and registration information have been mailed to EDC/MDC chapter presidents or contact the Midwest Office:

5415 North Clark St., Chicago, IL 60640, (312) 728-7170.

chapter pulse

cincinnati

The annual picnic will be held Aug. 19, 1:30-7:30 p.m. at the Maple Ridge Lodge. Since the chapter has rented the lodge, contributions to defray expenses are appreciated. Non-members will be expected to remit a dollar donation.

We Americans have no commission from God to police the world.

—BENJAMIN HARRISON

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calendar

● **JUNE 30 (Saturday)**
Monterey Peninsula—Reno trip (2da).

San Gabriel Valley—Scholarship award supper, ESGV JCC, 6:30 pm; film: "Uprooted"; George Thou, Sue Embrey, spkrs.

● **JULY 1 (Sunday)**
Cleveland—Comm picnic.

Seabrook—Comm picnic, Parvins State Park.

French Camp—Graduates outing, Oak Park, 4pm.

● **JULY 4 (Wednesday)**
San Diego—Comm picnic, Silver Strand State Beach, 11am.

St. Louis—Picnic, Eden Seminary Grounds.

● **JULY 7 (Saturday)**
NC-WNDYC—Volleyball tournament, Contra Costa hosts.

San Francisco—MIS reunion, Miyako Hotel, 6:30pm; Joseph Harrington, spkr.

● **JULY 11 (Wednesday)**
Washington, D.C.—Bd mtg, Redden res.

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

Riverside—Sendai Festival (2da). Riverside Mall.

● **JULY 14 (Saturday)**
Contra Costa—Summer benefit dance.

Midwest-East NYC confab July 19-22

Minneapolis

The Midwest Eastern District Youth Council 1979 Conference will be on July 19-22 in Minneapolis at L'hotel de France. The theme of the conference is "Great Expectations," chosen to underscore the MEDYC approach to the 1980s.

Matt Abe of Twin Cities will coordinate four workshops on membership, fund-raising, interpersonal communications and affirmative action. Some of the social events planned are a carnival, campfire, Japanese films, a barbecue dinner and Liquid Theater.

Conference chairman is Ryui Sakamoto, also of Twin Cities.

chapter pulse

fresno

Fresno JACL presented its scholarships during the New Members Welcome Dinner held June 1 at the Villager. Chapter president Dr. Ken Kurokawa presented the awards. Dr. Ted Shigeo was emcee. The awardees were: Fred Hirasuna Scholarship—Tei Yukimoto, Roosevelt High; Dr. Yatabe Memorial—Jean Inouye, CSU-Fresno; Achievement Awards—Judy Ikawa, Roosevelt High; Noreen Osaki and Neal Taniguchi, Hoover High.

The chapter board also voted June 4 to support the recommendations of the National JACL Redress Committee to seek redress through a legislative commission; approved a \$250 donation to enable the San Joaquin Valley Library to purchase books in Japanese; and encouraged members to support the Toys for Tots drive during August.

Hoosier—Picnic, Province Park, 11am.

● **JULY 15 (Sunday)**
Reno—Potluck picnic, Bowers Mansion, 11am.

*Cleveland—Bon Odori, Buddhist Church.

*Seabrook—Obon (2da), Buddhist Church.

● **JULY 19 (Thursday)**
Twin Cities—Midwest-East NYC conference, Twin Cities JAYS host (4da), Bethel College, St Paul.

● **JULY 20 (Friday)**
Monterey—SFCJAS Asilomar III (3da).

● **JULY 21 (Saturday)**
Los Angeles—SCYPCC luau, Seicho-no-Ie, Gardena.

*San Francisco—Nihonmachi Streetfair (2da).

● **JULY 22 (Sunday)**
NC-WNDYC—Invit swim meet, Gunn High, Palo Alto.

● **JULY 28 (Saturday)**
Los Angeles—Poston IHS reunion, New Otani Hotel.

● **JULY 29 (Sunday)**
Contra Costa—Picnic.

Seattle—1000 Club golf tourn, Jackson Park.

Santa Barbara—Barbecue, Tucker's Grove.

Philadelphia—Picnic, George Nakashima's, New Hope, 2pm.

*Cleveland—Buddhist Church picnic.

chapter pulse

philadelphia

A group of 35 Philadelphia JACLers met May 5 with National President Dr. Clifford Uyeda and his wife Helen for dinner at Happy Garden Restaurant in Philadelphia's Chinatown.

Of interest was Dr. Uyeda's comment covering JACL's redress program that his acquaintanceship with Sen. Hayakawa dates from prewar days when they attended Univ. of Wisconsin and until Hayakawa's public opposition to redress at Salt Lake City, the two were on speaking and writing terms. Sad to say, Dr. Uyeda has been unable to have an audience with Sen. Hayakawa to try and reach an understanding.

Allen Okamoto, a Philadelphia-born Nisei, said his family nonetheless suffered considerable economic hardships during WW2 even though they were not evacuated. He stressed every JACLer in their respective communities should inform the public on what Japanese Americans had experienced.

The May 19 hanami for the seniors at Swiss Pines was still a success for 44 who enjoyed an indoor program and Japanese box lunch because of rain.

June Schumann, chapter board member and EDC representative to the JACL census liaison, has resigned to join her husband John in Sacramento, where he is senior planner with the regional transit district.

The chapter picnic will be held July 29 at George Nakashima's in New Hope. Ted Tsukahara is chairing the annual event with Jack Ozawa assisting.

chapter pulse

reno

Reno JACL's annual potluck picnic will be held on Sunday, July 15, 11 a.m. at the North Pavilion of Bowers Mansion, situated between Reno and Carson City on Hwy 395. Refreshments will be provided.

chapter pulse

riverside

The Sendai Festival, July 13-14, at Riverside Mall is drawing near as preparations get underway in earnest.

Over 50 members will be contributing hundreds of hours to insure the Festival's success. Hours on Friday are 11 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Food will only be offered on Friday.

Among the demonstrations will be:

Origami by Junji & Katherine Kumamoto; pottery by Hajime Kanazaki; sumie by Mrs. Sumi LaRose; bonsai by Sandy Levenson; flower arrangement by Mrs. K. Nakabayashi; aikido by Ace Atkinson; and karate by Ray Dalke.

The Ondo Folk Dance will be held 8:30 p.m. on Friday. Mrs. Doris Higa is directing this popular attraction.

Meanwhile, Masami Ishikawa, v.p., has resigned because of his move to Santa Clara. He donated a 23-cup rice-cooker for use at the festival.

chapter pulse

san diego

San Diego JACL's annual picnic on Fourth of July at Silver Strand State Park starts at 11 a.m., but the fishing derby participants will have to start early since the weigh-in has been advanced to noon.

Chapter announced Japanese has been rescued from endangered list at San Diego State as Steve Rabson acknowledged JACL's support to have two courses retained for the coming semester. He said Aug. 27 is the day to register for Elementary Japanese (1st year), Reading in Japanese (2nd year), both starting Sept. 4.

chapter pulse

san gabriel valley

San Gabriel Valley JACL will honor scholarship awardees at a potluck supper June 30, 6:30 p.m., at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, it was announced by Mrs. June Uejima, scholarship committee chair. On the program will be "Uprooted", featuring prewar footage of Japanese community life in San Gabriel Valley and two Manzanar Committee speakers. For supper dish assignments, Mrs. Miyuki Young (286-1567) is in charge.

The honorees are: \$200 David Ito Memorial—Eleanor G. Hatanaka, Chino High, p; Kenichi-Toyoko, \$100 Chapter Awards—Jeffrey Y. Suto, Los Altos High, p; Frank-Mae, Hacienda Heights; Nancy J. Tanaka, Rosemead High; Kathryn K. Imahara, Rowland High; Linda M. Watanabe, Edgewood High, West Covina; Dana T. Ikegami, Royal Oak High, Covina.

Twelve other honor students from valley high schools were awarded certificates from the chapter.

chapter pulse

santa barbara

Santa Barbara JACL will hold its annual BBQ at Tucker Grove, Sunday, July 29. Tickets are \$5 for the dinner. There will be games for the children and presentation of the annual scholarship for a local high school graduating student.

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Moreover, these Americans suffered the humiliation of being classified as potential traitors to their country. Yet history has recorded not one single act of treason or sabotage committed by a Japanese American throughout World War II.

Over 25,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry served with distinction in the Armed Services during the war, and many gave their lives as part of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team and in the Military Intelligence Service in the South Pacific.

"There were 10 'relocation camps', as the government euphemistically called them, scattered in remote and often desolate areas of the West and Mid-Western United States—vacation, spas you would recognize like Poston, Ariz.; Heart Mountain, Wyo.; Rohwer, Ark.; and Minidoka, Ida.

Our homes were tar-paper barracks surrounded by barbed wire fences. Each family, depending on family size, had anywhere from 10 x 20 feet to approximately 20 x 25 feet with a black pot-bellied stove to burn wood or coal.

The internees themselves assumed the responsibility for running the camps. Since there was a severe labor shortage, the internees provided their own labor force of farmers,

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teachers, doctors, cooks and all the other personnel needed in running a camp of 15,000 to 20,000 people.

These people performed services which, under other circumstances, would have been provided by the federal government, and for their work they were compensated \$12 to \$19 per month depending upon the job they were in.

There is no way to accurately measure the suffering which resulted from this tragic incident in our history. There is no way to repay the years lost in the camps or to make reparations for their anguish. While some have estimated property losses at over \$400 million, I feel that is a conservative figure. It is even more difficult to evaluate the lost income of Japanese Americans during the time they were held in the camps.

Many of you may have heard reports that there is a campaign going on through the Japanese American Citizens League to secure redress for Japanese Americans who were interned in these World War II camps.

This has been a topic of discussion within the Japanese American community for some time. For the most part, however, the campaign for redress has largely concentrated on its educational goals, particularly that of reminding the American people of a largely forgotten or unknown episode in our history.

The lessons of the internment go to the heart of our constitutional democracy and bear directly on our rights. As Americans and as human beings. It is for this reason that the lessons of the internment need to be brought to the consciousness of all Americans once again.

When I began my first term in Congress, a member of my new staff told me that she had never heard nor read of the internment of Japanese Americans in any of her history classes. I fear she is only one of millions who were denied the opportunity to learn from this tragic American mistake.

Only four members of Congress currently serving held office at the time of the internment back in 1942. There is, therefore, a new generation of public officials and other Americans who need to be reminded of the internment.

If nothing else, the effort to secure redress will provide an opportunity to reflect upon this often overlooked event in

American history. Hopefully, the knowledge gained will guarantee that tragedies such as the Evacuation and subsequent internment will never occur again.

Some would have us dismiss the experience of the internment camps as unimportant, dead history; as something too unpleasant to be discussed, or, conversely, as something not so unpleasant as even to be worth discussion.

I fear that often we lose the real significance of that episode by concentrating on its details—by concentrating on questions of how the Executive Order came to be signed, of the rationale which was given, and of disagreement over what life in the camps was really like.

What, then, is the real significance of the internment camps?

For an explanation, I think we have to look to the Japanese

American heritage, to our experiences in this country. As a people, we have been in a position to experience both the best and the worst in American life.

We have realized the dream of providing for our families, of knowing freedom from deprivation, and of having the dignity of self-reliance. On the other hand, we have suffered the intolerance and the bigotry which will always lurk as potential forces in human nature.

We know from experience that the founding principles of this country have real meaning and are not just hollow classroom phrases. And yet, we also know that in times of adversity, unless those principles are defended and maintained, they can indeed become hollow and even mocking phrases.

The past three decades have been very successful years for Japanese Americans. In so many ways, we have at long last achieved some of the goals of our parents and have become part of America's economic, social and political mainstream.

In my own life, I have gone from a U.S. internment camp to the United States Congress. We can look back on our response to the tragic months following Pearl Harbor and to our very substantial progress of these past three decades with pride and satisfaction. But we also must remember the lesson of our heritage: civil liberties do not and cannot sustain themselves. Constant vigilance is required.

It is unfortunate that over the years so many Americans have come to take their freedom for granted. The lessons of our past, and especially the harsh realities of life for the Issei in this country, should serve as a reminder to us that wherever and whenever civil liberties can be taken from one group or individual, they can be taken from any group or individual.

It is, therefore, incumbent upon us all to remain watchful and actively involved in those issues which affect all the various groups in our society. We must remain vigilant for the rights of all generations, whatever their ethnic background, color, sex, creed or age.

If there is a legacy from the internment camp experience, I believe it should be that our civil and constitutional rights be constantly defended and maintained—not just for Japa-

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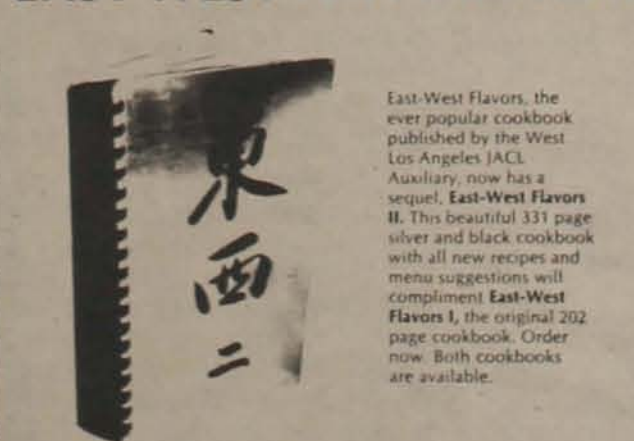
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education

Dr. Jim Hirabayashi is back home in San Francisco, having completed a two-year visiting professorship at Ammadu Bello University in Zaria, Nigeria. A former dean of ethnic studies at S.F. State, he will be department chairman of anthropology in the fall.

Steve Hiroyuki Mori is president of the Faculty Senate at San Diego City College. He is the younger brother of State Assemblyman Floyd Mori of Pleasanton. **Harry Hashimoto** of San Diego, who was just conferred his doctorate in leadership from United States International University, is now race-human relations facilitator with the San Diego Unified School District. He was formerly pastor of Ocean View United Church of Christ.

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entertainment

Seiji Ozawa, who won his first conducting prize in France, returned to Paris and the St. Denis Music Festival (June 10-11) to perform Mahler's Eighth Symphony inside the Basilica of St. Denis with two full orchestras and four choirs. The concert was televised nationally. He returned to opera before returning to his Tokyo home, conducting Ravel's "L'Enfant et les Sortilèges" and Stravinsky's "Oedipus Rex" on a single program at the Opera.

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government

Six Utahns, including **Chizuko Ishimatsu** of Salt Lake City, were renamed to the Utah Advisory Committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. In Denver, **Minoru Yasui** was elected chairperson of the Colorado Advisory Committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

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health & medicine

Harold L. McQuinn, son of Salinas Valley JACLers Maurice and Michiko McQuinn, was born in Sendai; was a 1971 honor graduate of Monterey High, and a 1975 magna cum laude graduate from USC. On June 7 he received his degree in dentistry at USC and will begin practice at Encino.

Rodger Lam has been appointed Executive Director of Oakland's Asian Community Mental Health Services. He will be receiving his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from UC Berkeley, is currently a lecturer in psychology at San Francisco State and will be teaching a course on Asian Community Mental Health this winter at Berkeley. He is editor of the Asian American Psychological Assn. newsletter.



Michael Alexander

Son of retired Army Sgt. Marvin and Sumiko Alexander of Santa Maria, Ca., **Michael Alexander**, 18, of Righetti High School, has been accepted to the U.S. Military Academy. Nominated by Rep. Robert Lagomarsino (R-Cal.), Santa Maria Valley Nisei said Michael is the first Nikkei from the area destined for West Point.

West Point cadet **Ernie Isensee**, son of Mrs. Hideko Isensee of Arcadia, Ca., has been named to the spring Dean's List. Isensee, a member of the Academy's Rugby Club and Sport Parachute Club, is a gold seal graduate of Arcadia High School, where he lettered in football, track and wrestling.

Commodore Perry Post 525, American Legion, installed **Allen Dong** of Los Angeles as its commander for the seventh consecutive year at the 30th annual dinner in Little Tokyo.

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press-radio-tv

Denver Post associate editor **Bill Hosokawa** was named a director of the American Committee for the International Press Institute and a member to the international communications committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors. The Colorado Authors League presented its best adult non-fiction book of 1979 award to "Thirty-Five Years in the Frying Pan" by Hosokawa. Bill is a past president of the Colorado Authors League. **Dalton Tanonaka**, staff writer for the Honolulu Advertiser, received a \$250 award and a certificate in an international contest in which he placed second for his best feature story about firefighters. The Hawaii Local 1463 had submitted the Tanonaka story for judging in the contest.

Sansei 'Adopt' the Hinomaru

Berkeley, Calif.

FEAR OF REPRISAL? In New York City and across the Hudson in Hoboken, New Jersey, where I once lived there is an ethnic population of Italians, Puerto Ricans and Cubans. They proudly display the flag of their respective ancestral countries on decals stuck on the windshield or bumper of their cars. I've wondered why Nikkei in Manhattan never had the courage to do this. Was it because of an unconscious fear of a reprisal?

But here on the West Coast, where Japanese are many, I discovered it is another story: There are a few Nikkei who are unafraid to assert their ethnic identity. The first time I went into a Hawaii Nisei-owned coffee shop in San Francisco's Japantown, I was surprised to see a happy Sansei counter-man with the Hinomaru flag sewn to the seat of his Levis. Since then, I've seen the same pasted on the windows of a few cars, presumably driven by Sansei and also in the front living room window of a large residential home in Berkeley.

A DIFFERENT TIME, A DIFFERENT PLACE: The other night, my son Richard (here recently from Hoboken to enter the Master's program in Creative Writing at S.F. State University) and I went to "An Evening of Remembrance" program held at the Konkō church in San Francisco.

"Home Movies from Manzanar", produced by the Manzanar Committee of Los

Angeles, was shown. Portions showed Chaplinesque sequences (with its stepped up tempo, not intentional) depicting an excessive degree of patriotism under internment conditions. It looked as though everyone in Manzanar was marching—the drum corps, boys in scout uniforms and good citizens. Was it because Manzanar was in an Army designated war zone and according to the racists, "the enemy was the Jap"?

The older brothers of the boys in boy scout uniforms were about to be drafted into the U.S. Army to fight the Nazis, who espoused Aryan white supremacy and had invaded the low countries. What about racism at home? "But the enemy was the Jap," and those were "Japs" in the concentration camps according to Dies, Costello, Rankin and many many other racists—hiding under the cloak of patriotism.

At the Topaz Camp, all activities, according to the director "were American activities because the camp was located in the war zone." At the time, I was in the Jerome Relocation Center in a swampy area of Arkansas far removed from the West Coast theater of war. In Jerome, things were more relaxed and the Issei were able to hold cultural activities, even writing haiku about how the moon shines over the desolate Arkansas camp on a fall night. Despite the harmlessness of the activities, a few 200 percent American Nisei silently objected.

A TINKER TOY IS FOUND: Writer and Yale graduate, Sheridan Tatsuno, who taught English in Japan, narrated his father's "Home Movies from Topaz", which had been shown on a TV newscast.

Before World War 2, Sheridan's father operated the landmark Nichibei Bussan in San Francisco's Nihonmachi. Tatsuno said, "I've seen this film over and over again even as a child so that I feel the camp experience is a part of me. I feel as though I had been in camp."

He cautioned the audience to take all the smiling and laughing in the film "with a grain of salt because before a camera people always ham it up."

In times of adversity, the Japanese just don't like to show a sad face. The laughing, smiling and hamming up in the film were in stark contrast to the scenes when there was no one outside the barracks, because snow was falling and the temperature sub-zero.

Sheridan's brother Sheldon died of tonsillitis shortly after the family had left Topaz.

Ten years after internment, the Tatsuno family made a pilgrimage to the former barrack site, which was no longer there, at the Topaz concentration camp. Sheridan's voice waivered when he related, "My mother rummaged through the rubble and discovered a piece of tinker toy, which my brother dropped on the day we left camp ten years ago. My mother started to cry..."

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