

Oregon Sansei heads Girls Nation

Medford, Ore.

"I love speaking in front of large crowds," said 17-year-old Leilani Yamada of Medford. "I can't describe the feeling. It's just great."

It was her poise and her ability to speak with personality that helped 97 other senior girls from high schools around the country elect her as president of Girls Nation for 1979, she said.

The annual week-long event, in which the young women learned about the federal government system and formed a mock administration and Senate chamber, with elections and all, was held in Washington, D.C., in July.

Miss Yamada, who represented Oregon along with Tracy Smith of Portland, was elected president after two days of campaigning as the "Nationalist" party nominee. The candidate she defeated, from South Carolina, was a member of the "Federalists".

Miss Yamada, a speech team member at Medford High School and the outgoing, energetic granddaughter of Japanese immigrants who were first in Hawaii (and the daughter

of the Gregory Yamadas of Applegate), said she applied speaking techniques she has learned to gain attention from her audiences.

"I tried to be as different as possible in my speeches. I would start them out with real attention grabbers. Like in one speech I gave about voter apathy in this country, I started out by saying, 'I'm not going to vote tomorrow. I just don't care about government. It's not worth my time' ... Then I discussed the attitudes of voters who don't care. It was a good speech."

Along with her inaugural speech, a commencement address and a State of the Union speech—"I gave a very optimistic view of Girls Nation," she said—Miss Yamada lobbied heavily for certain mock legislation, such as Oregon's own bottle bill.

"I feel I was different from the rest of the speakers," she said. "To speak effectively, you've got to put personality into it." To become president of Girls Nation, "You really have to learn to sell yourself," she added.

"All of the girls got to meet their federal

government counterparts and talk to them, such as our department of energy chairman, who met James Schlesinger.

"All except for me, however," she added.

"I didn't get to see the President. He was too busy, of course. I did get to see his Oval Office though."

Two selected representatives of each state participated in Girls Nation, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. The girls are selected from Girls State, also sponsored in most states by the American Legion.

Miss Yamada, who said she is applying to Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study engineering, was a special guest at the American Legion Auxiliary national convention in Houston this past week.

A student government officer for several years, (and a participant in the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans the previous year), she said she gave thought to a political career. "I'm changing my mind about being a politician," she said. "I got a good look at it on the inside."

—Oregon Journal



Leilani Yamada

Marina JACL joins Pacific SW district

Los Angeles

JACL's newest chapter, Marina, formed earlier this year with neighboring Venice Culver JACL as sponsor, was welcomed officially into the Pacific Southwest District Council at its third quarterly meeting Aug. 26 at Gardena.

George Kodama, national JACL treasurer-secretary, who was instrumental in organizing the 107th chapter, felt the chapter will be an active one with overriding emphasis on developing Sansei for future JACL leadership. Young attorney Paul T. Suzuki is president. On the board are:

Grace N. Mitsuhashi, 1st vp (redress); Ruben K. Rivera, 2nd vp (schol); Ruth T. Horibe, treas; Dorothy Shimizu, sec; George Kodama, memb/1000 Club; Sho Horibe, insur; Ernest Hiroshige, legal counsel; Lani Ann Sakoda, Ronald Wakabayashi, Kimi Okayama, Virginia A. Kodama, bd. membs.

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WSU treats Asian American differently

By DENNY YASUHARA and DALE MINAMI

Special to The Pacific Citizen

For over six years, Asian American students, faculty, and concerned citizens have attempted to convince Washington State University (WSU) to establish Asian American Studies and provide culturally sensitive counseling services for Asian Americans. While programs have existed since the early '70s for Black, Chicano, and Native Americans, Asian Americans were consistently denied comparable programs to meet their educational needs.

It was not until aggressive action was taken against the WSU on several fronts that serious consideration was given for programs by the WSU Administration. When requests and proposals from 1973 to 1977 continued to be denied and negotiations failed, an Administrative Complaint was filed on behalf of Asian Americans by the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) with the Office for Civil Rights, HEW, in December, 1977.

Although a temporary one-

year position for an Asian American scholar to develop a program and teach a course or two was provided in the fall of 1978, negotiations for a permanent total program beyond that year failed.

Thus, in September, 1978, five WSU Asian American students and the JACL filed a civil rights lawsuit in U.S. District Court against WSU. This suit is still pending.

In April, 1979, HEW's Office of Civil Rights issued a ruling of no jurisdiction on the Asian American Studies charge and cleared WSU on all other allegations—a blatant abdication of responsibility by a federal law enforcement agency. Despite this decision, in June 1979, after support from many JACL chapters, District Councils, the National Office, community organizations and individuals, the Nikkei congressional officials, state agencies such as the Washington Commission on Asian American Affairs and the Washington State Human Rights Commission, and many WSU faculty members, the WSU Board of Regents approved, in principle, the Asian American



SEATTLE JACL INTEREST—Attorneys on the JACL-WSU case, Gary Iwamoto (left), Rod Kawakami (standing) and Dale Minami (right) meet with Mich Matsudaira (center), Seattle JACL president and former executive director, Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs.

can Studies Program.

The WSU Administration finally allocated monies for the first year of the program but no commitment has been made for future years nor has a director been hired although the search began back in March 1979 ... Money without appropriate qualified staff is, in our opinion, meaningless.

The case against WSU rests on two propositions: First, a governmental institution cannot treat similarly situated groups of people differently and secondly, the regulations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 expressly prohibits discrimination in federally-funded projects and also forbids granting of "benefits" to one group of persons, while denying such benefits to other groups of people.

We contend that Asian Americans were denied equal treatment because:

1—Through 1977, over \$1.4 million was spent on minority studies, counseling, and recruiting programs for Blacks, Chicanos, and Native Americans, but not one cent was spent for Asian Americans.

2—Asian Americans constituted either the largest or second largest minority on campus in each of the years from 1972 to 1978.

3—In 1979, Black Studies was granted recognition less than six months after it was first proposed; Chicano Studies was approved within a month after the proposal was submitted in 1970 and Native American Studies in less than four months after requests. Asian American proposals and courses, by contrast, were proposed and denied in 1973, 1976, and 1977, and no permanent monies were allocated until 1979.

4—In developing what became a "Program in American Minority Studies" in 1979, the committee that established such programs for Blacks, Chicanos, and Native Americans, included no Asian Americans nor were Asian Americans ever mentioned in the minutes of any of those discussions in establishing minority programs.

5—Both a "Blue Ribbon Committee" and a special consultant appointed by President Terrell, recommended the expeditious establishment of an Asian American Studies Program, but the President ignored and failed to respond to that recommendation for almost one year.

6—Similarly, HEW's Office of Civil Rights elected to ignore the obvious inequities and facts and

made a finding of no jurisdiction and no discrimination. The ruling was made virtually without an investigation, without consultation with Asian American students or faculty, and contrary to existing law. The Office of Civil Rights accepted the word of the WSU administration without supporting documentation and ignored the disparate treatment in the distribution of funds and the requests for programs.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ISSUES

Asian American Studies at universities arose from the tumultuous student strikes in the late '60s and early '70s. Many began to realize that the failure of the university to include minority issues, their history and culture in programs not only reflected the insensitivity of those institutions and the low value they placed upon that subject

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San Francisco mayor, board endorse S. 1647

San Francisco, Ca.

The San Francisco City and County board of supervisors unanimously passed a resolution introduced Aug. 13 by Supervisor Quentin L. Kopp in support of the JACL study bill for redress (S 1647), co-authored by Sens. Inouye, Matsunaga, Hayakawa, Cranston, Church and McClure.

Action is believed to be first civic endorsement of the bill which was introduced in the U.S. Senate Aug. 2.

The Kopp resolution notes:

"Although historians and many Americans have long recognized the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II as a black page in American history, and while Executive Order 9066 was finally rescinded in 1976, the Federal Government itself has yet to acknowledge that the wartime detention of Japanese Americans was wrong ..."

Order of AHEPA backs bill for redress

The Order of AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Assn.) at its annual national convention at the San Francisco Hilton this past week, adopted a resolution endorsing S 1647, the bill to establish a Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. AHEPA is the first national ethnic organization outside of JACL to back this measure co-authored by the six senators representing Hawaii, California and Idaho.

JACL National President Clifford Uyeda addressed the general assembly Aug. 15 explaining JACL as an organization. John

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SPOKANE COMMUNITY—Leadership of the Spokane Asian American community and JACL board gather to hear about the JACL vs. WSU civil rights case. (From left, clockwise) Dale Minami, legal counsel; Tim McKinney, Spokane JACL v.p. and legal counsel; Marcelline Terao, memb chr; Susan Iwata, JACL bd; Mas Akiyama, Highland Park United Methodist Church; Dr. H. T. Wong, Chinese American community rep.; Sam Nakagawa, Highland Park, UMC; Frank Hisayasu, pres, Hifumi-En; Denny Yasuhara, Spokane JACL pres; and Dick Sakai, bd mem.

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matter but that this contributed significantly to the ignorance and racism of American society.

While the establishment of a total program in Asian American studies at WSU is much closer today, the long struggle and the resistance encountered raise some very fundamental questions regarding the treatment of Asian Americans. Those questions are underscored in the recent decision made by HEW's Office of Civil Rights.

The implications of HEW's decision extend far beyond that institution and the State of Washington. The legal and political precedence that has been established by HEW's policy memorandum dated February 12, 1979, strikes at the very foundations of the equal educational opportuni-

ty provisions of the law and in effect, legally sanctions discriminatory treatment of Asian Americans or for that matter any group covered by Title VI in education.

Moreover, the decision and memorandum could transcend educational institutions and may well impact other governmental agencies and their programs in employment, housing, financial assistance. The lessons of SBA's attempt to exclude Asian Americans from their guidelines and benefits should not be forgotten.

Even more critical, however, is the question whether Asian Americans are given adequate and equal protection under existing civil rights laws by the people who implement those laws.

These issues should not and cannot be confronted by one district or one chapter alone for they have national implications.

AACI urges Wendy's freedom, protests Nestle commercial

Palo Alto, Ca.

California Gov. Brown was being urged to either pardon or commute the 1-15 year sentence of Wendy Yoshimura, at Frontera State Women's Prison since July 17, by the Asian Americans for Community Involvement in a letter co-signed by David Takakuwa and Theodore T. Fong.

Takakuwa chairs the AACI affirmative action committee. Fong heads the executive committee.

"We cannot help contrasting the outcome of Wendy's case and that of Patricia Hearst's (her executive clemency) and concluded that Wendy is indeed being made the scapegoat," the AACI pointed out. "...She is a community activist working in the service of the disenfranchised and is to be commended, not condemned. Perhaps it is not Wendy who is the threat to democracy but those who are being swept along with the rightist wind blowing conservatism and reaction across the United States."

In a separate letter, AACI public affairs and media chair Bobbie Kawazoe protested the Nestle's Chocolate commercials appearing on the six local TV stations, explaining that their campaign to market synthetic milk products in emerging Third World nations was considered cruel and oppressive.

"Promoting these synthetic

Deaths

Yoshiko Kawamorita, 81, of Los Angeles, widow of the Rev. Eiji Kawamorita of San Francisco, died Aug. 17. Surviving are s Joe (Hayward), Dan; d Eiko Taira, Setsuko Toriumi, Emi Watanabe, Hannah Low, 12 gc, 2 ggc.

Martha Kobayashi, 53, of Northborough, Ma., died July 22 after being stricken at work at Worcester Rehab Ctr as an occupational therapist. Daughter of Kosuke Kitaoka of Fullerton, Ca., she was active with Twin Cities JACL before her marriage in 1954. Surviving are h Andrew, 3 sons, m Masako (Honolulu), br Hiroo (Granger, Ind.), sis Sady Sakai (Honolulu).

Minoru 'Nix' Nagata, 61, of Monterey Park, Ca., died of a heart condition Aug. 15. A pre-war Oliver club athlete, a WW2 veteran and insurance businessman, he is survived by w Virginia Mae, d Louise, Tracy, br Masao, Saburo, Shiro, sis Toshiye and Chiyoko Nishimura.



SPOKANE ISSEI—Explaining the JACL-WSU case to Spokane area Issei are (from left) Edward Yamamoto, past PNW governor; Dale Minami, Denny Yasuhara and Frank Hisayasu to Isako Kimura, Mas Akiyama, Chiyo Yamada, Kanichi Yonago, Hisaye Sumihiro, Kiyo Matsumoto and Sayo Ehama.

They are, however, issues that must be challenged, but one simply cannot do the job alone without financial assistance from other chapters and other Asian Americans. A total of about \$9,000 has been contributed by individuals and organizations and about \$11,000 more is needed to offset expenses already incurred.

The membership of JACL and other Asian Americans are being asked to assist us in continuing the crucial legal challenge that must be pursued if our young people and other Asian Americans are to be given optimum opportunities to participate in pro-

grams and services routinely provided other eligible groups.

REQUEST FOR HELP

Please help us and ourselves. Make your check or money order payable to: "JACL-WSU Fund" and mail to Robert Fukai, Treasurer, East 3021-62nd Avenue, Spokane, WA 99203.

If additional information is desired, contact:

Denny Yasuhara, Chairperson; PNWDC/WSU Ad Hoc Committee; East 935-20th Ave, Spokane, WA 99203, (509) 534-2576 (r); after Sept. 5, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (509) 455-5271, or

Dale Minami, attorney-at-law, 370 Grand Ave., Oakland, CA 94610; (415) 893-9100.

items

fund-raising

A total of 22 organizations, including the JACL chapters, will be involved in the Sept. 22 bazaar-carnival at Oakland Buddhist Church. Proceeds go toward the East Bay Issei Housing Project building fund. Contributions are being accepted by EBIH, c/o EBJA, 1908 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94704 (415-848-3560).



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Selection of judge by merit urged

Washington

Time is approaching to again pick federal judges strictly on individual merit and to stop giving special consideration to blacks, Hispanics and women, Attorney General Griffin B. Bell declared here Aug. 15 before his employees in an emotional farewell session.

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Sen. Inouye to address new community center benefit luau

Norwalk, Ca.

Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) is fulfilling a rare speaking engagement in southeast Los Angeles on Sept. 9, addressing the Southeast Japanese Community Center benefit luau dinner-dance at its new complex, 14615 Gridley Rd.

Tickets at \$25 per person are being sold by Center members. For reservations, call:

Nob Iwami (926-2705), John Ishii (943-2325), Jim Niino (863-8329), or Mamo Higa (865-7424).

The center was founded in 1925 by Issei families of Downey, Santa Fe Springs or Norwalk to promote Japanese language and the martial arts. During WW2, non-Japanese churches borrowed the hall. It

was a hostel for returning evacuees. In the 1950s, Nihongo classes were resumed.

With part of the structure condemned in 1970, local families raised funds to rebuild the community hall. In 1977, a new center complex with a gym, classroom building, office space and kitchen was dedicated. With it came the annual fund-raisers to payoff the mortgage.

The center as a focal point to promote Japanese culture for all is a thriving venture.

Luau starts at 5 p.m. with a Hawaiian-Japanese menu: kalua pig, teriyaki steak and sushi. Dinner music, Polynesian revue and a dance are slated to last till 11:30 p.m. #

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Tateishi followed with a half-hour talk on redress, how Issei as immigrants and their Nisei children had faced prejudice and discrimination due to race that Greek Americans had also known—only the Japanese Americans were discriminated more so by the U.S. government due to wartime hysteria.

The AHEPA resolutions committee recommended support for S 1647, and it was unanimously adopted.

Tateishi later pointed out support of this kind expands "constituency interest" by building up understanding in areas where Nikkei are so few. AHEPA, with some 50,000 members in over 1,000 chapters, is well regarded in the Nation's Capitol, and in such regions as the Deep South. #

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PEOPLE ON THE POTOMAC—FRANK S. SATO

Inspector General for Dept. of Transportation

By CHERRY TSUTSUMIDA
Special to the Pacific Citizen

Washington

On July 24, President Jimmy Carter called 200 key leaders of the Federal bureaucracy to the White House. Among the select group was Frank Saburo Sato, recently appointed Inspector General of the Department of Transportation. Born in the small town of Pu-yallup, Wash., a graduate of the Univ. of Washington, Frank Sato is today the top-ranking Asian in the Federal Service.

To most people who never understood the jungle of the Federal government, it might be difficult to appreciate the significance of Frank's recent appointment. The concept of Inspector General had never been transplanted to the United States from the nations of Europe where it originated.

And there never might have been an Inspector General on the Federal payroll were it not for Watergate and the mood of the nation, which was becoming more and more irritated by what seemed to be the uncontrolled growth of government. The nation was demanding more for their tax dollars and they wanted a better system of public accountability. Congress agreed. By 1978, almost every Department had an Inspector General whose basic responsibility is to report irregularities in the use of Federal dollars.

In the Dept. of Transportation, for the first time the functions of Audit and Invest-

igation were combined in one office. In an unprecedented way, the Inspector General reports not only to the Secretary, but also to Congress. He is the special warning system as to how wisely and correctly the Department is using its funds.

In a recent interview, Sato said, "We are at a crucial time in the evolution of management of government—a time when our government process is being questioned as never before."

He went on to relate how he had first thought of turning the job down. "But I must admit that when Vice President Mondale called me last January on behalf of the President and talked about needing my help to restore public confidence in government, I knew I wanted to be part of the team."

Frank, if one were to meet him at a JACL function, would probably play down his extraordinary success as a public servant. He smiles easily and talks a lot about his five children. He refers frequently to his wife June, who is his confidante for all aspects of his life. He tries hard to be a good member of his community.

Although Sato is clearly integrated in the fabric of a heterogeneous American life style, his conscience and memory still has roots in his Nikkei origins. He talks passionately about his concern that so little is being done to assist young Nikkei to seek opportunities in the Federal government. He also wonders if the Asian communities do enough to sensitize the Federal government to the number of competent Asians for high level Federal positions.

"I think," Sato says, "that organizations like JACL must concentrate more on doing the things that open doors for Japanese Americans. Perhaps organizations like JACL underestimate the influence they could have in the selection process for government jobs. But the problem is not that there is a shortage of qualified Nikkei."

Frank, on the other hand, made it his business to know where the good jobs were. If one were to review his work record, there is no getting



Frank S. Sato

around the fact that his career has been carefully developed. It is clear that he realizes his success comes from more than being a very skilled professional. It is no surprise that he is a certified public accountant. There is a precise and methodical manner about him that reinforces the stereotype that "Orientals are good with numbers."

What makes the stereotype work to his advantage is that he combines that finely schooled skill with management and inter-personal abilities. There is also a strong self-confidence seasoned with a healthy ambitiousness.

His resume shows that he conscientiously enrolled in the types of executive training that would broaden his goals and expose him to other top management in government.

As a former captain in the

Air Force who climbed from auditor to Director of Defense Audit Services, to Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Audits, he was proving the consistent quality of his work by winning ten Federal outstanding performance awards, including the coveted Department of Defense Civilian Service Award.

Professionally, his peers recognized Sato's extraordinary qualities. In late June, he addressed 1,000 registrants as President of the Association of Government Accountants. This prestigious organization is the equivalent for governmental accountants to the American Bar Association for lawyers or the American Medical Association for physicians. He is the first minority member to hold this esteemed office. In his speech he said, "As financial managers, we are looked at to set the example for integrity in government service and for professionalism at its best ... Of equal importance is our role of rebuilding public trust."

There is a little grey in the sideburns of this veteran, who has just reached the mid-century point. He is an extremely busy man, but there is nothing rushed or brusque in his manner. He has the poise that comes with experience, and he is comfortable with the authority he has gained. He is understandably excited about his new job. He was moved and impressed by the President's manner and sincerity when

he saw him at the White House. "He just doesn't come across as well on TV; you've got to see him in person to feel his energy and his competence. I was in Kentucky when the President was there, and the excitement he created was unbelievable."

He delights in the fact that another fellow Washingtonian, Brock Adams, was his first boss at DOT. The former Secretary of Transportation had high marks for Sato. Sato remembers Adams with genuine fondness.

His loyalty to those who have served him well is demonstrated by the fact that through his promotions he has brought along his tireless secretary to work alongside him. She is aware of the fact that even in his envied position, he appreciates the vital role she plays.

There is no doubt that Frank Saburo Sato will be a tough watchdog over the Dept. of Transportation. There is nothing flippant or casual about the seriousness with which he addresses his work. He is constantly combing the legislation which mandates his powers to assure himself that he is organizing the Inspector General's office in a way which can meet the full needs of the legislation.

In a framed certificate in his office presented to him by the President, it says,

"Know ye that reposing special trust and confidence in the integrity and ability of Frank Saburo Sato, I have

nominated, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint him Inspector General, Department of Transportation, and do authorize him and empower him to execute and fulfill the duties of that office with all the powers, privileges and emoluments thereunto ..."

Despite his new responsibilities, he will probably continue to live some of his life as he has done before. He will still find time for his family, his youth clubs, for JACL and for civic activities. He continues to be interested in how his friends are doing regardless of where they are. He still is prompt in returning phone calls and keeps up with the Pacific Citizen.

As the members of the DC JACL chapter would say, "Frank is there when we need him. He's just one nice guy."

For this one instance, it is obvious, nice guys don't always finish last.

Mineta listed 'mid 'top 10' in San Jose

San Jose, Ca.

Among the "ten with the most power in San Jose" is Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-Cal.), 47, onetime mayor, according to the San Jose Mercury News which on Aug. 12 announced the results of its three-month study into the local power structure, using the most popular social science tools available.

Names of 200 leaders in business, industry, community, civic and ethnic organizations were gleaned and then trimmed to 16 because of their positions which demand a working knowledge of power in San Jose. The 16 were then asked to select the 30 most influential.

With some names added as a result, the newspaper had a list of 40 leaders who have power and wield it in San Jose. Mineta and current mayor Janet Hayes, 53, were the only elected officials among the top ten though the names of two previous mayors also appear.

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news briefs

washington

Commerce Department introduced its revamped minority business program on Aug. 15 to aid previously ignored medium-sized minority firms to help them into the corporate mainstream with establishment of an Office of Minority Business Enterprise. Allan A. Stephenson, the acting director, explained medium-size firms as those with about \$1 million in revenues.

Census Bureau Director Vincent Barabba declared Aug. 15 the 1980 census would make special effort to count the nation's illegal alien population, which could boost congressional representation of California and Texas—states thought to have the largest population of the undocumented. Interviewers will be

used to count in the migratory camps, Barabba added.

los angeles

Asian American Education Commission, the volunteer advisory to the L.A. Board of Education, seeks candidates to run for 12 posts. Nominations are due Sept. 21, 5 p.m., at the AAEC office, 450 N. Grand Ave., Rm H-133, Los Angeles, Ca 90012 (625-6796).

S.C. Society of the Japanese Blind has scheduled a visit of La Vida Hot Springs Oct. 6 and a Christmas party Dec. 8, 11 a.m., at Taix's Restaurant. Persons interested in helping the group, which meets every other month, should call Tami Tayenaka (936-1431) or Lily Okamoto (283-3920).

Matao Uwate continues his two popular weekly classes at Zenshuji Temple kitchen during the month of September: Wednesday nights from Sept. 5 on sushi, Saturday mornings from Sept. 8 on Introduction to Japanese Cooking. For details, call Uwate, 628-4688.

To launch United (Japanese) TV's ninth year (on Channel 18) this month, two specials are set for mid-September: Sept. 10, 10 p.m.-12m.—61st summer high school baseball championship from Koshien Stadium; and Sept. 14, 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.—Omoide no Melody, singers past and present with Misora Hibari and Itsuki Hiroshi.

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Nikkei Role

Most Japanese Americans had withdrawn from any meaningful relations with Japan. It was because of America's inability to distinguish between Japanese Americans and Japanese nationals. We also feared that our loyalty to the United States would come under question.

We are still gun-shy from the Evacuation experience. It is another example of the deep psychological scar we carry from our past experiences.

The conflict between our desire to be Americanized and our desire to be a credit to our Japanese heritage have never been completely resolved. It is a struggle that began in our youth, and to many it is still a subconscious reality.

JACL role is to make Japanese Americans aware that it is time for us to emerge from the self-woven cocoon, openly admit that we are vitally interested in U.S.-Japan relations because whether we like it or not a poor U.S.-Japan relations also mean anti-Japanese American sentiments here in America. With this open awareness, Japanese Americans can face the issue more realistically.

We must openly and actively oppose and re-educate the American public when we believe their tactics are in error. Where it is difficult and awkward for Japanese nationals to complain directly to the American public, Japanese Americans are not under such constraints.

An example is the blanket boycott of all Japanese goods advocated by the American conservation organizations to save the whales. We believe that the JACL Whale Issue Committee played a major role in convincing Americans that their tactic was in fact counterproductive to achieving their goal.

In the latter half of 1977, the major American conservation organizations withdrew their official support of the boycott tactic. In its place they endorsed cooperative efforts to solve the whaling problems.

The acceptance of Japanese American input by Americans also depends on their realizations that we are not just apologists for Japan. We are also concerned with what Americans are concerned. In the case of the JACL Whale Issue Committee's activities, Americans realized that our concern was the same as theirs—to preserve the rapidly disappearing great whales.

Japanese Americans must get involved in the affairs of U.S.-Japan relations. Only then will we be recognized by both the U.S. and Japan as an important force in understanding and improving relations. #

WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ron Ikejiri



New Traditions

Washington

Recently at a meeting with the organizers of the New England JACL chapter in Boston, I was asked, "What direction should JACL be heading in the future?"

From the standpoint of the Washington Office, I indicated to the group that JACLers should undertake a commitment to "increase political awareness and participation by the respective JACL districts, chapters and members in national, state and local political activities".

Why should JACLers become involved in politics? The answer is simple ... politics is an element ever-present in our lives.

The politics of discrimination, prejudice and war adversely affected the social, economic and political standing of Japanese Americans since their arrival in the United States. Today, politics can erase the gains made through the past suffering and sacrifices of the Issei and Nisei for the benefit of their community. Politics may also improve the quality of life and provide the opportunity for full participation for members of the Japanese American community.

Thus the understanding of the process of politics ... the art or science of government ... of guiding or influencing government policy ... of winning and holding control over a government ... becomes an important element for the continued viability of the Japanese American community.

Recently Senator Spark Matsunaga stated at a Congressional reception celebrating Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week, "It is not so much as to what we have gained and will gain hereafter ... but how can we contribute to the American society and its system? This should be our resolve."

Within the Japanese American community there exists the ability, determination and forthrightness to provide effective leadership. The Japanese American community can contribute to the American society and its system through politics. Within the Japanese American community there exists the talent ... yet without the understanding of the political process the contributions to American society and its system will be passive.

Now is the time for the Japanese American community, through the leadership of JACL to commit itself towards increased political awareness and participation ... The challenge begins today ... Tomorrow, we will know if a new tradition for the Japanese American community has been established. #

Redress: Pro and Con

Editor:

Am pleased that JACL decided against a monetary settlement to individuals.

The government is us, the taxpayers. Assuming we got the \$25,000, and assuming it cost each taxpayer \$1, a family of four would net \$24,996, which is nothing to sneeze at, although money cannot rectify the injustice.

It wasn't all of the American public that was responsible for the Evacuation. All of us must have had friends named Smith, Jones, Cornelius, Adam, etc., who sympathized with us and whose assistance cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Many jeopardized their reputations in community, political, professional and business careers to ask for fair play for us. For that, some were finished in their chosen field. To ask them to contribute even one penny to put cash in our pockets doesn't seem right, no matter how willing they may be.

It seems to me that a tribute to those fellow Americans who stood by us in those trying times may be a good idea.

Also a status of the north end

A-Bomb reaction

Editor:

We sent the article (Aug. 6 PC) for the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors to about 60 papers around the country. And some hate-mail has been generated. In one elicited from Seattle, the writer's emphasis on Japanese exports makes me concerned since it indicates that we Japanese Americans are still closely linked to Japan in the minds of many.

(The complaint was unsigned.)

SHERIDAN TATSUNO
San Francisco

'Konichiwa'

Editor:

Week after week, the Pacific Citizen carries stories, interviews and columns making a big to-do about ethnic and racist affronts to Asian Americans and I am reminded of a singularly savvy 442nd veteran. He was lounging in the front seat of his car at the Alondra golf course parking lot.

Passing by, I said, "Konichiwa" and that started a conversation about discrimination in America. I mentioned the caste system in Japan and he stepped out of his car and said it was applicable the world around: "I guess we're all bigots." Whereupon we firmly and enthusiastically shook hands.

I believe JACL members should continue to prove through their commitment to education, superiority in performance, capacity for rapid assimilation, etc., that they, as Americans, want to be among leaders of the irreversible movement toward one world.

ARNOLD B. LARSON
Loleta, Ca.

in the pacific citizen

35 years ago

AUG. 26, 1944

Aug. 15—MISLS moves from Camp Savage to Ft. Snelling.

Aug. 18—Shitara sisters plea for retrial denied as U.S. District Judge J. Foster Symes imposes jail sentences from 2 to 20 years at Federal Women's Reformatory at Anderson, W.Va.

Aug. 19—FBI director Hoover checks Pearl Harbor rumors of sabotage, proved to be false.

Aug. 21—Britain's prime minister Winston Churchill hails Nisei contribution in Rome after front-line visit of 442nd in Italy.

Aug. 21—No way to prevent return of evacuees to California after the war, declares Attorney General Biddle in address to Town Hall, Los Angeles.

Aug. 22—Army announces Nisei to be trained as communications specialists at Camp Pine-dale (near Fresno), Ca.

Aug. 24—Army under court order permits two Nisei (Shizuko Shiramizu of Salinas and Masaru Baba of Stockton) evacuees to return to California.

of a southbound jackass with the names and statements of those people who instigated the evacuation may not be a bad idea either. It should prove what results from abuse of freedom of speech and the press.

TOSHI KAWAJI
Wheat Ridge, Colo.

Editor:

As an Edoko born in the third year of Taisho, I wish to express my opinion regarding the hotly-discussed subject of Redress. My parents were American missionaries, who served in Japan and later in the Philippines, where they were interned for three years during World War II. Their difficult experience does not, I hope, distort my understanding of what happened in the Western States at the same time.

It is clear to me that American citizens and peaceful aliens were done a grave injustice in being uprooted from their homes without due process of law, without being formally charged with any offense, and detained in concentration (or "relocation") camps—their only "crime" being their Japanese ancestry. No doubt this was done under the stress of wartime hysteria, while the United States was losing the early phases of the war.

One of my favorite teachers in medical school was the late Dr. James Hara, who had the foresight to move to Chicago before relocation was ordered. There he was allowed to practice unmolested. If he was not a security risk in Chicago, why was he one in Los Angeles? That the whole process of relocation was unnecessary for national security is proved by the fact that Hawaii had no trouble with its Japanese

population.

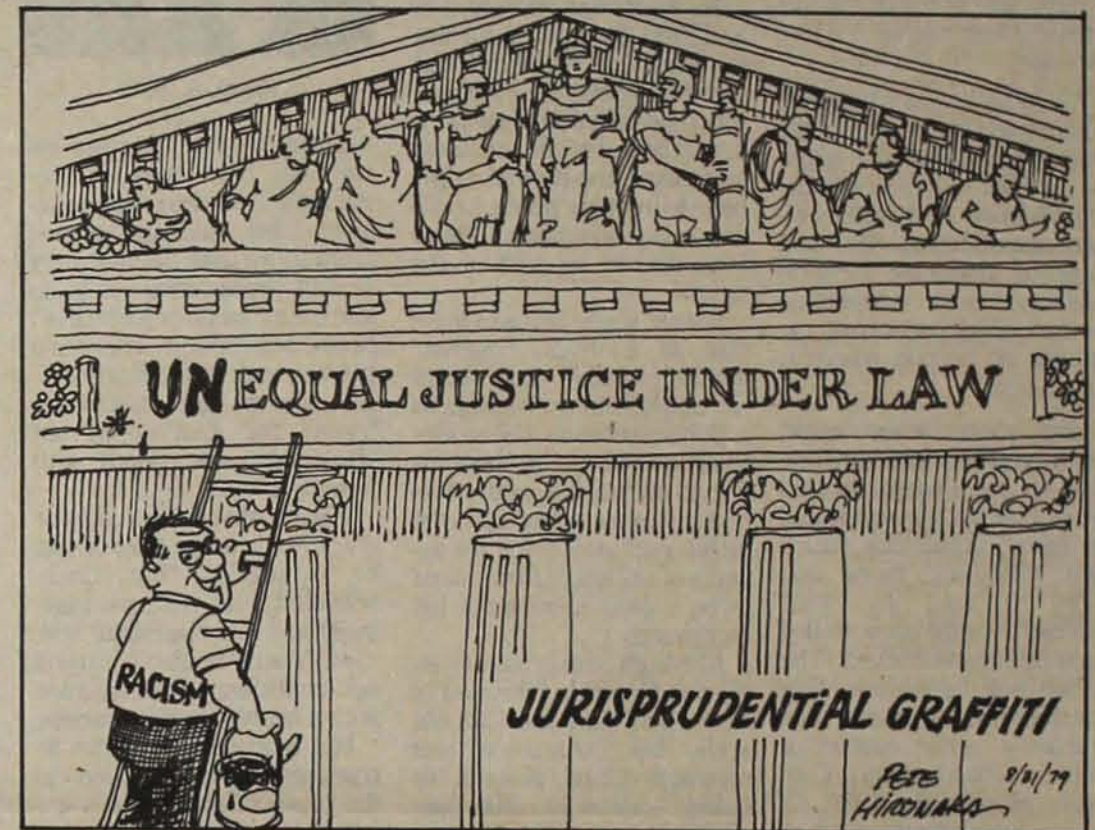
Leaving aside the less than honorable motives which prompted the whole sorry business it is high time for America to say to its Issei, Nisei and some Sansei, "We are sorry for what we did in 1942. How can we make amends?" Let me add my voice to the chorus calling for belated justice in the form of long-overdue Redress.

CHARLES L. ANDERSON, M.D.
Hinsdale, Ill.

FORETHOUGHT

Nonsense is a nuisance
to avoid and void.

TEI 79



EAST WIND: Bill Marutani



Fighting 'City Hall'

Philadelphia

AS A NISEI, particularly one raised in a strict rural household (the town I grew up in still has the same population today of 5,000), I no doubt retain many concepts—some good and others not so good—that I adopted through training and osmosis. We were taught that it was not manly, *otoko-rashii*, to exhibit emotion, to complain, to be gluttonous, and so on. Parents were to be obeyed, unquestioningly, and elders were to be treated with respect. Within the family, the *cho-nan* enjoyed priority in almost everything; the father had an even higher priority. The latter was the first to be served, first to dunk in the *o-furo* (while it was yet hot and clear), and thereafter the pecking order was by age. Being the baby of the family, back in those days, I hardly ever soaked in a clear *o-furo*.

BUT BEFORE YOU begin to feel sorry for this writer as a youth, wait: consider the lot of the *josei*, the womenfolk. They ended up last. When the *josei* got to the *o-furo*, I doubt that they could even see the bottom for lack of clearness of the water. By comparison, even my low-priority *o-furo* was like a clear mountain spring.

ALL THAT WAS a number of decades back. Today ... today, we are more enlightened, more compassionate, more understanding, more secure of ourselves. Having experienced the indignity of discrimination ourselves, today we Nisei know only too well the poisonous corrosion inherent in discrimination. Today, we thus resolutely believe in fairness and justice, and we comprehend, in varying degrees, that the discrimination of sexism is also neither fair nor just.

THE NATIONAL JACL, being a self-avowed civil rights organization, presumably would not, and unequivocally should not, practice or support sexism in any form. For discrimination in any guise, is discrimination. And rationalize as one might, sexism is discrimination, pure and simple. No different than ones based upon race, creed, color or national origin. And thus as an organization professing to uphold human dignity for all, JACL presumably would battle sexism wherever and however it exists.

IT IS ONE thing to proclaim and profess; it is quite another to translate such into performance. The former, without the latter, is "but tinkling brass". The reported performance of the delegates to the JACL national convention in Salt Lake City last summer, whereby a resolution to boycott those states which have refused to adopt the Equal Rights Amendment, was rejected by a vote of 55 to 24 (more than two to one) with 9 abstentions, causes this writer to question seriously what JACL purports to be. Or what the delegates believe that JACL should be.

THE OLD WAYS of the *o-furo* may be difficult to shake: as one nurtured in that culture, I know only too well. But if we persist in dinosaur mentality, when dinosaurs can no longer survive, and if we persist in forcing JACL to be a dinosaur, the inevitable outcome is foredoomed. JACL is supposed to be a civil rights organization. If elimination of the poisonous discrimination of sexism is not one of our objectives, then perhaps the decent thing at least, the *otoko-rashii* thing if you will, is to openly acknowledge that exception in our Constitution.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Resekawa

Minidoka Will Not Be Forgotten

Hunt, Idaho

On the morning of August 18, some 450 persons gathered at what had been the gate to Minidoka WRA camp near the village of Hunt. The occasion was dedication of the site as a National Historic Place. The 450 probably was more people than had assembled here at any time since the camp was closed in 1945.

A gentle rain, rare for August, fell like a benediction over the assembled throng. Or as someone put it, the morning's weather was symbolic—a few tears of sentiment and remembrance followed by promise of much sunshine.

Minidoka, during the war years, was the home of up to 10,000 Japanese Americans uprooted from the West Coast as an ill-advised national defense measure. Most of them were from the Seattle area. Now, all that remain of the camp are the shell of what had been the fire stations and the stone shelter for the military police gate guards. Black lava rock common to the area was used to build the shelter. The coloring gives it a peculiarly ominous appearance even now.

After the millions of words that have been written and spoken about America's concentration camps for its citizens of Japanese ancestry, what more could be said at a site dedication?

Two notable remarks bear recording. The first was by George Shiozawa of Pocatello, the master of ceremonies. The evacuees were the true heroes of World War II, Shiozawa said. By complying peacefully with the government's evacuation orders, they averted untold trouble for others and enabled the nation to pursue its war effort. The evacuees stirred the collective American conscience about its mistreatment of minorities, he said, and ultimately they rebounded magnificently after their devastating experience.

The other observation came from U.S. Sen. Frank Church. He wound up his speech with the last sentence carved into the wooden marker identifying the site: "May

these camps serve to remind us what can happen when other factors supersede the constitutional rights guaranteed to all citizens and aliens living in this country." Never again, he vowed, would human rights be violated as they were in World War II.

The dedication program was dignified and properly solemn as befits such an occasion. It showed the two years of planning and work put into it by the committee headed by Masa Tsukamoto, a member of the Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL chapter. The dedication was a project of the Intermountain District Council, most of whose members were not interned. Yet, Tsukamoto and his colleagues felt deeply enough about the Evacuation to want to make sure the site would not vanish without trace.

In addition to various Idaho dignitaries—including Senator Church and the state's two Congressmen—Japanese Americans from a half dozen states attended. (Sen. Church declared in his address that the first Idahoan to be inducted when Selective Service was instituted in 1940 was a Japanese American and that the first Idahoan to volunteer and be accepted for service after the attack on Pearl Harbor was also a Japanese American. Whereupon, George Shiozawa summoned Mike Shiozaki to the platform and introduced him as the Nisei who had volunteered on Dec. 8.)

Oddly enough, Seattleites were conspicuous by their absence. The distance from Seattle to Twin Falls no doubt was a factor. But there was also the matter of the tower-burning that did not take place. In planning for the program, some representatives of the Seattle JACL chapter demanded that a replica of a military police watch tower be built on the site and burned during the dedication, presumably as a symbol of liberation. The host committee saw this as an empty gesture calculated to stir up media coverage and rejected the idea. Some heated discussion ensued. Without the tower-burning, the Idaho press and national television (CBS) covered the dedication extensively, and several newspapers used the occasion to publish lengthy, sympathetic features about the Evacuation and Japanese American experience. #

QUESTION AND ANSWER FACT SHEET ON REDRESS:

Isn't redress a price tag on freedom?

Continued from Last Week

25. Isn't it true that money cannot restore lost freedom? By placing a price tag on freedom, aren't you cheapening what is priceless?

The basis of American jurisprudence is founded upon the principle of monetary redress for lost freedom. Because freedom is considered so precious, false imprisonment has been compensated with large sums of money: for example, a Washington, D.C. court recently awarded \$10,000 per person in damages to the 1,318 Vietnam peace demonstrators for just two or three days of false imprisonment in 1971. Refusing to arrive at an estimate is a functional equivalent of assessing the damages at zero.

26. Victims of Nazi persecution are receiving compensation, are they not?

The United States government was instrumental in pressuring West Germany to pay reparations. West Germany has paid to date \$25 billion and is yet to pay another \$20 billion. Furthermore, the United States is urging Poland, the poorest of the East bloc nations, to pay a similar type of restitution to Jews for their experiences in Polish camps during WWII.

27. Japanese Americans have a high income, so do you really need the money?

Present average income is not relevant to the issue. Our case is not based on need, and we are not asking for welfare. Right to just compensation for wrongs inflicted does not depend upon whether the

victim happens to be rich or poor.

28. Would you be satisfied with an official statement admitting error and tendering an apology?

We have already secured such statements many times over. Each time one of the bills for partial redress passed, there were admissions of error and expressions of regret: in 1948 when the property loss claims bill was passed, in 1971 when the Emergency Detention Act was repealed, in 1972 when the Social Security retirement credit bill was passed, in 1976 when Executive Order 9066 was rescinded, and in 1978 when the federal employees' retirement credit bill was enacted. What we need now is tangible compensation. The amount needs to be sufficient enough in order to leave a lasting impression on the government that constitutional rights cannot be violated so cheaply. Also, we need to find some means of rectifying the Supreme Court decisions in the *Hirabayashi*, *Yasui*, *Korematsu* and *Endo* cases.

29. Why should we have to pay for the wrong committed by our parents' generation? We had nothing to do with incarcerating Japanese Americans?

We must remember that "we" also includes Americans of Japanese ancestry. As citizens of America, all of us are responsible for the acts of our government. As a nation and as individuals, we are the products of the past.

As citizens, we inherit the responsibilities, debts, etc., as well as the benefits, passed on to us by our ancestors.

30. Wouldn't it be better to fund community projects than to give the money to individuals who will squander it in a short time?

Such a concept for a lasting trust fund is already incorporated in the redress proposal. More importantly, we must remember that it was individuals who suffered, and each individual has a right to redress. We cannot legitimately take that right away. Individuals may donate their share to a community trust fund, but that choice has to be left to each individual. We are not limiting ourselves to one or the other—we are working for both individual and community trust fund payments.

31. Why should those who were children at the time receive redress?

Children's constitutional rights were violated, too. Children have a right to redress for false imprisonment, defamation of character and emotional damage. Children were burdened with the life-long stigma of their birth certificates or school records indicating they spent their childhood in captivity. One part of an entire generation of Japanese Americans spent its most formative years in prison camps and grew up with the stigma of having been prisoners in their own country. In the camps, family structures dis-

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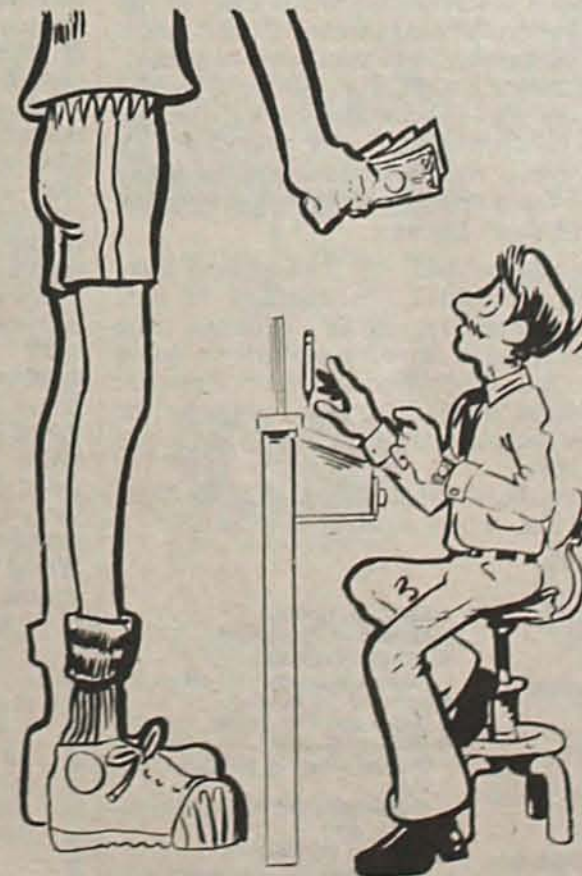
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FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Kimi Tambara

Leadership and Commitment

Portland

At a recent board meeting of the Portland JACL, it was decided that the chapter would, in principle, support the Black Union Front group in their efforts to achieve quality education for minority students. This decision came after hearing Nick Barnett, executive director of the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission, give a report on the reasons the Blacks announced a school boycott this coming school year, unless the Portland School Board met certain recommendations in the way of quality education, equitable busing arrangements, disciplinary procedures and the establishment of middle schools in the Black community.

Barnett said that a Community Coalition for School Integration, composed of some 38 organizations within the city, had spent an 18-month period in research and study on ways to achieve desegregation/integration for the Portland Public Schools. This group was also to serve as a link between interested, involved citizens and the School District. The threat of a school boycott came as the result of a feeling by the Coalition that the School Board really did not hear their voices. Instead of acknowledging the work of the Coalition group, the Board felt that as elected officials, the white community was not ready for such proposals and that the Blacks were not really concerned. This response completely stunned the Coalition and the Black community in particular, Barnett said.

Insofar as the local JACL chapter was concerned, the board felt that as a civil rights organization, the least the JACL could do, was to support the Blacks in principle. It was also agreed that the membership would be contacted to listen to their opinions on this matter, since the board could not speak for the general membership.

However, to this observer at least, the Sansei, unlike their parent generation, exhibit a sense of self-confidence and a feeling of determination and commitment in community matters, that as individuals, from President Sho Dozono on down, they are willing to honor the school boycott—if push comes to shove.

FROM HEADQUARTERS: Bruce Shimizu

Where are we going?

San Francisco

In June of this year, the JACL National Board approved the hiring of a new National Youth Director. On the 15th of June, I assumed the position of the Director. My name is Bruce Shimizu.

The JACL has been part of my life since before I can remember, coming from a clan deeply involved for 40 years. My grandfather, Henry Shimizu, was a past chapter president ('41-'42), as was my father Martin ('60, '68).

Through the years, the Jr. JACL and the JAYS have introduced me to people from all over the United States. Many are good friends today. Involvement in the JAYS lasted for several years on the chapter level, but switched to the District and National levels when I was elected to the Chair of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Youth Council. While in office, I had the opportunity to meet with many members of the JACL and talk with them about the JACL and the Youth Program. Through these discussions, I found a middle ground on which we both could stand. The ability to work with the JACL and its members, my involvement with the JACL, and my interest in the Youth Program led to my applying for the position of National Youth Director.

Recently, the JACL National Staff met for a series of talks concerning the future of the JACL. The result of the staff workshop is a far-reaching plan we call "Operation '80s". The plans, proposals, dreams, and wishes the years have produced are drawn together in this plan, given form, and a direction. This is something I believe the JACL has been waiting for, for a long time. But it's only on paper and in the hearts and minds of those who believe in it.

The question is, do you believe in it? Do you want the JACL to have a future? And if so, where do we go from here? #

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calendar

- SEPT. 1 (Saturday)
Hoosier—Picnic, Province Park.
- SEPT. 2 (Sunday)
*San Diego—Bazaar, Ocean View United Christian Church, 12-5p.m.
- SEPT. 3 (Monday)
*Seattle—Bumbershoot '79, Snoqualmie Rm, Seattle Cntr, 8pm.
- SEPT. 6 (Thursday)
Dayton—Cornfest with Friends from Oiso, Gene Crothers', 5pm.
- SEPT. 7 (Friday)
Cleveland—Bd mtg, Buddhist Church, 8pm.
- Nat'l JACL—EXECOM mtg (till Sun noon), Hq.
- SEPT. 8 (Saturday)
Contra Costa—Barbecue, El Cerrito Comm Ctr.
- West Valley—Bridge funfest, El Paseo de Saratoga Shpg Cntr, 7-30pm.
- SEPT. 9 (Sunday)
*Norwalk—Benefit luau, Southeast Japanese Comm Cntr, 14615 Gridley Rd, 5pm; Sen Dan Inouye, splr.
- SEPT. 10 (Monday)
Alameda—CPR refresher.
- SEPT. 11 (Tuesday)
Stockton—Gen mtg, Cal 1st Bank, 8pm.
- SEPT. 12 (Wednesday)
Washington, DC—Bd mtg, Yuasa res.
- SEPT. 14 (Friday)
Oakland—Bd mtg, Sumitomo Bank, 7-30pm.
- Philadelphia—Bd mtg, Reiko Gaspar's res, 8pm.
- SEPT. 15 (Saturday)
Washington, DC—Aki-no-Ichi festival, Nat'l Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Ave NW.
- Twin Cities—JAYS parent appreciation night.
- SEPT. 16 (Sunday)
*San Francisco—Picnic, Speedway Meadows, Golden Gate Park, 11am.
- SEPT. 22 (Saturday)
*Oakland—EB Issei Housing bazaar, Buddhist Church, noon-10pm.
- St Louis—Issei program.
- Twin Cities—JAYS hayride.
- *Monterey—MIS dnr mtg, Hitching Post, Ft Ord, 5pm.

chapter pulse

alameda

Coming Events

Alameda JACL is joining with other Eastbay chapters to help raise funds for East Bay Issei Housing at a bazaar on Sept. 22 at the Oakland Buddhist Church and a fashion show-luncheon Oct. 14 at Jack London Square's Goodman Hall.

There will be a CPR refresher course Sept. 10 (see Yas Koike for details), a one-day Reno trip leaving at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29 (see Koike or Haj Fujimori for details), and dinner Oct. 6 to honor the Issei.

Chapter chartered the Huck Finn II, Berkeley Marina, for its striped bass fishing trip Aug. 18.

chapter pulse

cincinnati

Empty Beer Cans

Cincinnati JACL is collecting empty Japanese beer cans to be sold as collector items at their International Folk Festival booth. Meanwhile, coordinators for the three-day event, Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at Convention Center, handling the food, cultural, calligraphy and merchandise booths are being appointed by Tomio Fukumura, general chair.

The beer cans should have the opener intact, says Les Fugikawa, merchandise booth chairman, who requests contents be emptied from the bottom. Fred Moriooka is gathering used Japanese postage stamps for the same booth.

Others in charge include:

Emiko Namiki, calligraphy; Chieko Gilbert, Kimiko Cloyd, Mariko Harris, Noriko Kidd, Japanese food; Dr. Kinji Tanaka, cultural.

This being the International Year of the Child, the cultural booth will reflect that theme, with children as active participants.

Protest Rewarded

At its July board meeting, president-elect Jackie Vidourek reported the Japanese American Philatelic Society had changed its name to Japanese American Society for Philately, with the corresponding change in its abbreviation. The change was announced in the Jan.-Feb. 1979 issue of its publication, Postal Bell. Last year Jackie had pointed out to the club the previous acronym was very offensive.

The Postal Bell editorial, in commenting on the change, said: "The (old) acronym JAPS was most offensive to many of us and especially those that heard the word JAPS used against them when they were Americans, yet were interned in the concentration camps during World War II..."

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TEACHERS' TOUR—Tri-Valley JACLer Samuel Cohen of Livermore, Ca. (right) answers questions from first graders at Osaka's Kitaoka Elementary School. Co-director of the local Japanese American Cultural Exchange Program, Cohen led a group of 12 area educators and family members on an August JACL Japan tour which included a stop at Livermore's sister city of Yotsukaido near the Narita Airport. Home lodging and sightseeing with the hosts in Japan highlighted the tour program with participants committed to host Japanese educators on a return cultural experience visit to Livermore next summer.

news briefs

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Committee for Redress—A packet to all chapters was mailed Aug. 8 containing the text of S. 1647, study bill for redress, introduced by Senators Inouye, Matsunaga, Hayakawa, Cranston, Church and McClure; and 2nd edition of the JACL pamphlet, "Japanese American Incarceration: A Case for Redress"; the 40 Q&A Fact Sheet (now being published serially in the PC); a Congressional Action List and a request for chapters to meet with their congressional representatives during the August recess. Feedback or questions about the legislation for the committee may be referred through Headquarters or the JACL regional offices.

Committee chair John Tateishi indicated a House version of the bill will be introduced when Congress reconvenes in September, at which time a press conference is being planned.

EXECOM—Dr. Clifford Uyeda is convening his Executive Committee to meet from Sept. 7,

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7 p.m., till Sept. 9, noon, at JACL Headquarters. Agenda packets are to be distributed to national officers by the last week of August to expedite the "consent calendar" by having it accepted and approved in a single motion. Accommodations have been arranged at the Jack Tar Hotel, locale of the 1980 National Convention, at Geary and Van Ness.

Travel—Part of the 1980 JACL-Japan travel program for flights departing during April, May and June was announced by the Travel Committee. Dates may vary, but here is the program:

FROM SAN FRANCISCO: April 5-26, June 21-July 12.

FROM LOS ANGELES: April 5-26 with Honolulu stopover, May 10-31, June 16-July 7 with Honolulu stopover, June 16-Aug. 18 and June 21-July 12.

FROM CHICAGO/S.F.: June 22-July 13.

Spring tours to China and South America are to be announced.

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MPDC Legal Counsels—The Mountain Plains District Council decided to appoint a legal counsel for each chapter rather than one for the district because of the great distances between

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Next Gear

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With the introduction of our bill in the Senate and the House, we will be shifting our gears from in-house deliberation and discussion of the redress issue to a public campaign to seek passage of our legislation and the broadest support of the American public. Therefore, we will need to shift the focus of our attention to the new tasks at hand.

Consequently, I am dissolving the present National Committee for Redress and will begin in the next few weeks to reconstitute it in order to accommodate the new campaign demands.

Needless to say, the redress committee has accomplished a great deal in the past year. I feel that each committee member has contributed greatly in moving the redress issue beyond the talking stage in JACL.

The work has not been easy for committee members, but each has given generously of his time and effort when called upon to do so. We spent seemingly endless hours in meetings, where many important decisions were placed before them. And although we have not always agreed on many aspects of the issue, we have been able to move ahead and get to where we are now... It is to the credit of each committee member that we

chapter pulse

contra costa

Picnic with Unhappy Note

Contra Costa JACL picnic at Turtle Rock Ranch attracted nearly 400 people on Aug. 5, where some \$5,000 was raised for the budget in midst of the games, tug-o-war and a hole-in-one contest won by George Seiji, who was closest with a 3'11" pitch.

Weather was perfect, the facilities pleasant—save for one unhappy note, according to Ray & Hazel Sawyer, co-chair, who were told the chapter could not book the lo-

cale next year "because we did not spend enough money at the snack bar". It seems they anticipated additional revenue from the sale of drinks, etc., in addition to the \$940 rental. On the committee were:

Jack & Ann Imada, John Shinagawa, Natsuko & Jerry Irei, Teru Shibata, Tom Arima, Aye Onizuka, nurse; Elizabeth Oishi, children's games; Wimpy Kimura, hole-in-one; Rena Kumai, Mamie Hirasawa, games; Shiz Matsumoto, Mitzi Shimizu, Mary Ann Schafer, Sharon Jarrell, John Sugihara, Fred Okamoto, N Irei, A Imada, tickets; J Irei, T Shimizu, annr; R Sawyer, Joe Oishi, Mas

From Nobuyuki Nakajima

Goshen's SST Activities

Some students study abroad a part or whole of their undergraduate years. Universities often give credit for such courses. Although it is not easy to study in other countries, the experience provides a broader perspective of the world. However, no university has established its own campus in a foreign country in order to have its students spend a part of their undergraduate years abroad; there is one exception—Goshen (Ind.) College, Mennonite, with about 1,000 students.

The program started in 1968 as Study-Service-Term or -Trimester (SST). Although not mandatory, virtually all students participate—for the most part without any cost above the usual on-campus tuition and board—led by their own professors.

The program is "intended to develop broader perspective for students than they find in their own culture, and to provide a richer experience of life and values in other countries; SST places students—in groups, at first, and then, alone—in unfamiliar settings, with the result that they gain vivid, first-hand knowledge of communities and lifestyles totally different from their own. Students and faculty have participated in SST activities in Costa Rica, Belize (formerly British Honduras), Jamaica, Haiti, Honduras, Guadalupe, Poland, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Germany"—Goshen College Bulletin.

I have been proposing to invite Japanese to set up their universities in the U.S. so that their youths can spend a part of their undergraduate years abroad. The primary objective is the same as that of Goshen College SST; it is to foster a global perspective in today's youths.

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have done so.

In looking ahead, we will have to focus on raising funds for the campaign and on a careful plan of strategy in laying out educational and legislative campaigns. Obviously, the actual work of the campaign cannot be done only by those assigned the task—it will take the support and effort of all of us as we move into the nitty-gritty of what the redress issue is all about.

REDRESS

Continued from Page 5

integrated; children were deprived of normal parental nurturing and guidance; children grew up without a sense of security usually provided by parents. The schools were sub-standard; and the government stripped children of their self-identity by prohibiting or discouraging Japanese language, religion, culture and sports.

To Be Concluded

Iwaihara, Kuni Shibata, Bill Waki, Joe Goto, T Arima, Keith Shimizu, auction.

Family Barbecue

Annual barbecue steak dinner for the Contra Costa JACL family will be held Sept. 8, 4-8 p.m., at El Cerrito Community Center. Reservations are due Aug. 31 through:

Bill Tsurumoto (524-2157), Jack Imada (236-9109) or Bill Waki (525-7086).

Basketball series

Sacramento

Kansai Intercollegiate Basketball Juniors split their two game show with local teams before a sell-out crowd Aug. 15-16. It was Kansai's first win by beating the Barons 74-49, but bowing to the Tosh Matsuura-coached all stars 93-74.

Chol Soo Lee

Los Angeles

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Bribery is a Way of Life

Tokyo

Not too long ago, the paying of "points" when arranging for the purchase of houses in certain U.S. communities was standard practice. Was that a form of payoff?

"Payola" also became a national issue some years ago, when unknown records were plugged by disc jockeys for fat envelopes on the side. Then, during President Lyndon B. Johnson's administration, the issue of influence peddling exposed the free furnishings, resort vacations and other amenities provided to a number of key officials.

The standard of ethics changes with time and with people, as well as with countries: Was \$24 worth of beads for Manhattan ethical? Did the Russians get cheated on the \$7.2 million deal for Alaska? How many treaties were made with the Indians only to be broken?

The commissions and the kickbacks that were paid by Lockheed, McDonnell Douglas and Grumman, accord-

ing to press reports, to various foreign companies, consultants, government officials and go-betweens are currently page one items in Tokyo as the Japanese courts seek to determine whether these payments were bribes, illegal commissions or undeclared income.

The cases became public issues, primarily because the money was allegedly paid to either politicians or government officials who were in position to influence the decisions on the purchases of aircraft with public or corporate funds. Of corollary interest is whether the recipients paid corporate or income taxes on the secret money involved.

Bribery is a way of life in many countries. In Japan, it is less prevalent and more secretive. In most cases, instead of money, it is paid with favors and less traceable rewards. Further, the traditional and artful use of "go-betweens" reduces the chances of exposure. Bribery is also a profession.

Unethical practices can range from "backscratching" to outright bribery. In numerous forms, they are practiced throughout the world. In many countries, it is a normal process of life. If you want to get something done promptly and efficiently, you pass over a suitable "tip", tea money, baksheesh or a gift. In most cases, the bribes supplement low pay of the officials. In these localities, paying bribes is as practical as paying 50 per cent more at a hotel for express laundry or dry cleaning service, or putting a special delivery stamp on mail.

Almost every day, in our Congressional and legislative halls, our duly elected representatives and senators conduct liaison with others on pork barrel measures. They agree to scratch each other's back so that everyone can have a share of the Federal or State funds. No dirty money is exchanged—just return obligations.

In U.S. politics, many gray ethical practices are permitted, but we have developed a

mixed morality for international business—based on the puritanical pronouncements of our Securities and Exchange Commission, which stresses a seemingly Christian form of ethics for international business.

Between "In Rome, do as the Romans do" and "you can deal only under our ethical rules", there must be room for compromise or leeway, even as Iran's Khomeini will find that he will need to compromise the pure Islamic doctrine that makes the charging of interest by banks unethical. The Islamic solution is a share of the profits.

If we want U.S. business to compete effectively for major overseas projects, we need to look the other way as long as their operational methods are acceptable to the other party. They should be mildly rebuked when caught.

Today's international business is big business. We can greatly improve our foreign exchange imbalance by the export of our technologies and knowhows. To be competitive, we need to allow these firms the prerogative of using the same rules

pc people

honors & awards

George Ohashi was awarded a 25-year plaque as official of its hair fashion committee by the National Hairdresser at its convention in Chicago, July 22. The active Santa Barbara JACler (10 years as its president and a 1000 Club life member) who operates the Ohashi Coiffure with his wife Bernice and their daughter Susan, is the first Asian American to be so honored. Before he became one of its judges, he had won 22 trophies in hair styling competitions.

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business

Akira Kondo, a 22-year JAL veteran, was appointed Japan Air Lines western regional manager at San Francisco, succeeding Kinichiro Ukari, who has been named eastern regional manager at New York.

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education

Dr. Ken Nakauchi of Arvada, Colo., principal at East Arvada High School, has been transferred to be principal at the new Charles Moore Jr. High School. Chieko Okazaki of Denver, was promoted from assistant principal at Mission Viejo Elementary School to principal at Holly Hills Elementary School

of the Cherry Creek School District. Her husband, Edward, is assistant regional director of the regional HEW office in human development.

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flowers - gardens

Horticulturist Arthur O. Iwasaki, 65, of Northglenn, Colo., resigned at the end of June with the city parks and recreation dept., where he was praised for his developing the rose beds in the Civic Center garden and at Westview Recreation Center. UCLA Professor Koichi Kawana designed the recently-dedicated Shofu-En Japanese garden at Denver Botanic Garden. It was primarily funded by the Ella Mullen Weckbaugh Foundation with many in the Nikkei community contributing.

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health & medicine

T. Walter Moriyama, Torrance, Ca., engineer at Hughes Aircraft, chaired two sessions of the Western Safety Congress and Exhibit at Anaheim recently. He is board chairman of the So. Calif. Industrial Safety Society and chairs the Greater L.A. Chapter of the Federal Safety Council. He served on the Governor's Committee on Traffic Safety, developed industrial safety programs in Japan and Korea while in U.S. civil service overseas.

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