

## DMV recalls offensive license plates

Sacramento, Ca.

What may be the last of the offensive environmental license plates in California to Japanese Americans was being cancelled this past week (Aug. 23) by the Dept. of Motor Vehicles.

A Southern Californian who had JAPCAR license plates since 1973 agreed to return the plates and accept a new configuration.

The offensive plate had been reported by John J. Saito, Pacific Southwest JACL regional director, who recalled the JACL-sponsored legislation was signed by Gov. Reagan in 1973 empowering the DMV to recall personalized license plates that "carry connotation offensive to good taste and decency".

(At the time the JACL was pushing the Badham-Marks bill through the Sacramento legislature in early 1973, an October 1972 DMV readout of personalized plates covering JAO through JAR showed 12 various JAP plates. One was allowed to remain, since it was found to be the motorists' last name—Jappay. —Ed.)

## 45-MINUTE FILM DOCUMENTARY

### On Terminal Island 'Eviction'

Gardena, Ca.

A film documentary on the 1942 U.S. government eviction of Japanese Americans residing on Terminal Island may be produced if \$55,000 is raised and expended by June, 1980, the Pacific Southwest District Council was informed last Sunday (Aug. 26), during its third quarterly session hosted by the Gardena Valley JACL at Nisei VFW Post 1961 Hall.

Terminal Island, situated between San Pedro and Long Beach, was a community of about 500 Japanese families engaged in fishing and cannery work between 1910 and 1942.

When Pearl Harbor was bombed, most of the Issei men on Terminal Island were picked up in FBI raids. On Feb. 14, the Navy "condemned" the island and told residents to vacate the island in 30 days. But on Feb. 25, without warning, new posters appeared ordering all Japanese off the island by midnight Feb. 27. Though over half of the residents had moved away, the two-day notice for the remaining families resulted in near-panic.

Many were unable to move their belongings, find new jobs or places to stay.

Such was the plight that interested Trevor Greenwood, cinematography professor at USC, who has completed research and a manuscript for a 45-minute documentary focusing on the Terminal Island Japanese between Dec. 7, 1941, and March, 1942.

The California Council for Humanities in Public Policy, a San Francisco-based non-profit organization, which funded the Greenwood research with Don Estes as technical adviser (Estes, San Diego JACLer, teaches history at San Diego City College), has approved the Terminal Island film project by awarding \$25,000 with the understanding Greenwood as producer would be able to raise the remaining \$30,000.

A three-way effort with individual goals of \$10,000 each was announced at the PSW meeting with the District Council voting to take on one part. Greenwood and former residents of Terminal Island who are assisting in the project will raise their share.

This will be Greenwood's first major film effort in almost a decade since joining the cinema faculty at the Univ. of Southern California in 1970. A 1966 UCLA master's graduate in theater arts, he was associated with King Screen Productions, Seattle, as director-producer, 1966-69; and with National Film Board of Canada as contract director, writer and editor, 1969-70.

His 26-minute documentary, "The Redwoods", which urged preservation and establishment of a redwood national park, received the 1968 "Oscar" for the best short-documentary and the Cine Golden Eagle Award.

Greenwood's 30-minute film, "Napalm", about a demonstration opposing the operation of a napalm plant in Redwood City, Ca., won the 1967 Cracow International Film Festival grand prize and the Mannheim Film Festival's Simon Dubreuil Award.

His "Lord's Prayer", a 60-second public service announcement for National Lutheran Council for the 450th Anniversary of the Reformation, won first prize at the N.Y. International TV and Commercial Festival, 1967. Other principal films of his include:

"The Medium is the Message", 25-minute documentary on impact of TV on children, National Film Board of Canada, 1970.

"Buffy", 10-minute film vignette of folk-singer Buffy Sainte-Marie, 1967.

"Felicia", 14-minute documentary of a black high school girl in Watts, 1965.



Some of the Nisei-owned fishing boats are tied up at cannery dock at Terminal Island in this late 1941 photo. Ships in the foreground are Milwaukee (back) and Silver Gate (front). Same dock is still in use for unloading fish.

Contributors are assured that if the fund-raising campaign is unsuccessful, the CCHPP would return the donations, according to Vernon Yoshioka, PSWDC executive

board member. Contributions may be sent to: JACL—Terminal Island Film Project, PSW JACL Regional Office, 125 N. Central Ave., Los Angeles, Ca 90012.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION

### Two chapters bid for 1982

Gardena, Ca.

While Gardena Valley JACL's interest to host the 1982 National JACL Convention was informally expressed at the National JACL Board meeting in June, Orange County JACL, in the meantime, publicly announced its bid for the 1982 convention at Disneyland Hotel at the PSW quarterly meeting here Aug. 26.

Both Gardena Valley and Orange County chapters are expected to submit proposals for the Sept. 11 district executive board meeting.

Ken Hayashi, Orange County JACL president, said he was authorized by his chapter board to place a firm bid for the 1982 biennial.

The Pacific Southwest District Council, while not saying any particular chapter that would be interested, accepted the 1978 National Council's request to host the biennial in Southern California. Los Angeles had last hosted a national JACL convention in 1954.

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## Midwest media looking for local Hibakusha

Chicago

Concern to assist A-bomb survivors (hibakusha) in the U.S. was noted by requests upon the JACL Office here to help locate them for local human interest stories for the media in the Midwest, according to Bill Yoshino, Midwest JACL regional director.

Interest stems from Sheridan Tatsuno's piece (Aug. 6 PC) on the plight of the hibakusha published by the Chi-

cago Sun Times on Aug. 15 and their editorial Aug. 17 hoping that the four Illinois members of the House Judiciary Committee would help get the bill passed to give survivors any medical help not covered by insurance.

The Midwest JACL Office is located at 5415 N. Clark St., Chicago 60640, (312) 728-7170.

On Aug. 4 in front of the Federal Building downtown,

the Mobilization for Survival Rally heard from the Rev. Michael Yasutake who remembers Japan as a visitor before and after WW2.

Explaining the A-bomb survivors as socially shunned in Japan, Yasutake said the Japanese government has taken upon itself to provide full medical care. The social stigma attached to radiation persists in the U.S., he added,

## Veteran reporter corrects Hayakawa on early WW2 era

San Jose, Ca.

A banner headline over Harry Farrell's political affairs column in the San Jose Mercury News Aug. 26 reads: "Semanticist Hayakawa garbles his words (and facts)". And the veteran reporter explains why most day-by-day.

The senator was visiting the newspaper office recently, and Farrell asked him about recent statements concerning the west coast relocation of Japanese during World War II.

Noting that Sen. Hayakawa denounced as "ridiculous" a proposal for belated compensation of \$25,000 for each evacuee, "what is unsettling about Hayakawa's position ... is not that he rejects the compensation principle; it is that he defends the relocation itself", Farrell writes.

Hayakawa painted an alarming picture of the West Coast at the time the Japanese were rounded up—"con-

ditions he said today's Japanese American activists aren't old enough to remember", Farrell added. "There were blackouts every night from San Diego all the way up coast. And we never knew when a Japanese submarine would come into San Francisco," Hayakawa was quoted.

Farrell, reminding his readers that Hayakawa was Canadian-born and teaching in Chicago during this particular period, continues:

"I was—and in this case the senator, who is often right, simply doesn't know what he is talking about. He is also incautious and imprecise in his language—a grave lapse for one who first won acclaim as a semanticist.

"During the first week or two after Pearl Harbor, there was a lot of excitement, nervousness, and yes, some fear in California. But there was nothing close to the overpowering, pit-of-the-stomach fear implied by Hayakawa's phrase, 'absolute terror'.

"We never did have nightly blackouts. In the whole first

week after Pearl Harbor, San Jose had only two of them, and there were probably no more than six or eight altogether. The few we had were ordered after 'unidentified planes' were reported. It was never confirmed that these planes were Japanese, and if they were, they departed without dropping their bombs ..."

There never was, as Hayakawa contends, "any need to evacuate the mass of Japanese and Japanese Americans for their own safety," Farrell concludes.

"Voices of goodwill were heard from the start, both from the Japanese community and the Caucasian establishment ... On Dec. 8, the San Jose Mercury Herald editorialized: 'It is no time for hysterics ... It does not make you a better American to toss an epithet at any person who looks like a Japanese. The presumption, if you see them, is that they are as good Americans as you are'."

Farrell contended for argument's sake that if the evacuation occurred right after Dec. 7, it might have been

"mutually justifiable even though unconstitutional", but that it occurred in May, 1942—"the blackouts were long past, the invasion scare was over, and the security threat, if any, was well in hand"—and was hardly deserving.

"The truth is that the sentiment for relocation was belatedly whipped up by rabble-rousers who appealed to bigotry and economic greed as much as to patriotism", Farrell pointed out.

In Los Angeles, Rep. Norman Mineta blamed "poor staff work" for Hayakawa's embarrassing stand on some issues recently—though not specifically on the relocation-redress issue, when asked by the Rafu Shimpo English editor Dwight Chuman.

Mineta was in town meeting with the local Japanese American Democratic Club. He revealed having received some "downright hate let-

ters" regarding the study bill for redress, thus affecting his 1980 re-election bid, which he feels would be his toughest since being elected to the House in 1974.

The House should have someone like Rep. Peter Rodino, who heads the Judiciary Committee, and Rep. Jim

Wright, majority leader, to carry S. 1647 through the House, Mineta felt.

S. 1647 was introduced Aug. 2 by the six senators from Hawaii, California, and Idaho to establish a study commission on wartime relocation and internment of civilians.

## Court commissioner Ishikawa candidate for superior court

By EIRA NAGAOKA

Seattle, Wa.

Richard M. Ishikawa, currently King County Superior Court Commissioner, has announced his candidacy for a one-year unexpired term on King County Superior Court, Position 11. Primary election will be held Sept. 18.

A native of Seattle, Ishikawa attended Gonzaga University and graduated from its School of Law in 1957. He was Deputy Prosecuting At-

torney (criminal and civil division) from 1961-77. Associated in private practice briefly, he was appointed to his present position in 1977. He is past vice president and board member of Seattle JACL.

Ishikawa is member of Keiro Nursing Home board of directors, Japan-America Society and Seattle First Hill Lions Club. He has three children, 9 through 17.



## AT BIGTIME LAS VEGAS:

## Carole Kai a unanimous hit

Las Vegas, Nv.

It was only for the week of Aug. 9 on the main stage at the Sahara, co-headlining with comic Don Rickles, but Carole Kai scored a unanimous decision and the bet here is that she will be asked to return again—and soon, according to Eddie Sherman in his review for the Honolulu Advertiser.

Carole is definitely not just a singer but a distinct personality and that spells entertainment, Sherman commented. Her half-hour stint seemed like only minutes.

She was called back for two bows and was then draped with a 40-foot plumeria lei with more than 30 autographed photos of Island entertainers hanging from it.

"What Carole Kai proved was that opportunity—and being prepared for it—came together and welded solidly," Sherman noted. Her parents, Larry and Ethel, were ring-side with her uncles, aunts and cousins.

She opened with a medley of "Shining Hour" and "If They Could See Me Now", swirling and dancing about

the stage. Slightly out of breath, she then welcomed the audience with a long "aloha"—and the audience responded in kind. That appeared to relax Carole.

Then followed the dramatic "Weekend in New England", an upbeat arrangement of "Copacabana" after grabbing a long orange boa from the piano, and a comic routine with a sequined-decorated cowboy hat dispensing a country medley Hawaii style.

Singer-dancer Ray Bengtson took the stage here to allow Carole a change of costume for her version of an Island girl trying to tackle Broadway. She returned and was a tour de force as she changed on stage from kimono, grass skirts with coconuts to stylish gowns during a routine that included such songs as "I Enjoy Being a Girl", "Limehouse Blues", "Honey Bun" and closing with "Tomorrow".

Sherman added she had lots of help from producer-orchestra conductor Jack Eglash, the music arrangers, costume designers and choreographers.

## Expo Fund aids Nichibei Kai

San Francisco

Japan World Exposition Memorial Fund contributed \$45,000 to the San Francisco Nichibei Kai building fund, it was announced Aug. 13 by Yukio Sekino, Nichibei Kai president.

um applications are available from Alice Kasai, Salt Lake City.

One of the issues reserved for the convention will be the IDC redress resolution concerning Intermountain Nikkei during the WW2 period. Ted Matsushima, redress chairman, presented a draft of the resolution.

IDC Gov. John Tameno explained the procedures for the constitutional convention and reminded all the chapters to study the revisions that have been circulated by the national constitutional revision committee.

Karl Nobuyuki, national executive director, in his "national report", said chapters should meet with a National

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Carole Kai

## HIBAKUSHA

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as many victims have yet to reveal their needs.

A bill (HR 1129 by Roybal, HR 1924 by Danielson) to aid these victims in the U.S. is pending in subcommittee. "We owe it to these victims and ourselves to participate in the healing of their wounds" by urging passage of a bill to provide at least partial medical services, Yasutake concluded.

Tax-deductible contributions to assist the JACL-Atom Bomb Survivors Committee educational effort should be forwarded to National JACL, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, Ca 94115.

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## 650 attend fete for Ando

By PHIL MATSUMURA  
San Jose, Ca.

Close to 650 honored Yoshio Ando, 81, recipient of the Japanese Order of the Sacred Treasure, 5th Class, at a testimonial dinner held Aug. 9 at the Hyatt House. He was decorated from his many years of involvement with the community, church and promotion of U.S.-Japan understanding.

Ando's association with JACL coincided with the fight for Issei naturalization, repeal of alien land laws and evacuation claims of the late 1940s and early 1950s. Among those presenting congratulations were:

Tom Onishi, Buddhist Church; Erabu Mikami, Santa Clara County Nikkeijinkai; Consul General Tamio Amau; San Jose City Councilman Tom McEnery; Bishop Kenryu Tsuji; Tom Yuki, Fuji Towers; I.K. Ishimatsu, International Farm Aid Assn.; Joe Akahoshi, Senshikai; Toshio Naganuma, Calif 1st Bank; Dr.

## Local history

Monterey, Ca.

Carmel High School teacher Chad Lincoln (408-372-5589) is researching the local Evacuation experience, especially in relationship to the Tule Lake camp, in preparation of his story, according to the Monterey Peninsula JACL.

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Tad Tomita was emcee. Hanayagi Jumasuga and her students entertained with several classical dance numbers. Steven Donlon stated Reps. Don Edwards and Norman Mineta were reprinting the Ando award in the Congressional Record.

## Mori speaks for own spousal rape bill

Sacramento, Ca.

Assemblyman Floyd Mori spoke for his own spousal rape legislation before the Senate Judiciary Committee, which unanimously favored its passage on a 9-0 vote. The bill's next major test will be in the full Senate next January.

Two members of the Senate committee opened the hearing held Aug. 21 by commending the assemblyman, who is not an attorney, for his perseverance on the spousal rape measure over the past three years.

The Los Angeles Times Aug. 29 editorially expressed its support of Mori's bill, AB 546, which declares women are people and not sexual property.

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## PSWDC

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## \$43,811 budget

Vice Gov. Mas Dobashi presented the 1979-80 PSWDC budget totaling \$43,811, which was adopted. Almost two-thirds will be derived from district funding, an allocation from National, while the remainder will be from the \$2 per capita district dues. The budget:

EXPENSES—Personnel: \$27,861; rent: \$6,480; communications, \$4,260; equipment, \$2,170; office supplies, \$1,000; chapter development, \$1,200; miscellaneous, \$840.

INCOME—Per capita dues: \$15,000; district funding \$27,700; trust fund, \$1,200.

In other major actions, the district—

• Approved a resolution introduced by Toshiko Yoshida, Pro-

gressive Westside, calling for support of the Indochinese "boat people" settling in Southern California.

• Transferred \$2,000 from the district council account to the regional office account.

• Approved use of the district PC mailing list for Christmas Cheer solicitations on a continuing basis.

• Approved a \$1,000 contribution as seed money to the JACL-Terminal Island Film Project toward JACL's commitment to raise at least \$10,000; vote was 11-3.

• Officially welcomed the new Marina Chapter and allowed a \$100 subsidy to host the 4th quarterly session Nov. 11, 1979.

Sixteen chapter presidents or delegates presented highlights and summaries of their current programs just before the lunch break. Schol-

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## Parasites found in some striped bass

Sacramento, Ca.

Striped bass caught in San Francisco Bay or the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta should not be eaten raw because of parasites found in some fish, the State Dept. of Health Services announced Aug. 6.

A favorite catch among Nisei fishermen, the department warned it may be served only after the fish has been frozen for at least 60 hours at 4 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. Striped bass parasites can live in the human digestive tract, causing lesions, Health Services spokesman Jack Shenaman said.



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# Five awardees named for Hayashi law scholarships

## Philadelphia

Five JACL Thomas T. Hayashi Memorial Law Scholarships totaling \$2,500 have been awarded for the 1979-80 academic year by the Eastern District Council, Japanese American Citizens League, Dr. Tom Tamaki, Philadelphia, chairman of the selections committee, announced this past week.

The \$500 "merit" scholarship was awarded to Kevin Kengo Takeuchi of Stockton, Ca., as the outstanding graduate student seeking admission into an accredited law school. As a "merit" scholar, he is entitled to \$500 for each of his next two years if he maintains a satisfactory scholastic average during the previous academic year.

Two "need" scholarships were awarded for the second consecutive year. These are single-year, one-time awards, but if the "need" continues, applications for this particular award may be made each year.

One \$500 "need" scholarship was awarded to Cyril Nozomu Nishimoto of New

York City, now in his third year at the Columbia University School of Law, New York. The other \$500 "need" scholarship was awarded to Carol Izumi of St. Louis, Mo., a third year student in the Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.

Bruce Hironaka of Sacramento, Ca., who is entering his third and final year at the Stanford University School of Law this month, has been awarded his third \$500 law school scholarship.

Susan Kamei of Anaheim, Ca., who will be entering her second year at Georgetown University Law Center, has been awarded her second \$500 law school scholarship.

Seiko Wakabayashi of Washington, D.C., EDC governor, also announced the scholarship winners this past weekend (Aug. 25) at the joint EDC-MDC Convention hosted by Twin Cities JACL.

The Hayashi Memorial Law Scholarship was established in 1976 and is administered by the EDC JACL in tribute to the late Thomas T. Hayashi, an active JACLer

for two decades and an outstanding attorney specializing in the fields of civil rights, immigration, and international trade.

## KEVIN TAKEUCHI

By coincidence, Kevin's older brother Derrick was the first "merit" scholarship awardee three years ago, graduating from Georgetown Law Center this past spring. At the moment Derrick is with the Democratic National Committee serving as an assistant in the Asian American division.

Kevin himself was born in Stockton in 1955, the third child and second son in the family of Kenji and Itsuko Grace Matsune Takeuchi, both long-time florists who have been active in the Stockton JACL. A Buddhist, he received his B.A. in political science from UC Berkeley in 1977 and has spent the last two years at the Univ. of Tokyo, continuing his studies in political science. He will probably attend Temple University Law School in Philadelphia, Washington College of Law in St. Louis, or the American University Law School in Washington, D.C.

While attending Edison high school, he was president of his sophomore class and then student body president. A varsity participant in baseball and soccer, he was an outstanding

speaker, winning numerous National Forensic League contests.

At the time of graduation from Berkeley, he won university and departmental honors with his senior thesis "The Foundations of Political Modernization in Japan". He was also a member every year of the Honor Students Society. During the summer of 1975, he was selected by the Stanford-Keio Exchange Committee to participate with Stanford students on a study program in Japan. On campus, he was active in the Asian Students Union.

## CYRIL NISHIMOTO

Cyril Nishimoto was born in Gardena in 1956, the third of four children of the Rev. Harumi and Molly Hirayama Nishimoto. His religious preference is Christian (Protestant).

A summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Yale University in 1977 with a B.A. in psychology, he enters his third and final year at the Columbia University School of Law.

Following the winning of local high school and state honors at Gardena, where he participated in church, community, and sports activities, he entered Yale University in the fall of 1973. While earning highest academic honors there, he also took part in the Yale-Sumitomo Summer Japanese Language Study Fellowship, the Yale-Sumitomo Sum-

mer Japan Travel Fellowship, and the Yale Summer Chinese Language Study Fellowship.

Columbia Law School honors include the Charles Evans Hughes Human Rights Fellowship and 1978-79 Second Year Staff and 1979-80 Associate Editor of the Columbia Journal of Transnational Law.

Off campus, he worked with the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, the New York JACL Steering Committee to plan for the Japanese American Awareness Conference and was a workshop leader at the September 1978 Conference, and the Japanese American Help for the Aging Committee. Active also in the church, he was a leader of the Japanese American Union Church and the Metropolitan Asian American Methodist Youth Fellowship. He played a leading role in the original playlet "Unbroken Thread" which told of the Japanese American concentration camp experiences of World War II.

He has worked his own way through both Yale University and the Columbia Law School, being employed as a janitor, freshman counselor, restaurant waiter, etc.

## CAROL IZUMI

Ms. Izumi has qualified for and received her third consecutive "need" scholarship, as she works toward graduation from the Georgetown Law Center in the spring of 1980. Her father, Shinsuke Edwin, a retired government civil service employee, and her mother, Misao Oshima Izumi, a housewife, are active in the St. Louis JACL.

Born in the nation's capital in 1954, she demonstrated her lead-

ership in Webster high school in St. Louis, where she excelled not only in scholarship but also women's sports. She was equally outstanding at Webster College in St. Louis (1972-73) and at Oberlin College (1973-76) with a B.A. in government. She spent spring semester (1975) in the Urban Studies Program at Boston College. Especially active while at Oberlin in Asian American and women's projects, she coordinated the Asian Women's Group, an experimental college course, and cofounded ALANA, a Third World women's coalition.

Like New Yorker Nishimoto, she worked her way through both college and law school, including tutoring first year law students and being a research assistant to Prof. Peter W. Tague and Assistant Law School Dean Brenda Atkins. She also worked a summer as the secretary of the Washington JACL Office.

## HIRONAKA/KAMEI

Bruce Hironaka will be graduating from Stanford Law School next spring. This past spring (1979) he served his externship with Justice Sidney Feinberg of the California Court of Appeals in San Francisco. This past summer he worked for the Los Angeles law firm of DeCastro, West & Chodorow.

Susan Kamei will be entering her second year of law at the Georgetown Law Center this fall. This past spring she received a research grant to co-author an article on the housing laws of the Soviet Union. In addition to writing the specialized article, this summer she was a research assistant for congressional affairs with the Washington law firm Gardner, Carton & Douglas.

## news briefs

## the nation

HEW's Office of Civil Rights is monitoring integration policies of public schools throughout the nation. New York City's 32 districts face a staffing problem if current teacher examinations are found to discriminate against candidates on the basis of race or sex as HEW was told the system would implement its agreement to achieve a more racially balanced and distributed staff.

Inflation and recession are again buffeting the Social Security trust funds set up by the Congress two years ago for some 35 million recipients. Congress has been told by its Congressional Budget Office the fund needs infusion of money.

U.S. is closer to bilingualism (Spanish) because of the Hispanic influx since 1970, notes the N.Y. Times in Aug. 8 story from Houston, as the estimate indicates by the middle of the 1980s, the Hispanics will have replaced the blacks as the nation's largest nonwhite minority.

Voters in Guam have heavily rejected the island's first constitution, drafted by the 1977 Convention, that would have given the government increased autonomy (an unspecified new status) but recognizing continued federal control. A U.S. territory since 1898 and long proud of their American citizenship, Guamanians have long complained that they cannot vote in the U.S. presidential elections on the island and they have no voting representation in Congress.

People of America Samoa celebrate their Flag Day on Aug. 11. Peter Coleman, the first elected Samoan governor, was in Hawaii to mark the occasion. Samoa, the only U.S. territory below the equator, is populated by about 30,000. About 100,000 are living in Hawaii.

## midwest

A group of 191 Tokyo teenagers is spending a month in and around Wichita, Kan., learning how to speak English while living with 4-H host families. Most have been enrolled in the Labo International Exchange Foundation program since childhood, with parents saving money to pay for the trip.

Pacific Asian American Mental Health Research Center, 1640 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, Ill. 60608, is seeking a full-time director for its documentation center. Salary range is \$11,000-13,000. Call Mary Doi (312) 226-0117 for details.

## items

## cultural events

Tacoma's Asian American Alliance will present its seventh annual Asian Day Festival on Saturday, Sept. 29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., at the new Lakewood Community Center, 9112 Lakewood Dr SW, which will also be the new home of the Asian American Alliance from mid-August. While focus will be on International Year of the Child in the exhibits, traditional food, music and dance will be featured in Pierce County's biggest Asian-Pacific cultural event.

Calif. Japanese Ceramic Arts Guild will demonstrate and display their pieces during school hours (morning, afternoon and evenings) at Rio Hondo Community College, Whittier, Ca., starting Sept. 21 and ending Oct. 22 (not weekends).

Institute for U.S.-Japan Relations at San Francisco State is offering a new upper division seminar series: "U.S. Japan: Economic Realities", with Harrison Holland, Ph.D., as coordinator. Class meets for ten Tuesdays starting Sept. 11. Brochure is available from the Institute, SFSU, Ca 94132.

## IDC

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officer to explain the JACL budget as revised. He urged chapters and members to write to their senators to support the S. 1647, the Senate bill for establishing the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians; to their congressmen on support for HR 1129, the Roybal bill to give medical assistance to atomic bomb survivors in the U.S. and touched upon membership, "Operations '80s" and the 1980 national convention.

Other reports were made by:

Bruce Shimizu, national youth director; Masa Tsukamoto, Minidoka Project; Yoshiko Ochi, Nisei retirement.

The IDC business session was preceded by the dedication ceremonies of the Minidoka Camp as a historical landmark followed by a reception at the restaurant. IDC expressed its appreciation to Tsukamoto and the Poccatello-Blackfoot JACL for chairing the project by presenting "Go For Broke", a framed picture that Sen. Frank Church had presented to the IDC during the dedication, to be hung in their JACL Hall.

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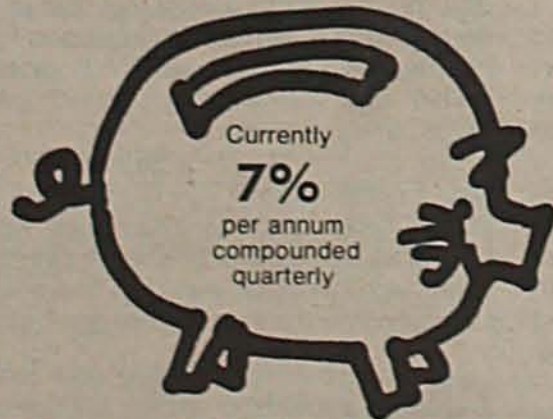
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## Fellow Citizens

Not long ago a cherished friend from Seattle, Captain Gunnar Olsborg, stopped in San Francisco on his way to address a Norwegian American gathering in San Jose.

Just recently we met with Greek Americans assembled here for a convention. They were very sympathetic to our redress campaign and passed a resolution strongly supporting the Government's investigation of the whole affair.

One of the great attractions of San Francisco is its easily recognizable ethnic demeanors. This is a United Nations city. Japanese Americans are less than 2% of the city's population, but this is a city sensitive toward its minorities. Eleven days after Senate Bill 1647 was introduced the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution supporting the Bill. Mayor Dianne Feinstein has signed the resolution.

Cultivating one's ethnic heritage is healthy for Americans. It widens our perspective and our tolerance and makes us appreciate people who are not just like ourselves. Appearance becomes only one minor variance in the great number of differences between any two individuals.

The richness of America is in its multitude of distinct and varied ethnicity of its people. This is what makes America interesting as well as great. We are the microcosm of the world of the future—people from different lands and diverse heritages living together as fellow citizens.

Traveling abroad makes us acutely aware of our advantages.

In a country whose inhabitants are mostly homogeneous, differences are often looked upon with either suspicion or indifference. At best they are tolerated, but seldom appreciated.

Where else but in America can we cherish our differences and while enjoying the new experiences put our arms proudly around each other's shoulders as fellow American citizens? #

YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry Honda

## Corralling a Quorum

It's becoming a problem in the Pacific Southwest District Council to secure a quorum at the quarterly session. Proceedings were delayed a half hour, for instance, at the third quarterly hosted by Gardena Valley JACL Aug. 26 at the Nisei VFW Hall. PSW Gov. Wiley Higuchi gavelled the meeting to order on time at 9:30 and after roll call, it was apparent a quorum was lacking.

The membership bulletin shows 32 chapters (17 chapters for a quorum—one over half being necessary), but for purpose of squeezing a quorum, the new chapters were to be counted after they were formally recognized. The quorum was now 16.

It was further noted that three chapters were delinquent for owing 1978 district dues, thus not "in good standing" as stipulated in the national JACL constitution, which specifies chapters must be paid-up in their national and district dues/assessments prior to being able to cast a vote in the national council. As a pragmatic policy, the same has been utilized by the PSWDC.

So with the total now at 27 chapters "in good standing", the quorum came to 14 and the 14th chapter showed up about 10:30.

Rather than sit and wait for the 14th chapter (there was a temptation to suspend the rules and proceed), the council assembled as a "commit-

tee of the whole" in the interim and conducted business as usual—except that when the 14th chapter appeared, the group was convened as a council. The Governor quickly reviewed the action and secured the vote of the tardy 14th chapter to put everything into order.

The PSWDC has been a stickler for parliamentary procedure—going back to the time when David Yokozeiki was district chairman in the late '50s. His successor, Kango Kunitsugu, tells us Dave is now in Guam. PSW governors Mas Hironaka, Al Hatate, Helen Kawagoe and Masamune Kojime all insisted on running their meetings like a tight ship.

While we're accustomed to the American call for a quorum to be one over half, in the English House of Commons, it is 40 out of 700 (about 6%), but all bills and amendments must be written and given in advance. A variation to the latter practice may be the "consent calendar" as practiced in the Congress and more recently with the National JACL executive committee.

JACL reports requiring acceptance are circulated in advance and placed on the consent calendar. If there are no further questions or objections, all the reports on the calendar are accepted or adopted. The PSWDC is considering such a step. #

I dare say that I have worked off my fundamental formula on you that the chief end of man is to frame general propositions and that no general proposition is worth a damn.

—OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

### From Wendy Y.

Editor:

The following letter from Wendy Yoshimura was received on August 22. She thanks the many people across the country who are supporting her and the efforts of the Fair Trial Committee.—Lloyd K. Wake, Chairperson, Wendy Yoshimura Fair Trial Committee

Dear Friends,

I arrived here safely at the California Institute for Women in Frontera on July 17. As the other inmates would attest, the first few weeks were by far the most difficult time of prison term. I would like to thank all the people in the community for your concern and support, as you have given me much strength to withstand this difficult time.

Slowly but surely, I am adjusting my life here at the C.I.W. My days seem to pass by much quicker these days and am making some friends, too. I am placed now at the Receiving Center of C.I.W. where the women are housed before placed in the

permanent area of the prison. There are about 100 women here at R. C. I am pleased to report to you that the people here have been very decent with me in many ways—the inmates and the staff. I have had no problem with anyone, even with my publicized case.

The term "prison" may sound frightening to some, but it simply is a community where there are people, some of whom are nice and some not as in the larger community outside. The only differences are the confinement and the isolation. For me, my isolation is the most difficult aspect of the prison term. I miss my family, my friends, my community and the life I left behind. I really cannot emphasize enough to you, how your continued concern and support help me in coping with my isolation with much dignity.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation for all that you have done and continue to do for me with such concern and care.

WENDY YOSHIMURA

WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ron Ikejiri

## Nisei Expertise

Over the past few months, the Washington office has received requests from Senators and House Members on key Congressional committees which control legislation on energy matters to submit recommendations to develop long-range solutions to American energy problems.

The JACL traditionally has been an educational, civil and human rights organization and has no meaningful policy on issues in the area of natural resource conservation, energy, and related areas. With the mounting problems of inflation and its interrelationship with the current energy crisis, it would appear to be an appropriate time to create a national JACL committee composed of JACLers with expertise in the subject areas. The Committee would be called the Science and Technology Committee, with subcommittees patterned after the House of Representatives which deal with specific areas such as energy research and production, energy development and applications, natural resources and environment.

The specific purpose of the National Committee would be to formulate National JACL positions on energy and related matters.

The creation of such a National Committee would be another step toward expanding JACL's role in advocating national issues in an area of importance to all of us. #

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## 35 years ago

SEPT. 2, 1944

June 6—(delayed)—Sgt. John Matsumoto of Sebastopol completes 33 missions as aerial gunner in 12th Air Force in Mediterranean theater.

(PC reprints "Battle of Belvedere" by Yank staff correspondent James O'Neill; Nazi SS battalion found it was no match for the 5th Army's Japanese American troops spearheading drive toward Italy's Po Valley.)

Aug. 25—Volunteers from Minidoka camp check 1,000-acre grazing land fire at Shoshone.

Aug. 27—Ohio State's Keo Nakama of Hawaii scores grand slam in national AAU championships at Great Lakes, Ill.; wins 400-m, 800-m, and 1500-m in record time of 19m.42.6s.

Aug. 28—Calif. Lt. Gov. Houser (R) charges New Deal seeks return of evacuees to west coast in campaign speech near Tule Lake center; evacuee made a campaign issue as Houser candidate for U.S. Senate.

SEPT. 9, 1944

Aug. 22—Santa Ana Register calls Evacuation "a serious mistake", "the sooner we correct it the better".

Sept. 2—First alien land escheat case in Orange County filed against Shosuke Nitta family, Poston, Ariz.

Sept. 5—Nat'l JACL petitions Army for right to reopen San Francisco JACL office.

Sept. 7—WRA reports 45 Nisei GIs from camps killed in action, 92 wounded as of Sept. 7.

## PSWDC

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arships and summer festivals were prevalent in most of the reports.

South Bay is working with Torrance to establish a sister city tie with Kashiwa, Japan. San Diego announced Dr. Harry Kitano will be its guest speaker at the installation dinner Nov. 10. West Los Angeles with its Auxiliary announced their installation would be on Nov. 17.

Pan Asian is into coordinating the district's Christmas Cheer campaign under John Morey for the third year. Hollywood revealed a Pacific Citizen golden anniversary dinner in October is being planned. Carson operated a fireworks stand to raise funds for its scholarship awards and hosted a Pony League team from Japan.

San Fernando Valley noted JACL was missing from the communication network dealing with school problems. Progressive Westside urged the district take a stand against Calif. Prop. 1.



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

## In search of 'a job of happiness'

Salt Lake City

Fairy tales used to end, "And they lived happily ever after." At least I remember those that did. It all seemed so believable back then, when the distinction between fantasy and reality was comfortably vague.

Almost everyone believed in dreams. And those who didn't had the kindness or unkindness not to discourage the dreamers. Living happily ever after, was the triumphant chant I shrieked. And failed to read the shadowed warning in my grandmother's face or to heed the mourning of her voice that said, "Girls do not wish for happiness."

That was a long time ago. I have no memory of what I anticipated happiness as being when I believed in fairy tales. And I haven't thought of happiness as a quintessential condition until the last few months.

What brings all this to mind is my son's recent search for employment. Armed with two college degrees, previous employment as an academic adviser and teaching assistant at the university, the quest began. Forecasts indicated a good employment year for those with graduate degrees. It seemed that it should be a simple process of matching one's skills to available jobs. I didn't expect there would be so many qualifications or complications.

Some promising leads were directed to him. But when word came through other sources that some companies were interested specifically in hiring minorities, his enthusiasm quickly evaporated. Equal employment opportunities have created

this doubting trap for some. Color on which denial was formerly based has sometimes become a preferred passport. But some are reluctant or loathe to ride a train with reserved seats.

So scratch this and scratch that, my son jabbed his pen through possibly accommodating employers. I wiped away the ballpoint marks on the counter, mute testimony to the paper massacre. "Then wash dishes," I said in exasperation. I am a generation distant from him and still remember the plight of Nisei college graduates, condemned to work beneath their skills because of racial discrimination. But I stilled my tongue that wanted to strike at him.

As my son's contemporaries were gradually situated in positions, my concern increased. And frankly, it was wearing on my nerves, having him around day after day. We had spent a year together in this house while he wrote his thesis and I was feeling a desperate need for privacy. "What are you waiting for?" I asked. "What are you seeking?"

The answer, "a job of happiness." And then I remembered, like the rasping, forgotten tune from an abandoned music box, of the time when I believed everyone lived happily ever after. That was a world away, before the war, before the camps.

My son is 25 and young and full of dreams. I remember being his age and prematurely ancient. "Happiness" had been rubbed out of my vocabulary. When my son used it, I said, "I have no recognition of the word." He smiled his sly grin and said, "Sure, you do." #





FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

## Down the South Fork of Snake River

Idaho Falls, Idaho

It was one of those "Golly, you should have been here last week" fishing trips. The scrappy cutthroat trout that abound in the clear, swift depths of the Snake River's magnificent South Fork simply wouldn't respond to dry flies, wet flies, spinners, salmon eggs and finally, worms. But it was a memorable outing nonetheless in the company of four as fine fishing companions as one could wish for.

We were guests of Alfred Wada, a Sansei, who was only too happy to haul his big aluminum boat out to the river for a half day and forget about the cares of running his 5,000-acre farm. Alfred had a degree in journalism and business and was working toward a master's when he realized life behind a desk wasn't for him. So he came back to the farm and has made a whopping success of it.

Some of the credit must go to his dad, Frank Wada, who also was aboard. Frank was born in Japan and came to the United States when he was 12 or 14, I've forgotten which, and attended Hollywood High School while John Aiso was big man on that campus. Frank was farming at San Clemente, near San Diego, when war came. Unwilling to be locked up in a relocation camp, he took his family to Cedar City, Utah, and leased a farm, then nearly went broke while learning the hard lesson that farming in the arid West is possible only if you have adequate water rights. Wada headed north, was impressed by the abundance of water near Pingree and settled there. He's been at Pingree ever since. Now happily retired, he spends a lot of time fishing and reading.

The other two aboard were George Shiozawa and Masa Tsukamoto, both natives and prominent farmers. Shiozawa is a perennial civic and JACL leader who probably is more proud of the Pocatelto-Blackfoot JACL chapter's handsome meeting hall (located between a high school and a municipal golf course) than of his extensive farming operations.

Tsukamoto and I have an interesting although very

remote link. His father and my father were boyhood friends in a tiny village outside Hiroshima. When my parents were in the Minidoka WRA camp, and after regulations were eased a bit, Masa would pick them up and drive them to the Tsukamoto farm for long weekends of reminiscing, picnicking and fishing. Wherever his dad and my dad are these days, they must have had a good chuckle at the sight of their sons fishing together with scant success.

Albert Wada took us a dozen or 15 miles up the South Fork, a beautiful river that winds between some spectacular country, and then we floated back down, fishing along the way. The river was so pretty and the companionship so satisfying that the absence of fishing action didn't seem all that important.

The half day on the river was a pleasant reminder that there is another way of life that doesn't involve deadline pressures, polluted air and congested streets. Wada, Shiozawa and Tsukamoto work hard, and they also know how to play. We talked about the price of potatoes, wheat and hay, on which they depend for their livelihood. Prices have been low in recent years, but things are looking up this summer. But much more of the time, their conversation was about fun—the big trout they had hauled out of the South Fork and other streams, the fabulous fishing to be had up at the Matsuura cattle ranch, the hunting for Canada geese that had fattened on wheat spilled during the harvest, and hunting for elk and deer when fall turns the aspen-covered hillsides golden.

It wasn't until some time later that I met the spouses of my fishing companions. Then it suddenly occurred to me that all we had talked about was man-stuff; the guys were outdoors doing what they liked, and their wives were accustomed to expecting them home when they heard the car driving up and not before.

I would be branded a male chauvinistic pig if I applauded that way of life too vigorously, but the fellows did make me promise to come back for another try at fishing. I promised, and they didn't have to twist my arm. #

### QUESTION AND ANSWER FACT SHEET ON REDRESS:

## Won't campaign cause a white backlash?

Continued from Last Week

**32. Why should heirs receive payments? If you include heirs, would not that set a precedent for others, like blacks and Native Americans, to make claims for ancestral grievances?**

The government is not relieved of the responsibility of making amends just because the victim has died. Children and family members of detainees suffered the consequences of lost property, lost income, lost health, ruined reputations, and psychological damage long after the camps closed. No other group of American citizens suffered such a massive denial of constitutional rights in existence at the time. Ours is a unique case in the constitutional history of this country. Blacks were brought here under a free enterprise system (i.e., not by government order), and Native Americans suffered a series of broken treaties between nations. This is not to say that the Blacks and Native Americans did not suffer immensely, but that only in the case of the eviction and incarceration of Japanese Americans was there a total abrogation of constitutional guarantees inflicted against a single group of citizens solely on the basis of race.

**33. Aren't the Native Americans, Black Americans, Mexican Americans, and Chinese Americans at least equally deserving of redress?**

We are not in competition with other groups who have

legitimate claims for redress. Each group must pursue its own goals, but we will not get trapped into a divide and conquer situation.

**34. Weren't there numerous disloyal people, like those who refused the loyalty oath, resisted the draft, renounced their citizenship, and expatriated to Japan? Why should they receive redress?**

There were very good legal, moral and psychological reasons for resisting the government. Each act of resistance was a protest against injustice. The loyalty oath was imposed after they had been imprisoned for nearly a year; the draft was instituted while they and their families were still incarcerated; and American citizenship proved to be worthless. Without detracting from the magnificent war record of Japanese Americans in WW2, in the long run, those who resisted may also have been the true American patriots because they took their constitutional rights seriously and fought to uphold the Constitution. The government later recognized the mitigating circumstances surrounding these cases and granted full pardons to the draft resisters and restored citizenship to the renunciants. People responded to the injustices in different ways, and it would be inappropriate to pass judgment on loyalty.

**35. Won't your campaign cause a white backlash and erode the gains you have already made? Won't you provoke resentment and rekindle racism that no longer exists?**

If racism no longer exists, we have nothing to worry about. But if racism is merely comparatively dormant or can be rekindled, we need to work for redress. It is our duty, as first-class citizens, to fight for our just due. If we make the historical facts widely known, we are confident that the general public will be supportive. But if there is a backlash, it is better to confront the problem directly and deal with it forthwith.

**36. How much support do you think you'll get from the American public?**

We fully expect some bitter opposition. We believe, however, that there will be much more support than many Japanese Americans now believe. Americans are not afraid to admit to the mistakes of their country.

**37. Is the redress movement being led by young radicals who were not even born at the time?**

Nearly all of the people active in the campaign are middle-aged or older persons who experienced the eviction and incarceration in 1942-46.

**38. Who do you represent? Aren't there many Japanese Americans who oppose redress?**

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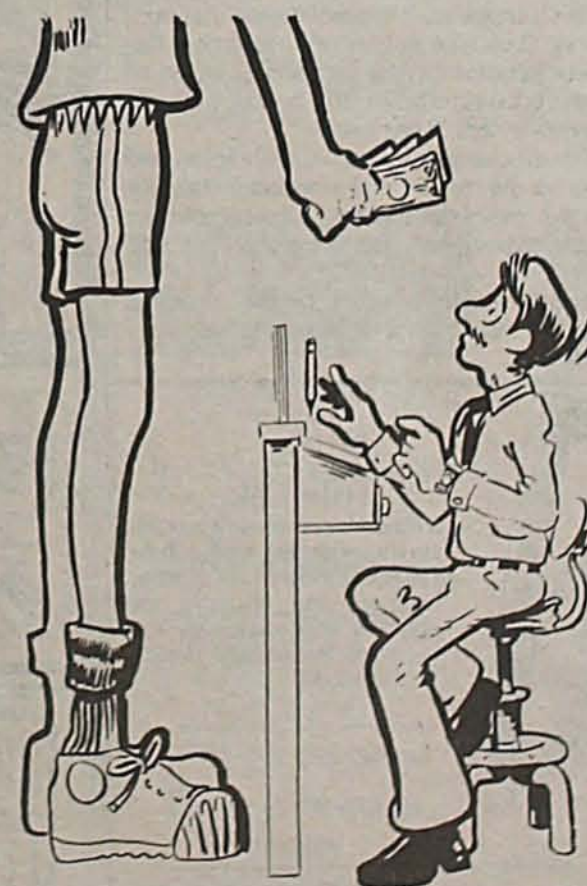
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FROM NO. CAL-WESTERN NEVADA: George Kondo



## Can I help?

Good morning, this is George. Can I help you?

My name is Kaufman. Your name was referred to me as a person to contact by a JACL member in Sonoma County. My wife Emiko has a problem with which I am told you might be of help. She is Japanese and is desirous of enrolling in a specific class in college. But it is necessary that she change the status of her visa before she will be accepted. I'll come in with all the necessary documents so that you can write a letter to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service to expedite the matter.

Mr. Kaufman, what you are asking is not in the area of our activities since she is a national of Japan. You should go to the Japanese consulate for assistance.

But Mr. Kondo, the JACL has much credibility and a letter on your letterhead should have some bearing on the matter. I would like to come in and explain the whole situation to you...

(Getting kinda exasperated) Mr. Kaufman, just tell me what you'd like for me to do. As I see it, all I can do is to write a letter asking them to give consideration in expediting the matter... and Mr. Kaufman, it is not necessary for you to come in.

So I wrote to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service telling them I'd appreciate anything they can do to expedite the matter. What do you know... Mr. Kaufman came into my office.

He has an application form for JACL membership. I hope he fills it out promptly.

FROM THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: John J. Saito



## Boat People

Los Angeles

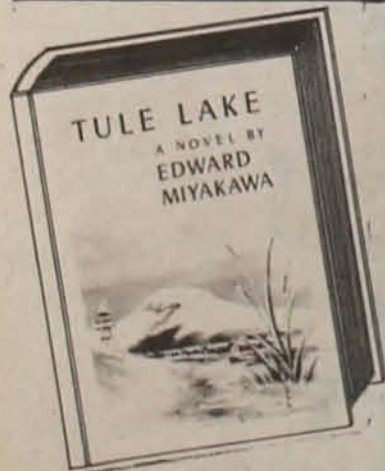
Back in April of 1975, all of us heard that with the fall of the South Vietnam government, our government would receive thousands of refugees at El Toro marine base and then transport them to Camp Pendleton. A group of us in the social service field met to see whether we, as Asian Americans, could assist the new arrivals. The very first afternoon that the refugees were arriving at Pendleton, I drove Svay Vilay (Laotian) and the Reverend Tri Sanh (Vietnamese Buddhist priest) to Pendleton. We had no difficulty in getting in because security rules had not been established. We were also mistaken by the Marines as part of the refugee group. I could see upon my arrival that inadequate planning or preparation had been done to receive the refugees.

When I saw the crowded living conditions and the lines formed in front of the mess halls, I was reminded of 1942 when we were interned in Poston, Arizona. Although the precipitating incidents were not the same, the physical living conditions were very similar. There was plenty of food for the refugees, but much of the food was left uneaten because the American diet was foreign to them. The rice was cooked mushy like Okaiyu, something my mother gave me when I was sick.

Without getting too philosophical, it appears to me that sudden physical dislocation often affects mental imbalance. Recent metropolitan news articles reveal increasing cases of mental health problems encountered by the recent arrivals and probably by the most recent "boat people".

Uncertainty of the future can play havoc with the mind and can place undue stress on the mental and emotional stability of individuals. I still feel some of the emotional scars from the Evacuation and wartime experience, and I doubt if they will heal completely.

If we can use our personal and historical experience, maybe we can help the recent arrivals hurt a little less or help heal their wounds a little sooner.



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FROM THE MIDWEST: Bill Yoshino

## 'Affirmative Action'

Chicago

Al Capone, Chicago. Bugsy Moran, Chicago. The mob, Chicago. Deserved or not, Chicago has become somewhat synonymous with underworld crime. Living in Chicago, one is not overly cognizant of the mob (hereafter referred to as the businessmen's group) except on occasion when one of these businessmen turns up in the trunk of a car.

I became particularly intrigued with this businessmen's group over the course of this past year when an individual of Japanese ancestry (hereafter referred to as the gentlemen)—I really don't

recall his name—were mentioned in the newspapers as being affiliated with the businessmen's group. In fact, one evening as I was watching the TV news, I saw the gentleman visiting the police station. As I recall, when the gentleman's name was mentioned, it was the same name as the one I had seen previously in the papers. When I saw the gentleman on the tube, he sure looked Asian. Admittedly, I wasn't wearing my glasses at the time, but I'm pretty certain that I can distinguish an Asian when I see one, blurred vision notwithstanding. So now the name and the blurred face had been put together and I thought, well I'll be dog-goned.

Anyway, it occurred to me that aside from all the things said about the businessmen's group, that even though they hire through merit and not quotas, that maybe they have an affirmative action program. Now, this may all seem rather silly because then the gendarmes finally round these businessmen up, it won't be because they failed to comply with Federal EEO guidelines.

Nevertheless, the thought is interesting so I'll continue.

There are many problems inherent in accepting employment in this businessmen's group; like having to live with the thought of per-

manently ink-stained fingertips, or having to explain why it is you drive a big fancy car with no visible means of support, or explaining why a big fancy car occasionally tries to run you down. Finally, and most unfortunately, when upper management becomes disgruntled with your job performance, in many instances, it's not just your po-

sition that is terminated.

Speaking of "upper management", maybe the businessmen's group doesn't have a comprehensive affirmative action program. Maybe this businessmen's group is right when they say they're like any other "legitimate business"—at least in terms of opening the doors to the executive suite.

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**President Moves**  
Dayton JACL president Charles Pace, promoted to Newsweek magazine's headquarters in New York City, and family were honored at a farewell party June 8. It ended almost a decade of association with the Dayton JACL, having come from Washington, D.C., where the Paces were active members. Prior to their move, Pace presented the JACL silver pin to Goldie McElhaney as his last official act as president.

REDRESS

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ly represent the views of the vast majority of Japanese Americans. Some form of redress was favored by 94% of the respondents; and direct payment to individuals was desired by 83%. The opinion of the minority who disagreed with redress are to be respected. We do not seek to impose redress on those who do not wish payment; such persons may decline payment.

39. What do you think of Senator S.I. Hayakawa's views on redress?

Hayakawa has no understanding of the Japanese American experience. During World War II, he was a Canadian citizen living in Chicago and was not incarcerated. Had he remained in Vancouver, B.C. where he was born, the Canadian government would have incarcerated him along with all the other Japanese Canadians. Hayakawa did not experience the travails of the expulsion and incarceration, and his views on redress reflect the fact that he has not had much contact or empathy with the Japanese American community.

40. If you fail to obtain redress, will this campaign have been a total failure?

No, because the ultimate principle of the redress campaign is to help insure that what we experienced in 1942 does not ever again happen to any other group of people in this country. Consequently, one of the real objectives of the campaign is to educate the American public of our experiences and thereby fortify the principles of the Bill of Rights and the Constitution.

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dent. She had been involved with the chapter's first Japan flight, worked on the Sister City program, International Festival and with her husband Lawrence publishing the chapter newsletter the past five years.

The Paces have purchased a home in Wilton, Conn.

Vicky Mikesell, v.p. (program) has assumed the board chair.

Folkfair Success

Chairman Frank Tanji disclosed the chapter's effort at the International Festival in May was a success, thanks to the help of members and non-members at the food and merchandise booths, in the construction and cultural demonstrations. Appreciation was expressed to:

Jeanne Parsons, co-ch; Thomas & Yukie Bate, tickets; Bob McMullen, merchandise; Eugene Crothers, treats; Mark Edamura, Ken Looker, May Kimura, Fred Fisk, Robert Martin, const & booths; Teruko Pace, Yae Sato, Lea Nakauchi, Addie Titus, teriyaki; Pete Hironaka, signs; Henry & Carol Brockman, refriger; Lily Yamasaki, telephone; Sae Merritt, koto; Chieko Fisk, kimono display; Vicky Mikesell, doll display; Cathy Hironaka, T Pace, talks of Japanese culture; Frank Titus, Yoichi Sato, Goro Tanamachi, Charles Pace, transp.

hoosier

**Garage Sale a Hit!**  
Hoosier JACL's recent garage sale, thanks to efforts of a few, good people, reaped a tremendous profit of \$447.14, it was announced by

Over 400 attend fete for Chuman

**Los Angeles**  
Frank Chuman, author, attorney, JACL, community and church leader, was presented the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award before some 400 friends and relatives at the Biltmore Hotel on Aug. 29.

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Mrs. Patty Bowman, chairwoman of the sale. Boutique with handcrafted items added to the success.

Special thanks went to Yasuko and Ken Matsumoto for use of their garage. They are also part of the Steinmeir Farms Neighborhood Garage Sale, and to ten families which had contributed items for sale. They were:

Sumiko Lynch, Micki Morgan, Charles & Mary Matsumoto, Ken & Nellie Kojiro, Jerry & Patty Bowman, Bob & Betty Bunnell, Norman & Michiko Selby, Walter & Shirley Nakatsukasa and George & Elinor Hanasano.

Patty Bowman is preparing a chapter booth for the Washington Square Festival Aug. 25-26 where only commercially available items will be offered.

Walter Nakatsukasa is general chairman of the October International Festival, an all-out undertaking with food, merchandise, entertainment and advance ticket sales at Indiana Convention Center, Oct. 19-21, in Indianapolis.

sacramento

**Showtime 1979**  
Sacramento JACL's annual two-hour community talent and variety show will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m., at the Luther Burbank High School auditorium on Florin Rd.

Singers, dancers, specialty

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## The Last Rebel



If you thought the Meiji Restoration in 1868 which launched Japan into modern nationhood was bloodless, it should be pointed out that there was a full-scale rebellion involving some 30,000 ex-samurai in 1877, led by Saigo Takamori, a bred-and-born samurai schooled in Bushido.

Takamori (1827-1877) came on the scene at a time when the main national slogan was *fukoku-kyohei* (rich nation, strong army). The samurai leaders bent every effort to keep Japan from being swamped by Western might as China had been and

brought in Western science, social and political theories, revamped society and its structure, established a modern banking system, opened a postal service and did everything they could to maintain Japan's autonomy. Even while they incorporated Western thought and structures into the Japanese system, they did not lose sight of what made Japanese Japanese.

Takamori espoused the cause of using surplus samurai manpower to run a war against Korea. The samurai were disgruntled. Because of the conscription system instituted in 1873, the samurai lost their status and military hegemony. The vast majority of samurai were cut adrift. Many became paupers, al-

though the government had established a pension system for them. It didn't work for all of them. They were prohibited from wearing their swords, symbols of their class and feudal dignity as samurai, in 1876.

Recognizing Korea's strategic importance, Saigo wanted the samurai to retain control over military affairs of the nation. And so the "invade Korea" argument.

But Okubo Toshimichi, one of the main leaders of the day, killed the move by Saigo and his cohorts when he returned from an overseas trip. It was during his absence that Saigo and his friends had tried to sell the Korean invasion plan to Okubo's colleagues.

Saigo then withdrew from government and returned to Satsuma (Kagoshima Prefecture) where he occupied himself in running a private military school. But the samurai, dissatisfied and purposeless, banded together and 30,000 of them organized them-

selves into an army of rebellion. They sought Saigo's leadership. Saigo led them into battle.

The Japanese call the rebellion the Seinan Senso. Forty thousand government troops were thrown into the battle. They were all conscripts led by officers trained in the Western techniques of warfare. The bloody rebellion lasted for six months. In the final stages of the fight, the remaining samurai were encircled in a castle and they were all slaughtered. Saigo Takamori died by his own hand.

The Seinan engagement is significant in the annals of Japanese history because of the fact that an army of conscripts had defeated the military elite who had ruled Japan for centuries.

Impelled by Meiji patriotism and the pragmatic concerns of employing surplus samurai strength, Saigo Takamori was merely suggest-

ing something, though unacceptable from our vantage point of view now, that was in keeping with the climate of the times. I suppose what should be remembered is that Saigo Takamori and the rest of the leaders of the Meiji era were dedicated men

given to the idea of making Japan a rich nation with a strong army.

Now, a century later, Japan has achieved one of her Meiji objectives while shrewdly toning down the other, which had led to nothing but disaster.

### education

Lorie Chieko Ishimatsu of San Jose, honors graduate in Spanish from UC Santa Barbara and currently associate instructor at Indiana University, was granted a Fulbright-Hays grant for graduate study in Brazil for the 1979-80 academic year on the 19th Century poet Machado de Assis.

### government

Tad Tanabe, Los Angeles city employee since 1946, was named City Employee of the Month in August. As principal clerk for the municipal sports program, he keeps track of the paperwork involved with some 5,000 registered teams and his staff. He is also active with the Nisei Athletic Union and Community Youth Council programs.

Oakland Chinatown leader, Herbert Eng, was appointed by Mayor Lionel Wilson to the Oakland Board of Port Commissioners and unanimously confirmed by the city council July 10. He recently retired after more than 40 years in the sportswear manufacturing business in Oakland.

Long Beach (Ca.) city councilwoman Eunice Sato's vote kept the 49-year ban on the sale and discharge of fireworks in the city when the council in June voted 5-4 against legalization. "We would have more problems, not less," Sato said. Besides the fire hazard, the loud noises constitute "cruelty to animals".

Sue Kunitomi Embrey was elected president of the Los An-

geles City Commission on the Status of Women. A community specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, she has served on the commission since its formation in October, 1975.

### health & medicine

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### politics/elections

Americans for Democratic Action elected Patsy T. Mink to a second term as president at its 32nd national convention June 22-24. It formally voted to support a Draft-Kennedy (for President) movement.

Mrs. Anna Chennault, wife of the late WW2 General of the Flying Tigers of the Burma-China theater, and chairman of the National Republican Heritage Groups Council, visited Los Angeles ethnic groups in July to assist in organizing fund raising campaigns. Mrs. Sonia Suk heads the Korean group locally.



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