Minidoka dedicated as U.S. Historic Place

Twin Falls, Idaho
About 500 gathered Saturday morning, Aug. 18, to dedicate the site of Minidoka Relocation Center as a U.S. National Historic Place.
A bronze plaque was placed on the remains of the basalt rock guardhouse near the entrance. A large wooden marker explains the historic significance of the place, about 7 miles north Eden or 2 miles northeast of the East Twin Falls Interchange from I-84.
During WW2, it was a U.S. concentration camp for about 9,400 Japanese Americans because of their race after President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 to give the Army blanket power to exclude any person from the West Coast.
The ceremonies included addresses from Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) and Bill Hoshokawa, associate editor of the Denver Post; greetings by Twin Falls Mayor Leon Smith; Ed Yamamoto, past gov. PNHIC; Karl Dominy, JACL executive director; Robert Savaik, chief of staff, Idaho Governor's Office; and John Tameno, govt., IDC.

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had cooperated "in our own interests" in those events. The cooperation was with the Idaho Stateman editorial, Ho­ sokawas, carried on by cooperation with Sen. Frank Church, the Bureau of Library, Okamura, Dick Kanow, Ed Eckerle, and Mono­ morial Committee for the Intermountain District are (from left): William R. Hosokawa..., an interest at the Idaho State­ manship. The proposed legislation was mutually realized through cooperation with Sen. Frank Church, the Bureau of Re­ claimation and the Idaho State Historical Society.

Minidoka Memorial

By ED YAMAMOTO

(Speaking for Pacific Northwest JACL) Governor Harold Osaki at the recent Minidoka memorial plaque dedication, immediate past governor Ed Yamamoto of Columbus Basin JACL, paraphrased the words of a great American spoken in a prior historic dedication as noted below."

Three decades and seven years ago, our fathers and our peers brought forth on this desolation a desert exist­ ence, mandated by the Roosevelt Executive Order #9066, abrogating the propo­ sition that all men are created equal.

Now—since Thursday, August 12, 1948—the Japanese Americans, through the test of a Congressional process, have established for the first time that we are Americans. We have shown that the U.S. Government can only wonder, "How did they react with such grace?" The next question that comes to mind is: "How could we have done this to them?" As Hosea So has said, "we must never be allowed to happen again.

Of the 34,000 acres compris­ ing the original campsite, only 6 acres remain. Their location is on land which the Bureau of Reclamation recovered from the land was divided among WW2 veterans under the Home­ stead Act, upon request of the BOR. The request was made to return to the land after the war. The land was divided among WW2 veterans under the Home­ stead Act.

That the democratic prin­ ciples expounded in the sev­ eral historic documents upon which our country is founded... Our political parties and the people have a right to participate in the decision-making process... to govern under these principles. That in this day and age, with all the progress that has been made, we are still at the same place we were 50 years ago... and to this day a new generation is... to be a part of this day... That the..."

The Paco­tellato-Blackfoot JACLers comprising the Minidoka Me­ morial Committee for the Intermountain District are (from left) front: May Shizouwa, Evelyn Ekerelle, Sanaye Okumura, sec.; Masa Tsukamoto, Mrs. Shizouwa, Kaz Okumura, Dick Kanow, Ed Eckerle, and Endo, and Masa Tsuka­ moto, who has been named as the "father" of this project."

it's own interest to be the dedicated to the... of eliminating, from the practice of American Demo­ cracy, such imperfections by which they so often, through their immun­ eprise, were made a prime example. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us.

That all institutions and corporate discrimination, private and public,—whether glaringly blatant or insidiously defacto—must be neutralized.

That the democratic prin­ ciples expounded in the sev­ eral historic documents upon which our country is founded—guarantees all persons of our own civil and human rights, and their constitutional privileges—must be made... to be a part of this day... That the..."

Spousal rape bill

Sacramento

The State Senate has passed Assemblyman Mom's meas­ ure outlawing spousal rape laws, returning it to the As­ sembly for concurrence of amendments.

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Cultural events

Oakland's Asian Community League, 125-14th St., marks its fourth year with open house festivities Sept. 29, noon to 5 p.m.

Dratha

Tai Miyashita, 57, a 442nd veteran from Los Angeles, who had lung cancer in a Honolulu hos­ pital... in 1947... back... Paul Okumura, who had cancer... in 1942..."
Business
San Francisco Bank of California reassigned seven officers as of Sept. 1. Those followed: Mayuko Miyakoda, vice-president, Los Angeles to So Cal Division; deputy administrator, Albert Bariki, vp, succeeding Miyakoda to West LA office; manager, Louise Yoshihara, Torrance manager; Richard Kamata, assistant, LA office; head office, to So Cal personnel training coordinator.

Education
Kazuo Matsuoka was named principal of the Island of Kalaheo School on Kauai.

Government
Dr. Clifford Uyeda, family practitioner, named chief of staff at general hospital to complete her term.

Health
It is expected that the service will be well received at the University of Hawaii public health school.

Leisure
Evelyn Ann Ude, daughter of Roland Uno and the late Edith Uno of San Francisco, was awarded the Ph.D. degree from the San Francisco Professional Psychology, Berkeley, in psychology. In the last program, her dissertation was on the prediction of public safety police user of the medical police in June and is returning to her position as associate professor of the University of Hawaii public health school.

Pet
Mary Katani, long-time Pocelot dance teacher, auditioned in the 1978-79 season and is expected to compete in the Dance Olympiad at the Las Vegas Sahara Hotel.

Sports
Rocky Aoki won his own Benihana-offshore-powerboat race July 18 off Print Press Point Beach, a 178-mile course in 2 hr. 35 min., followed by a field of 21 racers. Aoki's first victory in 13 starts is open-class-powerboat racing.

SLC housing
Salt Lake City Multi-Ethnic Housing Corp. celebrated the start of construction of its senior citizens housing complex at the site, 700 South 200 West, on Sept. 16.

Sushi
Yasuichi Noguchi, Atami, and Shigeo Shimizu, a family, recently served as consultant to the Hana Sushi "Sushi Club" in Denver.

The ninth annual Fuji Festival benefit dinner sponsored by the Japanese American Citizens League Chicago Committee will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25, 5:30 p.m., at the Oak Park Marriott Motor Hotel, in which Todd A. Doehn, president of the JASC board of directors.

The dinner honors persons who have made outstanding contributions to the quality of life in the community. Being recognized this year are the Rev. Gyon Shimizu, chief of the Buddhist Temple of Chicago, and Lincoln Shimizu, former JACL president and C.F. of the community.

Two talented artists will be featured on the program, George Sogoma, Shogun Matsuyama, a favorite per-
The decision of the National Committee for Redress to adopt a commission approach continues to be a focal point of discussion within JACL and the Japanese American community. In a few instances, it has evoked out-right vitriolic attacks on the Commission.

Rather than defend the reason for this decision, I would like to express what I, as the Chair of the Committee, see as the important objectives of the Redress campaign. These have been determining factors in much of the Committee's thinking during the past time.

The defined goal of seeking monetary compensation, which we do not intend to abandon, is not viewed as the end in itself. It is what JACL has stated many times over, and is seen as an essential means for achieving something of a greater magnitude: to help redress the injustices suffered during WWII.

A related objective and one method by which we can achieve such an altruistic goal is to create an awareness in the public about our experiences. We must try to make the public aware of the enormity of the injustice we experienced, and perhaps more importantly, the profundity of the constitutional issue we are raising. It is not just obvious to all of us by now that Redress transcends Japanese Americans, that in its totality, it has profound constitutional and moral implications for all Americans as far as their civil and human rights are concerned.

We are seeking a reexamination of the Constitution and a determination by Congress of whether "military necessity", as in the case of Watergate, is an adequate justiciable basis for an exclusion of JACLers from their representation by their own National Committee to "pass judgment on..." as possibly a convenient way to get out of the case.

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Anti-Japanese emotions still erupting

Denver, Colo. Sheridan Tatsuno is a San Francisco volunteer whose time as spokesman for the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors was photographed in a previous issue. The committee is the organization that is trying to persuade the United States to provide medical aid for Americans suffering after effects of exposure to the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The committee estimates that between 500 to 700 Americans were among the survivors when the two cities were devastated. Most were white Americans. About 400 have been identified, the others preferring anonymity in fear of ostracism or unwanted publicity. The committee has persuaded Congressman Edward Roybal of Los Angeles, a Democrat, to introduce a measure known as H.R. 1129 which would provide American survivors medical treatment. The bill provides payment for only that portion of the charge for such services or treatment which is not paid by insurance or any other form of compensation or award, so it is a bare-bones measure. There is a chance the bill will be considered early next year.

To publicize the committee’s concerns, Tatsuno wrote about the bomb survivors and sent copies to about 60 metropolitan newspapers as a possible guest column. So far, at least three papers have published it, although there may be more. The Seattle Times, the San Jose Mercury, and the Denver Post, all dominant in their respective areas.

It is too early to tell what fruit Tatsuno’s efforts will bear, but that isn’t important at this point. What will matter is the support Roybal can rally when his bill comes up for consideration. It is a compassionate measure and deserves support from San Francisco. The Communications Union can help along by letting their representatives in Congress know of their interest in seeing justice done.

REDRESS

From Nobuyuki Nakajima

Retirement Communities

The trade imbalance with Japan has continued to draw attention. Our policy to remedy the situation has been by a large misdirection. We have been criticizing Japan and forcing them to buy products which they don’t need. This is not only a very poor sales technique but also against our ideal of the free trade. We must offer things which Japanese will buy and appreciate. I have pointed out a need for innovative ideas to increase sales.

Along this line I have proposed to look into the transactions of non-products, which makes up important segments of today’s economy. I have written letters, and it was proposed to invite the Japanese to buy 100 universities in the U.S. to educate their youth.

Now, I am proposing to invite the Japanese to build retirement communities in the U.S. involving more than one million retirees.

This would bring a huge sum of investment and maintenance expenses. Because they are retirees, it will not adversely affect our labor market. On the contrary, the growth of our economy will be stimulated. Among them the U.S. auto manufacturers will certainly be overjoyed because they will buy the cars they made. The Japanese, who already know that the U.S. made cars are impressively superior on the U.S. highways. Practically all the Japanese residents in the U.S. own big American cars.

However, more important are non-economic aspects, which will bring inestimable benefits to both Japanese and U.S. society.

Meanwhile, some of the predictable adverse reaction has started to come in from people who are still fighting World War II and refuse to recognize the fact that Americans are of many ethnic compositions including Japanese. One woman writing from Seattle in response to Tatsuno’s essay confuses Japanese exports with Japanese Americans and fails to understand Roybal’s bill would help only American citizens who had the misfortune of being caught in Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the time of the bombings.

"Why are Japanese migrating to this country?" she asks. "Let them stay in their own. You and the Japanese who are working to make the American taxpayer pay out more and more to you of Japanese ancestry are really stirring up some anti-Japanese feeling. I for one am thoroughly disgusted with what the Japanese are doing."

The way this letter is typed and composed indicates the author is at least fairly well educated, and certainly not a member of the lunatic fringe of Americans. Yet it is obvious from her language, and from the way she brings up atrocity stories from World War II, that she will never really understand that some United States citizens are the third, fourth and fifth generation descendants of Japanese immigrants who came to settle in this nation for many of the same reasons that her forefathers migrated to America.

How to overcome this blindness—this refusal of some Americans to accept the fact that Orientals have been among the pioneers who helped develop the American West, and that their descendants are playing major roles in the economic, political and social progress of the United States—continues to be a major problem for us.

The problem is important enough and worrisome enough to demand high priority, especially as we move along with the Japanese, in an effort for justice and equal opportunity for treatment to which we are entitled as American citizens. The problem is a matter which we want to know will be considered next year. In Seattle, this bill is considered to be an important matter.

Church festival: San Jose, Ca.

Wesley United Methodist Church will have its annual church festival Sunday, May 16, p.m., 56 N. 3th St. Japanese food and cultural demonstrations are on tap.

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A week's worth of chit-chat

"If I had what you have in your little finger I could only think—'tis turned around. If I could have a tiny bit of what had brought her to this day—she was 90 plus, bright and alert.

She comes to our hot meals program once a week in the van and after lunch she does shopping, calls on a few friends, and then she goes home on her van to take her home. She admires those who are "in" to crafts, but she says her eyes are not too good now and she prefers being inside the Home Center. She catches up on what is happening in and around everyone. And a week's worth of conversation is needed. For some people...

FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Kimi Tambara

Ikoi-no-ki Program

By PEG SARGENT

Kimi Tambara, secretary of the Ikoi-no-ki Nutritional Program advisory board, is looking forward to the "T'ang-Tanbura" for this week's meeting. She is also planning a trip to Portland to attend the 1987 Pacific Northwest District Council.

Portland, Ore.

The Ikoi-no-ki Nutritional Program, one of the oldest nutrition programs in the nation, began its first year of operation by gradually expanding to a five-day-a-week program. The program provides meals, educational and recreational services for senior citizens in the Portland-Gresham-Troutdale area.

Ikoi-no-ki, translated as "a central place of leisure," opened just last Feb. 14. The program has been expanded to meet the needs of senior citizens. Telephonic contacts and nutrition education programs are offered as a special service.

Sixty-two representatives from all the Nipponike social service agencies in the area were selected to serve as an advisory board for the Nutritional Program.

The Ikoi-no-ki provides meals for older persons living in Multnomah County. A special bus is available for those who need transportation. After each luncheon, programs are arranged by individuals who volunteer their services in the community. These programs include education, exercise classes, physical therapy, and programs for a variety of needs. The program can be enjoyed in the company of others.

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The Ikoi-no-ki Program, which was planned by the Community Committee, is a huge success.
Sacco Union writers to publish "Koreatown"-English weekly

Los Angeles

Kyoung Won Lee, one of the first Korean immigrants and a graduate of an American school of journalism with 24 years' experience, is preparing to publish a book beginning in September of an English-speaking book about the Korean American community, which will be "Koreatown" and as a "call to action" for the Korean American participation in the mainstream," said Lee, its publisher-editor, who has been an investigative reporter for The Sacramento Union.

The tabloid newspaper will also serve as a mirror and forum for Korean American experience and self-discovery, said Lee. It will not only highlight the unique American identity and achievements and contributions but vigorously air their problems to help solve them. It will act as a catalyst for the largely ignored community.

Lee holds professional degrees from the University of Washington (BSJ, 1953) and the University of Missouri (MSJ, 1955). In 1966 he was a Mark Eridge Fellow at the University of North Carolina, where he studied race and urban problems. In 1975, WU's School of Journalism named him as his most outstanding graduate. He has won numerous professional awards, including the AP News Executive Council, Columbia Journalism Review, and the National Headliners Club. In the fall, Lee taught Journalism at California State College-Sacramento.

Lee's partner in the Korean venture is Steve Chae, a freelance reporter, who is a veteran reporter of industry, business, labor and economic affairs. Chae has served as managing editor of the new tabloid.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, Chae began his career as a sportswriter for the Philadelphia Inquirer. He has reported on Korean and American college football, baseball, and other sports for a number of publications.

Recent books on Nikkei reviewed

Chicago

Two recently-published books with respect to Japanese Americans were reviewed in the Chicago Sun Times July 15. Both books were adequately researched, but the comments are constructive, tart and critical.凡事写作者Michael Miner, commenting on Marcy's "Shattered Dreams" found her account of Ito Togu's fight since she was born in Japan to be "cloyingly partisan and convincing" (but) "it ought to be a little better documented.

While calling the book "admirable in that it would anger a reader who resents public hysteria and government misdirection," Miner felt "one can envision beyond it a truly original and illuminating writing more fully the context of the Japanese American experience and such questions as patriotic duty--of Togu's and his special prosecutor Tom DeWeese'suring the truth in an inflated snapshot seeks to be done.

Denver Post's editorial page editor Bill Hoxli reviewed Joe Harrington's "Yamani Sankei," story of the Japane mosaic and the years of the Allied forces in the Pacific war. "All this has been a bonding of a dramatic, deeply emotional, book. Hoxlii noted. Unfortunately, Harrington has produced only a confused hodgepodge garnished with some times accurate conventional wisdom about Japanese American nieres, traditions and customs."

He found Harrington's narrative of names hardly more "exciting than a telephone directory. The individuals emerge as "no more than stick figures rather than the living, breathing, sweating, suffering, emulating, exonerated, American, wonderful and amusing heroes that they were," Hoxli concluded. "They deserve better, much better, than to be relegated once again to anonymity by this inadequate account of their sacrifice for America."

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Happiness Was Walking

Richmond, Ca.

A school district announced a pilot abolishing and consolidating some of the bus routes. Immediately a hue and cry went up from parents of the students who would be affected. The district could see no other way out of its fiscal bind. The parents of the students not affected were supportive of the other parents, or sided with the district. The meeting turned into a scene of verbal Downeek.

This happened some time ago in a neighboring city. Undoubtedly such a meeting was taking place across the country.

As I read on the paper, inevitably, another part of me was going back into my past. I was returning to the streets of Fukuo­ka, block by block, as I walked them to school sixty years ago.

School was Shiyukan. The school of the Kuroda Clan was the only school to be in the middle school in the prefecture. Two decades before my time. I had to use textbooks on math, physics, chemistry and a few other subjects imported from England and America. Upon graduation, they had free entry to some higher schools, without the usual examinations. Although I was never home, I wondered if the teachers did not feel humiliated using textbooks written in foreign countries—I bashed in the aura of that proud past, and I was proud to be a student there.

It was 2½ miles away in the western outskirts of the city. Commuting was by foot (although there was a streetcar) six days a week, rain or shine through the school year for five years. And what joy it was.

Usually I walked alone in the morning. Looking back, I am almost surprised that I do not remember ever being bored or improper. Except for some compelling reason, I did not take the streetcar and never felt envious of those who did.

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Happiness Was Walking

Richmond, Ca.

A school district announced a pilot abolishing and consolidating some of the bus routes. Immediately a hue and cry went up from parents of the students who would be affected. The district could see no other way out of its fiscal bind. The parents of the students not affected were supportive of the other parents, or sided with the district. The meeting turned into a scene of verbal Downeek.

This happened some time ago in a neighboring city. Undoubtedly such a meeting was taking place across the country.

As I read on the paper, inevitably, another part of me was going back into my past. I was returning to the streets of Fukuo­ka, block by block, as I walked them to school sixty years ago.

School was Shiyukan. The school of the Kuroda Clan was the only school to be in the middle school in the prefecture. Two decades before my time. I had to use textbooks on math, physics, chemistry and a few other subjects imported from England and America. Upon graduation, they had free entry to some higher schools, without the usual examinations. Although I was never home, I wondered if the teachers did not feel humiliated using textbooks written in foreign countries—I bashed in the aura of that proud past, and I was proud to be a student there.

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