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## UCLA Alumni

### honorees named

LOS ANGELES — UCLA will celebrate its 61st anniversary of its founding May 31 and recognize nine individuals in the categories of professional achievement, university service and community service. A community service award this year will go to K. Patrick Okura, '33, MA '35, assistant director for international programs, National Institute of Mental Health, Rockville, Md.

Okura, a past national JACL president, has had a lifelong record of service to the Japanese American community and within the past decade to the Asian/Pacific scene in the U.S. and around the world. #



Dr. John Ishii

## Office seems familiar to college president

LACEY, Wa.—The boarding room that Dr. John Ishii occupied 46 years ago as a freshman at St. Martin's High School is now his office. Last January he became the first layman president of St. Martin's College, founded by Benedictine monks in 1895.

The office has been his since he joined the faculty in 1973 to teach political science and government after a career in the military intelligence in the Pacific and then with the U.S. State Dept. in Southeast Asia.

Talking with reporter Don Duncan of the Seattle Times

recently, Ishii said he never "dreamed that in a few years I would move out of the life of academia into administration". The Catholic college is co-educational today with about 500 students, a faculty of 37 and a beautiful campus that no longer has the high school.

Ishii wants to preserve the college's religious identity, even though less than half the student-body is Catholic. "The Christianity is important," said Ishii, himself a Catholic. "If we were to become a secular school, then why in the world come here? You would

be better off at the Univ. of Washington."

He also feels curriculum should move with the times, serving the needs of senior citizens, continuing education, minorities and women. "It is not the end of the world because the 19-year-old population is leveling off," he noted.

"I have faith. I didn't take this position to close the school down."

The Puyallup Valley JACler has long ridden the coattails of "my two famous brothers"—David, the Pioneer Square bookseller, and George, chief of the Seattle Police Dept. crime lab. #



DIGNITARIES IN D.C.—Mayor Marion Barry (left) of the District of Columbia greets Transportation Secretary Neil Goldschmidt at the 34th annual Washington, D.C. JACL installation dinner held Jan. 26 at Ft. Myer. In between are Kaz Oshiki (side view), administrative assistant to Rep. Robert Kastenmeier, and Rep. Norman Mineta.

## Japan's 'lost generation' comes home

By BARRY SAIKI

Special to Pacific Citizen

TOKYO—Gradually, there is developing in Japan a lost generation or "multinational children" — misfits in the Japanese society.

The growth of Japanese commerce, the permanence of business establishments overseas and the need for representatives abroad have meant that tens of thousands of key Japanese personnel are stationed in most of the principal market countries.

Two or three decades ago, young single men were sent to these assignments, under supervision of middle-aged executives, whose children were nearing adulthood. Child education was not a large factor.

Recently, the situation has changed dramatically. The jobs abroad increasingly require the experience and know how of men in their thir-

ties and forties, all with families of small children. To make use of their initial foreign experience, many of these men are being transferred from one foreign post to another, spending as much as ten or more years away from Japan.

Some go overseas alone in order to ensure solid education for their children. These families lose the father-child relationships and have led to alienation of the children from the fathers.

More companies are now allowing the men to take their families with them. They enter their offsprings in local schools and also send them to Japanese language schools (like the Nisei in pre-war West Coast states).

But being away from Japan for several years is educationally fatal for many Japanese children. Upon their return to Japan, they are unable to catch up with their classmates or to qualify for entry into top

level senior high schools and enter less prestigious universities.

In the hidebound Japanese society, dominated by the "us" and "them" thinking, the overseas experience is treated as a deficiency unless the child is brilliant enough to pass the examinations for the top-flight schools.

Several young men who are currently working for a major Japanese company were hired after completing universities in Japan and studying for several years abroad. They entered the company ten years ago, 3 to 4 years behind their age group. In spite of the fact that their language proficiencies were useful throughout most of this period, they are still ranked 3 to 4 years behind in ranking.

A recent graduate of Georgetown University returned to Japan after eight years in the States. His English and behavior were typi-

cally American although he still retained respectful formality in speaking either English or Japanese. His Japanese was not equivalent to a college graduate. He sent in his resume to dozens of companies, which could employ people who were fluent in English.

None of these companies considered hiring him. The excuses offered were "He hasn't received a Japanese college degree", "His background doesn't fit our personnel standards", "He should consider taking a job as an interpreter or he should work for a travel agency as a tour guide" and "We can't place him in the same category as our recently selected employees".

The "in-group" ethics pervades in the Japanese society and the business world and these multinational children are "quasi-Nisei" of contemporary Japan.

### 'Japan' chapter taking shape

TOKYO—The JACL chapter here is taking shape and will be known as the Japan Chapter, according to Barry Saiki, who is helping to organize the group comprised of Nisei in Japan. A meeting has been called for March 18 to work on a chapter constitution.

Saiki, a public relations man here and a retired U.S. Army officer, had conferred last fall with Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national JACL president, on the prospects of forming a JACL chapter here. #

### Hoosier seeks

#### Feb. 19 Flag

INDIANAPOLIS — The Hoosier JACL Redress Committee petitioned Rep. Dave Evans for a U.S. Flag that has flown over the National Capitol on Feb. 19, the 38th anniversary of the Day of Remembrance of the signing of Executive Order 9066 in 1942. #



NEW DEPT. HEAD—Ed Tanaka (left), acting director of the huge Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Social Services, chats with County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke at recent meeting of Asian American leaders at the Miyako Restaurant, Torrance.

### Takei decides against politics

LOS ANGELES — Actor-author George Takei this past week (Mar. 5) declared he won't challenge Assemblyman Mike Roos for the 46th District seat in Sacramento, adding that it had been a difficult decision in view of support and encouragement from community and Democratic party leaders and friends. "If I were to run, I am confident I would be successful," he said. Congressmen Henry Waxman and Julian Dixon were especially encouraging.

But Takei added, "it was the wrong time to be interrupting my career as an actor and author".

The FCC equal time rule also came into play as Star Trek re-runs and other shows in which Takei appear would have been withdrawn during the campaign, Takei noting that it would impact on the livelihood of others in the TV shows. #

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## Nisei builders announce two new Southland developments



Kaz Katayama

### Cleveland gears for DYJ workshop

CLEVELAND, O.—Midwest-Eastern JACL District Youth Council's spring workshop will be hosted by Cleveland JACL-JAYs over the April 4-6 (Easter) weekend at Harley Hotel, Bagley Rd. and I-71.

"Sansei in the Social World" is the workshop theme with the first panel scheduled for Saturday, 9 a.m. Day ends with a dinner-dance at 6:30, to which the community is invited at \$16 per person. For tickets and information, see:

Cleveland JACL-JAYs, Alissa Furukawa, 6307 Cumberland Dr., Mentor, O. 44060, (216) 255-2584.

### ● New York

**Asian American** law students in the New York metropolitan area are planning a conference, "Not in the Casebooks: Asian Americans and the Law" at NYU Law School's Vanderbilt Hall on Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Focus will be to give participants a look at how the law has affected a broad spectrum of Asian American communities and individuals—and how it could have changed their lives. Among the speakers will be Amy Uno Ishii, Prof. Gordon Hirabayashi, Edward Ennis of the National ACLU Board, and Prof. Lawrence Sager of Constitutional Law at NYU. The entire day's program is free.

### ● Washington

Like the Asian Americans who last July were deemed "socially disadvantaged" by the Small Business Administration, a group of Hasidic Jews, known for their beards, wide-brimmed hats and long black coats, have similarly asked the SBA to be classified as socially disadvantaged to participate in special business development programs. Some blacks familiar with the program, however, are grumbling because they feel the program was meant for them is now spread thinly.

### ● Japan

**Solemn rituals** marking the coming of age of an imperial prince were held Feb. 23 when Prince Hiro, elder son of Crown Prince Akihito and Crown Princess Michiko, turned 20 on this day. He is the second in line for the throne.

### ● For the Record

The Pacific Citizen regrets the "misprint" appearing in the March 7, 1980, issue in the Travel Planners advertising showing Weekly Group Departures available from \$61.00, when it should read \$761.00. A stray piece of white lint had covered the spot in the paste-up process.

ORANGE, Ca.—Kaz Katayama and Miki Miyamoto, principals of Boulevard Development Inc., and builders of prestigious homes at Canyon Hills Estate in Anaheim Hills, continue their tradition of design excellence and quality construction at two new locales: the Highland Terrace, a 60-home community in Rancho Cucamonga; and Blue-ridge Estates, a 78-home development in Corona.

Four decorated models are

on view at Highland Terrace. Prices begin at \$89,000. On-site sales office is open from 10 a.m. till dusk (714) 980-1634. With 10½% financing available for the Blue-ridge Estate

homes, available in one and two stories from \$119,000, pre-opening sales have been brisk. On-site office is also open from 10 till dusk (714) 371-3100.

Katayama, president of the Nisei-owned homebuilding firm, and Miyamoto, secretary-treasurer, have been business associates for the past 35 years.



Miki Miyamoto

### Refugee influx hits S.F. welfare rolls

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco Social Services Dept. indicated more than half of the estimated 10,000 Indo-chinese refugees in the city are receiving some kind of welfare and the city no longer can cope with the situation.

"Generally they are extremely anxious to get employment and feel ashamed about applying for welfare," according to department general manager Edwin Sarsfield, who said the refugees will account for one-quarter of the city's welfare rolls by the end of 1980.

### ● Los Angeles

The two different legislative approaches to redress were scheduled for a Japanese American Bar Assn. panel discussion Mar. 13, 7:30 p.m., at the JACCC Meeting Room on the 2nd floor.

**Asian American National Business Alliance** will host a dinner on Mar. 20, 6 p.m., at the New Otani Hotel honoring Commissioner Armando Rodriguez of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Washington, D.C., who will be available during the day for individual meetings.

**Miss Orient USA** coronation will be held July 12 at the L.A. Hilton Hotel. The contestants are to be introduced Mar. 23 at Myron's Disco Center.

### Deaths

**Tadao E. Inouye**, 62, of Los Angeles, died Mar. 2. A WW2 veteran and furniture designer, he contributed four-liners which have appeared in the Pacific Citizen and signed TEL Surviving are w Chiyo, s Gary, d Lois, m Kane, br William, Taru, sis Lily Aratani.

**Rev. Donald K. Toriumi, D.D.**, 65, of Altadena, Ca., died Mar. 4 after a prolonged illness. He recently retired after 41 years in the ministry in the Presbyterian Church, and survived by w Sophie, d Janice, Karen Breul, br Rev Howard, Den (Chicago), John (Chicago). The churchman was a Nisei of the Biennium awardee in 1960.



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#### The Family of the Late Keiji Yano

acknowledges gratefully the messages of sympathy and condolence from friends near and far upon the death of Keiji Yano, 70, of 49 Four Leaf Rd., Levittown, Pa. 19056. Formerly of Tacoma, Wash., Mr. Yano, born in Marugame, Japan, died on Feb. 6. He leaves his widow Fujie, two children and three grandchildren



## Seattle's Sakura Festival April 4-6

SEATTLE, Wa.—The fifth Annual Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival will be extended to three days this year, April 4-6, at Seattle Center. Admission is free.

Featured at the festival will be Japan's internationally famous drum and dance group, Ondeko-za, and many other culturally entertaining programs including Japanese folk dances, music, films, displays, and demonstrations.

Festival sponsors are the Japan America Society of Seattle; Japanese American Citizens League; Seattle Center;

Port of Seattle; Japanese Community Service; and Shunju-Kai.

### ● Fresno

Amerasia Week was observed the first week of March at Cal State University Fresno, highlighting various aspects of Asian American history, culture, heritage, speakers, performances, food sales, films and drama. Key-note speaker was Maxine Hong Kingston of Honolulu, the Stockton-born author who wrote the award-winning nonfiction for 1976, "The Woman Warrior". The San Jose Taiko Club, the Cal Poly Lion Dance team and other Asian groups climaxed the week with Festival Night Mar. 8.

### ● Canada

Two years ago, the Japanese across Canada celebrated its Centennial marking the arrival of the first immigrant from Japan (Manzo Nagano). As a major cultural community event, the Powell St. Festival, was staged in Vancouver and it has since continued. The 1979 celebration was held the first week-end in August at Oppenheimer Park as a "Save the Powell St. Festival" and succeeded. Visitors from Toronto returned with enthusiastic reports.

### ● No. California

UC Berkeley Japanese Women Alumnae planning committee's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, May 13, 2-5 p.m. at the Women's Faculty Club on campus. Invitations will be sent to recipients of the graduate and undergraduate scholarships.

### ● Reunion

Former L.A. area Poston II High School students and faculty will meet March 16, 1:30 p.m., at Merit S & L office, 18501 S. Western Ave., Gardena, to further plan for the Poston II Reunion '80 to be held August 2 & 3 at the International Hyatt at LAX.

### ● Business

C. Glen Higuchi and Harvey M. Horikawa have formed a law partnership with offices in Gardena.

## U. Wash. to host 'Stories to Share'

SEATTLE, Wa.—The Univ. of Washington Asian American Studies Program will host a one-day conference on Asian and Pacific American Children's Literature, "Stories to Share", April 4, 8:30-5 p.m. Ad-

mission to all proceedings is free but limited to the first 140 who register by Mar. 21. Register with:

Dr. Elaine M. Aoki or Valerie O. Pang,

c/o As Amer Studies GN-80, Univ of Washington, Seattle, Wa 98195, (206) 325-6329.

Among the featured participants will be Yoshiko Uchida, author; Jose Aruego, illustrator; and Laurence Yep, author.

### ● Hawaii

Bishop Museum's major exhibit of Hawaiian art of some 300 objects, "Hawaii: The Royal Isles", will go on a two-year tour to the Mainland for the first time come September.

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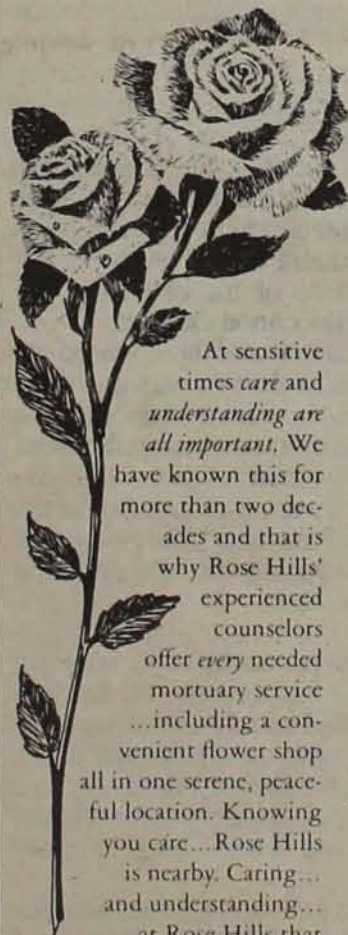
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## Civility

The past two decades flashed by us as in a dream. It did not change the world as hoped for by activists. But the world today is not the same one we remembered in the fifties.

What many remember the most of the turbulent sixties is the rhetoric. Even as rhetoric soared ever higher, the American situation kept growing more desperate.

The angry young men and women seemed to consider all history ancient. Their intellectual abilities were impressive. Some wondered whether they were at the expense of their emotional development. Though very bright, some of them remained emotionally fixed at the age of temper tantrum.

"Never trust anyone over thirty" became the battle cry. That was only half of what was necessary. "Never trust anyone under thirty" was the other half. An equally necessary observation was, "Most of all, never trust yourself." It was a time of confusion, uncertainty and frustration.

The young will not remain permanently young. The old will not remain permanently with us. So things have changed. In retrospect, what the period had lost was civility. It would be difficult, one must admit, to have civility with a style of emotional coercion and physical violence.

The lack of civility, however, remains the paramount reason for the unpopularity of that time. Many people were turned off by their style.

The young men and women of the sixties have matured into full adults. Their style has also undergone alterations. We are now all moving forward toward some wider and more totally human way of being. It is proving to be effective.

## REDRESS PHASE 2: John Tateishi

## Grassroots



During the past year or so, I've had the occasion to visit with a number of chapters in different parts of the country. Throughout my travels, I've found it very encouraging to see the type of positive response and support that exists for the Redress issue in all of the chapters I've come into contact with.

Since my "home base" is in the NCWN District, I've known that we have strong and broad support of the chapters and communities in the northern California region. This being familiar territory and a fairly close-knit Council, I've had immediate contact with the chapters and the district. It was the areas outside of California—east of the Rockies, really—that I didn't know much about.

A few weeks ago, I had an opportunity to make a trip to the midwest to visit with some chapters, viz., Hoosier, St. Louis and Chicago. What I saw and experienced there has left me with the feeling that Redress is in very capable hands.

The Hoosier chapter, under the very capable leadership of Yasuko Matsumoto, is a relatively "new" chapter, having been in existence for about five years. What impressed me there was the amount of energy and willingness of the membership and many exceptional people to take the issue to the community of Indianapolis and to tell our story to the public throughout the state. Coupled with this energy are a great many ideas for developing the campaign statewide and individuals who have virtually given all of their free time to the campaign.

The St. Louis chapter, longer established and with a seemingly larger Nisei membership, brought the same type of response. At their installation dinner the reactions were very positive and supportive, and I found that there was a generally unanimous concern for the issue and some outstanding people who are so willing to give their time and energy to the campaign.

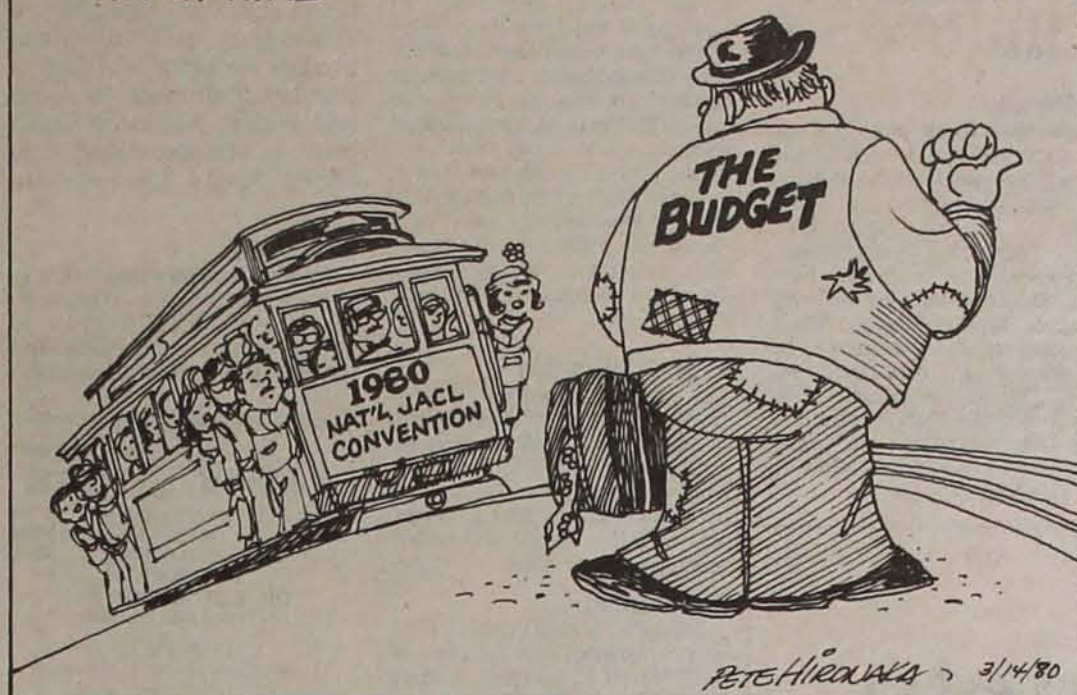
In Chicago, a newly appointed chapter board was ready to roll up its sleeves and to launch into a major campaign in the Windy City. I spent an entire day with board members discussing fund raising and an educational campaign, dealing with a great many ideas for both. There was no hesitation on anyone's part to take on various responsibilities in order to drive the issue home to the public.

Such reactions have been typical throughout my visits to chapters, whether they have been in my own NCWN district, the Southwest, PNW, the Midwest or the Plains areas.

What I have seen wherever I've gone is that this is an issue that concerns individuals and involves the grassroots level of both the JACL membership and the JA community. And it becomes immediately apparent that it's the membership of this organization that will carry the campaign to the American public.

This is, in a real sense, a grassroots campaign. Certain of us can facilitate other areas, but in telling the American people about what happened to us in 1942, it comes down to the energy and willingness of chapters and individual members who give so much of themselves for the cause.

And from what I've seen thus far, I'm convinced that, before we close the last page on this campaign, our story will be etched in the minds of the American public and in the history of this nation.

AGAIN, THE BIENNIAL  
HITCH-HIKER

FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

## Waited for the Church Bells to Toll

Salt Lake City:

In the spring of 1942, I believed that church bells would toll across this Christian country to halt the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans. Until the last hour, I hoped for the reprieve that never came. The church bells did not ring. The vocal protest was too soft and scattered to be heard. Breezes swept up in the wind.

The failure of the leadership of the churches to launch a united crusade against the immorality of the Evacuation is described in Lester E. Suzuki's book, "Ministry in the Assembly and Relocation Centers of World War II." The book also acknowledges the assistance churches rendered the internees during their incarceration. The author frequently mentions the collection of Christmas gifts by churches for distribution in the concentration camps. For many of us who were recipients of remembrances from strangers, they remain a priceless yuletide symbol.

The book is the most comprehensive compilation of church data from assembly centers and concentration camps. It is a record of participants of all religions, programs, sermons and songs. Further, the book's value and authenticity can be attributed to the author's role as witness. As he states in his introduction, "The writer's dissertation is meant to record and reflect on the ministerial and religious contributions of the church in the Assembly Centers and in the Relocation Centers."

"So little is written on the subject; and those who know or ought to know about events of thirty years ago have since forgotten and many who knew a lot of things have since passed away, never to tell their story again. Some of the so-called experts (and I know many of them) were too young to seriously know what it was all about." And in the concluding section, he writes of the data, "They may look cold and lifeless but a tremendous amount of energy and prayer and sacrifice went into them."

I could not read the book, and particularly the segment on Gila, with detachment. It reminded me of my 14th spring when church bells failed to toll. I entered exile with two non-essential possessions, a dictionary and a bible. In the many years that have passed, I have changed in attitude more than basic belief. Something for which I hold only myself responsible and not accountable to any other mortal.

Yet, I look backward at Gila and my religious associations of that time with happiness. I have been in many great houses of worship since then, but no architectural accomplishment has surpassed the beauty of the desert church at sunrise and sunset. No singing Asian voice has ever moved me as deeply as that of Royden Susumago, a Julliard graduate before entering the ministry. I read with regret of his death in Hawaii. I remember, too, his delicate white wife who chose to accompany her husband into desolation and isolation. Clifford Nakadegawa came to us at Gila as a lay minister. We enjoyed a special friendship until his untimely death shortly after he performed my marriage ceremony. Clifford and I used to

## TO EARN:

To preach is to teach  
one whom would reach.

TEI '80

TEI (Tad Inouye), who died this past week, was also known for designing a furniture line called "Kantan"—Simplicity. His poems have the same cut.

## COMMENTS &amp; LETTERS

## ● Fine Arts briefs

Dear Harry:

Was pleased to see references to the Matsukata and Nagano in the art notes in the Feb. 8 PC.

You did have the places wrong—the Matsukata exhibit was at Art Asia Gallery and the Nagano exhibit was at the Pucker/Safrai Gallery. The exhibit in the city hall was of the prize winning prints (last year's Japan print exhibit collection). No damage done!

I am pleased we are having a fairly decent art exposure of things Japanese and Japanese American. The next event probably will be the formal dedication of a 150-year-old artisan's home from Kyoto which was taken apart in downtown Kyoto and re-assembled by artisans last summer. It is inside the Boston Children's Museum which is building a miniature section of Kyoto. The house is very attractive—with the usual Kyoto artisan shop in the front and the living quarters back and upstairs as well. The Mayor of Kyoto will be at hand for the dedication.

T. SCOTT MIYAKAWA  
Boston, Ma.

play a game. He would throw me random snatches of poetry and I was to provide the sequential lines. Nothing delighted him so much as when I fumbled. Since his death, I have lost my passion for poetry and no longer engage in that game. During his stay at Gila, I received the wise counsel of young Father Yamazaki. Some time ago, I read of his many honors. I wanted to drop him a congratulatory note, but reconsidered, thinking it immodest to impose the recall of an insignificant self on a man who passed among and touched so many. I remember his kindness and remain beholden. There are many other familiar names in the book, each with a memory.

Memories belong only to those who lived within a certain span of time and place. They are beyond the possession of later pilgrims, who sift the sand for souvenirs. The place may be, but the time is gone. History cannot be recreated, no matter how skillfully it is rewritten. The Suzuki book is important in its validation of the religious aspect of camp life.

In the last few years, particularly with JACL's Redress program, emphasis has been placed on psychological scars from the Evacuation. I have been troubled by this because I do not believe it is a general malady. Nor do I believe that the concentration camp is an omnipresent obsession among most survivors.

A generation later, we are asking many questions. One conspicuously missing question is, "What helped us survive?" Although we go to great detail in describing physical deprivations, we fail to mention the spirituality that co-existed and often flourished during those terrible years. In our resurgence of anger and pain, we find the mysterious ways of faith inhibiting. Perhaps we fear that any such positive expression would be misinterpreted as a justification of the Evacuation. Nothing can justify the incarceration.

In retrospect, and by today's measures, the contribution of the churches during the incarceration may seem somewhat inadequate. However, the past cannot be judged entirely with the advantage of hindsight. Remembering what I received, I retain an abiding appreciation for the role of the churches and their representatives. It is a gratitude that cannot be yielded or compromised to accommodate the current political consensus.

## 35 Years Ago

March 17, 1945

Mar 1—Three admit setting fire to four vacant evacuee homes on Vashon Island, Seattle.

Mar 7—Vandalism aimed at evacuees reported in Pasadena area ... FBI checking threat received by Dr. Linus Pauling of Caltech for hiring Nisei gardener ... Garage door defaced with threats upon Marion Gooding for allowing Nisei student to stay in her home.

Mar 8—Nat'l American Legion commander praises Hood River Post action restoring Nisei names to war honor roll.

Mar 10—Omaha World Herald reports T/Sgt Ben Kuroki of Hershey, Neb., in action as B-24 turret gunner "somewhere in the Marianas" (Pacific Theater).

Mar 10—New Canadian reports Canadian Nisei commando, captured during 1942 Dieppe raid, returns to home in Montreal. (While B.C. Nisei were not accepted into the Dominion forces, a handful of Nisei living outside the province of British Columbia were.)

Mar 11—Second fire damages Japanese Assn. Hall in Delano.

Mar 12—Appellate court upholds conviction of 63 Heart Mountain men who refused to report for military induction; plaintiff claimed confinement in WRA camp was a violation of his constitutional rights, appeals judge ruled plaintiff should have reported for induction and then asked the courts for a writ of habeas corpus.

Mar 13—Oregon Property Owners Protective League protest return of evacuee farmers in Gresham area, demand ouster of WRA director Dillon Myer, and seek constitutional amendment to exile all persons of Japanese ancestry after the war ... Church leader in area (Rev. John Magoon) heads group calling for Nisei fair play.

Mar 13—San Jose high school students rap anti-Nisei acts (the Mar 6 attack on Takeda family home).

Mar 15—Army reveals 42nd RCT part of 44th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Brigade guarding Franco-Italian border in Maritime Alps ... WRA list shows 504 Nisei GIs from the camps as 42nd RCT casualties as of Feb. 24.





FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

## A Window Sign

Denver, Colo.

I must confess to a mixed sense of outrage and wry amusement in response to a recent United Press International dispatch out of Tokyo. It says that in the Dobu-Ita area, a bar lined shopping district near the huge American naval base at Yokosuka, signs saying "Japanese Only" are beginning to appear in various establishments.

Perhaps these are the latter-day Japanese equivalent of signs in the United States

which begin with "We Reserve the Right to Refuse Service to Anyone," and is directed against Blacks, Hispanics, Orientals, Hippies, Iranians, homosexuals or whoever else is being held in low esteem at the moment.

Several thousand Americans live and work in Yokosuka, and thousands more Americans are stationed aboard U.S. warships based at Yokosuka in the endless duty of defending the Western Pacific. Obviously the "Japanese Only" signs are directed against them, for whatever reason.

While these signs would seem to be a racial slur, oddly enough the Japanese statutes, according to UPI, make no reference to shopkeepers' "free-

dom to select customers."

Why are Americans unwelcome? UPI quotes the owner of a small leather goods shop: "We don't mind if they come in, but the problem is they would affect our business. As soon as American sailors come in, other customers would go out." He suggests concern for the rowdy image of U.S. sailors when he adds: "Young sailors don't behave, you know. We put up the sign basically because we don't want any trouble. It is difficult for me to deal with the Americans because I don't speak English."

UPI notes, however, that lack of English knowledge doesn't prevent shopkeepers from putting up huge signs in English. Some shops, apparently aware of the discriminatory tone of "Japanese Only" signs, are trying to discourage American patronage by posting notices saying "we don't speak English."

One basic reason for the hostility toward American servicemen seems to be economic, specifically low American purchasing power. Japanese prices are beyond the income of U.S. sailors.

"The Americans come in, look around, pick up a price tag, shrug their shoulders with an unbelievable look and a scream of surprise, and off they go," UPI quotes the owner of a sportswear store. Most customers of Dobu-Ita apparently are well-heeled Japanese who don't particularly relish being crowded by poor American window-shoppers.

That is a far cry, indeed, from the early post-war years when the dollar brought 360 to 400 yen on the legal exchange, the Japanese were poor and hungry for business, and bars, restaurants and almost every kind of establishment welcomed American servicemen.

Of course it's not right to blame all Japanese for the actions of a few grubby mer-

chants, but it wouldn't hurt for more people in that country to understand how most Americans feel about human rights these days. Our own record of respect for human rights is far from pristine. In fact, during some periods of our history it has been downright abominable.

But we've been busy making changes and with the zeal

of reformed alcoholics we want others to get on the bandwagon. Frankly, the Japanese don't have too good a record, either, particularly regarding Koreans, the untouchable Eta or Burakumin class, and more recently the Indochina boat people. (One thoroughly competent Japanese newspaper editor once told me Japan no longer had a caste problem be-

cause the government had banned the use of the term Eta. I tried very hard but without success to figure out that one.)

Racial slurs and racially based discrimination are reprehensible whether it's Americans being nasty to the Japanese, or vice versa, and the quicker we act more decently, the better.

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is better remembered—if at all—as the man who started everybody chanting: "Every day, in every way, I am getting better and better" during the '30s. That silly mantra of forced cheerfulness went out with the Depression, and was, I hope, laid to rest for good, but his other message could have been taken a bit more seriously.

But the Europe and America of his day were too bedazzled with their own achievements, and too greedy for still more material acquisitions to see where their civilization was heading. Why, they could not even anticipate the Great Crash of 1929 less than two decades away. Coue came 70, 80 years too soon, and he was completely forgotten.

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FROM PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: John J. Saito

## San Diego Is #2

On the previous weekend, we were stranded in Camarillo due to flooded conditions and this week I was scheduled to be the guest of the San Diego chapter.

Friday's metropolitan paper headlines showed Hotel Circle in San Diego under water and that is where my motel reservations were supposed to have been made. I called Vernon Yoshioka, who made the reservations for me, and also one of the prime movers in the chapter's second annual general membership meeting, about weather and road conditions. He assured me that everything was OK. As a side note, Vernon has to be one of the most dedicated JACLers around. I remember when he was a district board member, he would drive at least 250 miles round trip on a week night to attend monthly board meetings. That's a lot of driving and a lot of gas and money. Anyhow, the turnout for the annual meeting was not as high as expected, but the enthusiasm was great.

There was some robust and humorous discussion about the national sweepstakes raised by Naomi Kashiwabara that had many member and myself chuckling.

Most of the national, district, and chapter programs were discussed during the evening but several things that will remain in my mind for some time to come are as follows:

- (1)—San Diego is the second largest city in California.
  - (2)—San Diego chapter would like to be generous with their scholarships but does not want their awards to exceed National JACL awards.
  - (3)—San Diego is a founding member of the Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC) which provides social services to the Asian Community.
  - (4)—Board member James Yamate raised a very valid and legitimate concern that I have heard expressed before and that is, "Is JACL getting younger people to join?" The average age of the Nisei in 1942 was 17+ years old. In 1980 the average age of the Nisei would be 55+ years old. "Operation '80s" which was designed to bring new and increased membership to JACL through a focus on education should bring in younger people into the organization. We need to accomplish this in the '80s because if we wait til the '90s the average age of the Nisei will be 65+ years old, and I believe that will be a little late.
- Maybe by 1990 San Diego will no longer be the second largest city in California and the 65+ year old Nisei will not have to ask the question, where are the younger members of JACL?

## Calendar

\* non-JACL event

- **MAR. 14 (Friday)**  
Philadelphia—Bd mtg, Hiro Uye hara's res, 8pm.  
Contra Costa—CARP mtg, East Bay Free Methodist Church, 8pm.  
New York—Asn-Pac Conf on Women (3da), CCNY Graduate Ctr, call Angie Cruz, coord, 790-4435.  
Los Angeles—Issei naturalization rites (200 expected), Japanese Union Church (new), 12n; U.S. Dist. Judge Bob Takasugi presiding.  
San Diego—UPAC Open House, 2459 Market St, 3-5pm. \*Sacramento—38th WYBL Conf (3da), Woodlake Inn.  
● **MAR. 15 (Saturday)**  
Hoosier—Schol benefit wine tasting, Ben Harrison Mem Hall, Indianapolis, 8pm.  
San Francisco—Night at the Races, Bay Meadows.  
New York—As Am Law Conf, NYU Vanderbilt Hall, 10am-4pm.  
Seattle—Japanese Community Queen coronation, Butcher Restaurant, 7:30pm.  
● **MAR. 16 (Sunday)**  
Gardena—Poston II reunion plan'g comm, Merit S&L, 1:30pm.  
Monterey Park—Citizens for As-As in Monterey Park inst dnr, Nam Tin Restaurant, 6:30pm.
- **MAR. 19 (Wednesday)**  
San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8pm.  
● **MAR. 21 (Friday)**  
San Francisco—S.F. Ctr for JA Studies mtg, Pine United Methodist Church, 8pm.  
● **MAR. 22 (Saturday)**  
Nat'l JACL / PSWDC—An American Testimonial' banq, Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles, 6:30pm; Sens Inouye, Matsunaga, Hayakawa, Reys Mineta, Matsui, honorees.  
Riverside—Potluck supper, Meiji Univ, baseball tm guests.  
Stockton—Shimizu Choir concert.  
● **MAR. 23 (Sunday)**  
Tri-Valley—Bkfst bowling.  
Berkeley—EBIH crab-spaghetti feed, Numano Sake Co, 5-8pm.  
● **MAR. 29 (Saturday)**  
Philadelphia—Inst dnr-dance, Sheraton Valley Forge, King of Prussia, 6pm; Mike Masaoka, spkr.  
● **APRIL 4 (Friday)**  
MEDYC/Cleveland—Spring workshop (3da), Harley Hotel, Bagley Rd, 1-7; Sat dnr, 6pm.  
Cleveland—Bd mtg.  
Seattle—Cherry Blossom Festival (3da), Seattle Ctr.  
Seattle—A/PA Children's Literature conf, U Wash campus, 8:30-5pm.

## Convention Schedule Deadlines

Following deadlines relate to the 26th biennial National JACL Convention in San Francisco, July 28 - Aug. 1, 1980

- April 4—Application form for Japanese American of the Biennium. TO: Cherry Kinoshita, ch JA of the Biennium Comm., 3520 S Thistle St, Seattle, Wa 98118. (See Jan. 411 PC for rules.)  
April 29—Application form for Nominations for National Officers. TO: Grayce Ueyehara, ch, Nat'l Nomin Comm, 1535 Marlboro, West Chester, Pa 19380.  
April 30—Application form for Masao-ka Distinguished Service Award. TO: DSA Comm, c/o JACL Nat'l Hq, 1765 Sutter St, San Francisco, Ca 94115.  
May 1—Convention resolutions. TO: Margaret Hasegawa, ch, Res Comm, 3562 Crawford, Idaho Falls, Id 83401.  
May 1—JACLer of the Biennium award from District Councils. TO: Edward Yamamoto, ch, JACLer of Biennium comm, 4502 Fairchild Loop, Moses Lake, Wa 98837.  
May 15—Application for George J Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award. TO: George Sakaguchi, ch, Inagaki Awd Comm, 9109 Rustic Wood Trail, St Louis, Mo 63126.  
May 19—Chapter Nat'l Dues 1980. TO: Helen Kawagoe, ch, Credentials Comm, 21111 Dolores St #66, Carson, Ca 90745.  
June 16—Chapter Voting Delegate form & Chapter Proxy Authority form. TO: Helen Kawagoe, ch, Credentials Comm, 21111 Dolores St #66, Carson, Ca 90745.

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Four \$500 chapter scholarships will be presented on the basis of scholastic and extracurricular achievements to local area high school graduates.

Dick Matsuishi (934-3340) is leading the local JACL historical library project. "We would appreciate anything pertaining to the Japanese in Arizona," he explained. Items may be forwarded to his home, 4320 W. Orchid Lane, Glendale, Az 85302.

## Gardena Valley

Gardena Valley JACL, which meets every first Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. at the Japanese Cultural Institute, scheduled John Saito, PSW regional director, as its speaker for the March 4 meeting.

The chapter has reserved several tables at the forthcoming American Testimonial event Mar. 22 at the Bonaventure Hotel, where the five Japanese American legislators in Congress will be honored at one time for the first time. Reservations are \$100 per person and tax deductible. For seats, call John Fujikawa, president (329-6040, eve) or Don Bannai (327-0717 day).

Meanwhile, the chapter has been represented at several JACL affairs including the recent San Fernando Valley installation luncheon, Nisei Relays planning meetings, Orange County JACL installation, redress-reparation workshop at Little Tokyo Towers and the district meeting at Anaheim.

## Hoosier

Hoosier JACL scholarship fund will benefit from the wine tasting party on Saturday, Mar. 15, 8 p.m. at the Benjamin Harrison Memorial House, Indianapolis. Other events on the spring calendar include the New Members' Tea, Mar. 23, 2-4 p.m. at the Yasuko Matsumoto home; the April 10 board meeting at Joyce Yamaguchi's home, and the May 8 board meeting at Kyoko Reed's home, it was announced by Yasuko Matsumoto, chapter president.

John Tateishi, national JACL redress committee chair, discussed the status of the redress program and the commission bills in Congress.

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- 1—Chapter membership of 25 or more American citizens 18 years of age or older.
  - 2—Currently elected set of officers including a president who is at least 21 years old.
  - 3—Chapter constitution and by-laws consistent with Constitution and By-Laws of the National organization.
  - 4—Payment of chapter initiation fee of \$10, (new chapters only).
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## Chapter Pulse

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gress here Jan. 18 at the Warren Library.

The chapter human rights committee will present a program of skits at the Midwest District meeting being hosted by Hoosier JACL May 2-4. The skits will cover the themes of discrimination in education, employment and defamation.

### Idaho Falls

The 40th annual Idaho Falls JACL Carnival was held Mar. 8 at the Legion Hall. Sam Yamasaki and Shoji Nukaya were co-chair.

### Lodi

Lodi JACL held its annual installation dinner Jan. 16 at Hale Park Hall with 130 members and guests present. Stanley Yamanaka was emcee. Ben Takeshita, district governor, swore in the new officers headed by David Morimoto, president.

The Rev. Grant Hagiya, pastor of United Methodist Church, was guest speaker, spelling out the role

of Japanese Americans in modern society. A moment of silence was observed in memory of James Ishida, 1978 chapter president who passed away in January. Honored guests include:

Ruby Dobana, pres., Stockton JACL; Rev. & Mrs. Seikan Fukuma, Lodi Buddhist Church; Rev. & Mrs. Saburo Masuda, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Stockton; Kiyoshi Mizuno, Sumitomo Bank; Mr. & Mrs. Seijo Tabata, Calif. First Bank; Mr. & Mrs. Hiro Shimamoto, pres. French Camp JACL.

Dancing followed to the music of the Swing Tones.

The installation committee included: Mickey Daijogo, Mary & Ozzie Imai, Doris & Jun Kawamura, Amy Morita, Miles Muraoka, Dr. Ron Oye, Nancy & Stanley Yamanaka and Yoshiye Yamauchi.

### Philadelphia

Mike Masaoka will be guest speaker at the Philadelphia JACL

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## KONOMI

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was forced on us and I undertook it in a mood of disgust and rebellion. What made the work even more irksome than actually was the appalling quantities of things we had, and the realization that two thirds of them would never be missed, that we could live in decent style with the rest.

## Mandolin concert slated at Ebell

LOS ANGELES — Masakichi Kaneko, who was director-conductor of the Meiji University Mandolin Orchestra in Japan, has arranged four Japanese songs to be rendered by the Los Angeles Mandolin Orchestra at its 25th annual concert Mar. 15, 8 p.m., at Wilshire Ebell. Program will include:

Haydn's Sinfonia No. 39, Cacciolo's Overture in G, Bach's Little Fugue in G Minor, and ethnic folk music.

Joel Lish, head of the music department at Palisades High School, is the conductor. Orchestra is comprised of some 40 instruments. It rehearses Tuesday nights at Fairfax High and new players are welcome.

Ever since then I have been thinking on the theme of the simple life, and that was how Emile Coue came back out of my past. I tried to research on Coue but without success. It seems he is buried for good along with his mantra.

Actually, however, we don't need a Coue or any other prophet to warn us that for the advanced societies of the world the simple life is the only future choice, that whether it comes as a calamity or a salvation is entirely up to us.

But I have not given up on Coue yet, for I am curious to find out if he learned anything from his trip to Japan. For the Japanese of that time had a great deal to teach the West about simple living. In a world where material wealth and complexity of life were the two unmistakable criteria of civilization the Japanese were a conspicuous anomaly — a civilized people with a life style of austere simplicity.

The following is a passage from the Confucian Analects:

Wise indeed is Hui (the Master's favorite and premier disciple). One bowl of gruel, one gourd of drink (in this instance—water) and in them is his pleasure. Others cannot stand the squalor (of where Hui lived). Hui would not change his pleasure. Wise in-

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complete agreement with Confucius. In Japanese thinking of those days, simple living was one of the high virtues of

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