Gov. Brown loses face with Asian Americans

SACRAMENTO, Ca. - About two dozen people showed up in the American Heritage Week as compared with about 100 expected but they stayed away because "they with Asian Americans slap in the face to

nor commented to Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton), the governor not only to proclamation on Heritage Week to include a study of the U.S. military removal of 1,000 Asian citizens and in some cases detention in internment camps with hearing sites added in

The 100 was going to be a social occasion rather proclamation but by his actions."

The streamlined Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Americans was going to be a social occasion rather governmental affairs committee voted out of

"The inclusion of 1,000 Aleuts in the commission findings and purposes strengthens the bill by bringing the American for public another perspective where circumstances and summarily relocated and interned in American rights organization."

"The JACL is confident that

Douglas was wrong on Nisei cases

By HUGH DAVIS

SPOKANE, Va.- The late Su­preme Court Justice William O. Douglas behelded a guardian of individual freedoms, was wrong in voting with the rest of the high court in the Japanese Amer­icans in World War II, according to the Japanese American Center of the Northwest.

In civil rights matters "that was one of the most courageous votes," former Governor Ronald McNair said.

Douglas was "very influential in changing the justice always said, the justice always.

"It didn't matter mum for Japanese Americans were unjustly and

Douglas was 'wrong on the 1978 Inter­national Council of American Indians'..."he said.

"He was there, he had a major influence on the bill out for full Senate considera­tion."

Countryman said Douglas "more than anyone before or "sacrifice" defended citizen rights, "and it did matter, and I doubt there will be anyone else after." Asked why Douglas, with his popular appeal, was never in conventional politics, Countryman said he spoke too plainly.

"He would have been a poor politician, he said.

Douglas "was an important member of the legal profession is dedicated to the protec­tion... Countryman said, adding, "I'm not very proud of that."

"It's more curious than anything else, it is the only profession actively supports the U.N.," he added.

Countryman said President Carter has no legal authority to restrict citizens rights to travel internationally, no authority to say Americans can't go to the

"Carter is a joke," he said. "He is completely incapable of filling the office."

When asked who is capable, he said, "I wish I could answer that."

"There are more capable, any more capable than anyone in the room."

-Spokean Daily Chronicle

Budget headline

The headline over the JACL, budget story (May 2 JACL) should be corrected to $76,200. The National JACL Board is recommending a FY 1981 budget of $76,200 and 110, and addi­tionally, as the National Council meets next week, the Board of Directors will probably refer to a $29,200 budget (the figures listed in the letter). Ed.

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Tashima nominated U.S. district judge

LOS ANGELES-Atwalis Wallace Todd, 45, a Los Angeles civil trial lawyer and partner in a San Francisco law firm, was nominated May 9 for the federal bench in the Central District in Los Angeles.

A 1961 graduate of Harvard Law School, and a former deputy California attorney general, Ta­shima was nominated by Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Ca) from a bipartisan local judicial appointment panel created by Cranston and Sen. S. Hayakawa (R-Ca). Senate confirmation is re­quired.

In San Francisco, before an un­precedented gathering of eight Asian communities April 8, Sen. Cranston praised them for "help­ing me to give a special under­standing of the role of office and defense issues."

He recalled how he worked with the House to corralling legislation passed by Congress to create the Prosecutor of Asian Americans during WWII and how later he visited many of his former schoolmates at Yale Law and Harvard Law.

As state controller in 1998, he recalled appointing the first Asian to state positions and as U.S. senator nominated the first Korean American federal judge.

In Honolulu, Arakawa filed the first Civil Rights suit in the state circuit court last month by appointing district judge behind the scenes, general during Gov. Burns' ad­министation, finally in 1979, the Hawaii State Law School in 1953 and established two new judgeships of the time and a jurist since 1976, the Hawaii Appellate Circuit Court in Honolulu, Arakawa was Governor of Oregon, and Speaker of the House.

Natl JAYS confab slated July 22-27

The National Japanese American Youth Organization will host the Nisei Week in Los Angeles July 27 at Sacramento State. Due to lim­ited housing, the first 240 will be registered. The $50 fee covers all costs for the three days of lodging, conference transportation, food and activities. (In Hawaii, Shimizu, National JACL, Youth

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``''Temporary detention camps'' designated historic landmarks

SANTA CRUZ, Ca.- Sites of 12 Temporary Detention Camps for Japanese Americans in 1942 have been designated as California Historical Landmarks. Some were still in use at the time of the 100 year anniversary at those locations while the more permanent concentration camps were being built.

At a meeting here May 2, the California Historical Landmarks Committee unanimously approved the designations recommended by the Ethnic Minority Cultural Resources Committee.

American, Commissioners present and voting for the pro­posed designation were recent Elster, Robert Ferris, and Bessie Briscoe.

After President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, authorizing the mass detention of Japanese Americans, the Japanese Americans par­ticipated various fairgrounds, horse

mackracks, rodeo grounds, and la­dies camps and rapidly converted them into detention facilities. Entire communities, livestock exhibi­tion halls, and grainyards were turned into living quarters, and fam­i­ly tapery barracks were built within the camps.

Known as "Assembly Centers" the compounds were surrounded by high barbed wire fences, surrounded by armed guards, and sentences armed with machine guns who were forbidden from going beyond the camp boundaries by order of General John L. DeRut, head of the West­ern Defense Command.

12 Temporary Detention Camps existed between March 27 and December 1944; the average was spent an average of 102 days in a sit-
'Speak English Only' policy at work 'racist"

By LINDA OGWAA RAMIREZ

SAN FRANCISCO—The Human Rights Commission of San Francisco is proceeding with the complaint filed by Jan Kempis, president of the San Francisco General Hospital Filipino American Employees Assn.

Kempis asked the commission to look into a memo issued by hospital department heads in the city that have been impinging on employees. I specifically refer to the practice of monitoring Filipino workers speaking their own dialect in addressing each other.

The complaint stemmed from a memo issued in the personnel department of the hospital requesting employees to speak only English during working hours. The memo was later retracted and an apology issued to Tagalog-speaking employees after pressure from the union and hospital administrators.

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"It is a violation of the workers' rights to speak their own dialect in the workplace unless there is a compelling business necessity," Kempis said.

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JACL in Japan attractive to Sansei

JACL in Japan continues to reap good coverage in the English-language press in Tokyo, the latest being an interview with the Japan JACL president Barry Saiki by the Asahi Evening News reporter Nancy Ukai-Ed.

By NANCY UKAI

Tokyo

Duck workers scrambling for cigarette butts on a Yokohama pier, locals cleaning out GT pockets in blackmarket operations along the Main Gate and war weary mothers lining up to scoop up their allotted can of garbage to keep the children fed—these were among the scenes Barry Saiki witnessed on his first day in the land of his father.

It is also one among a wealth of stories and experiences that lays buried in the history of Japanese Americans in Japan. Saiki, president of the newly-formed Tokyo chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), foresaw a sharing of such oral histories through the organization's activities.

"There's more of a variety of Nisei and Sansei here than in any other chapter community," Saiki said, referring to what he estimated to be "between five to eight thousand" Americans of Japanese ancestry residing in Japan.

Broken Dreams

"The range of experiences is inexhaustible," he added. "We hope to draw these perspectives together." Some of the first Nisei to come to Japan were more toddlers, he said. Between 1909 and 1924, 118,000 Japanese emigrated to the United States, but during the same period, 40,000 left the "land of promise." Saiki witnessed the same period, 40,000 left the "land of promise." Saiki witnessed the 1,000-pound sculpture of a Nisei soldier and Sansei children which many Nisei and Sansei here to Japan, "This is more of a variety of Nisei and Sansei here than in any other chapter community," Saiki said. (JACL)

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Village Plaza gets nath! HUD award

NEW ORLEANS, La.—The Housing and Urban Development's honor award for urban design was presented May 2 to Japanese Village Plaza, the award from HUD Secretary Moon Landrieu was given to JVP architect-developer David Hyman, Tony Chew, deputy to City Planning Director, and City Commissioner Howard Nishiura, Los Angeles.

- Los Angeles

Koko Abe's new play, "The Man Who Turned Into a Stick," a tragedy, opened May 28 at the Fifth Street Theater (West Side), ending Aug. 12. Censorship area Nikkei will pick picnic June 8 at Sycamore Grove from noon. The Sansei Pioneer Project is coordinating the "Sansei Memorial Project" with service groups and churches as co-sponsors.

Viet cemetery

LOS GATOS, Ca.—The Vietnamese community in the United States was established in mid-April at Los Gatos Memorial Park, which will include a vaulted gate ("gai") similar to those before temples and temples in Vietnam.

Barry Saiki

Hawaii Herald

HONOLULU—The Hawaii Herald is being reorganized as a semi-monthly tabloid, starting May 16 with Katherine To- guchi, as editor. It had been 4½ years until the 1971 paper shuttered. The Herald will serve the Japanese heritage and serve as an inter-community communications vehicle.

- Hawaii

John F. Fuehnen 3rd assistant to Mayor Paul, died at his Honolulu home April 15. After his report's story in the Honolulu Advertiser, he was S. Inouye's press secretary in Washington 1969-1970. Sen. S. Inouye, now press secretary for Gerald R. Ford in Washington, and House Majority Leader in the 93rd Congress, was in Hawaii. Sen. Fuehnen's daughter, the late Mrs. F. Kondo, is the new press secretary for the House Ways and Means Committee.

How to drop bombs

Hiroshima, Japan—The number of years of the Hiroshima Senior High School of the city has been surveyed, according to a recent removal of his home, took place April 6. The city, the highest and most important, took place in 1975 by the U.S. Dept. of Energy, made it possible to search for the number of years. The city is to establish the University of California and the University of Washington. The university is under the control of the Hiroshima City School District.

Nitta cherry tree

LANSDALE, Pa.—The Japanese cherry tree, donated by longtime Philadelphia JACL Club, John Nitta and planted in 1976 at the memorial park, was in full bloom for the first time last week of April. The 37 trees signalled the number of years Nitta had been resident here and established his child's school for the students.

Topaz '45 plans

SACRAMENTO—Topaz High School, 1945, was the only group receiving its entire secondary education in camp, with its 10th reunion on Saturday, April 16, at the San Juan '45 Gala. Graduates, requiring details, should write to Nen Nakano, 792 W. Valley Way, San Jose 95124, general chairman.

Sculpture removal shocks Noguchi

NEW YORK—Reached for comment April 25 at his home in Taka­ matsu where he spends part of each year, Isamu Noguchi, 75, said the recent removal of his monument-shaped aluminum sculpture from the lobby of the Bank of To­ kyo near Wall Street was "vandalism and very reactionary." Customers paying loans complained the $1,000 to $1,500 in sparsely placed on the floor, signed by "the sculptor's friends." Noguchi was commis­ sioned in 1975 by the bank to fash­ ion the sculpture, New York Times architecture critic Ada Louise Huxtable praised it as a "de­ liverant of style...from the 19th to the 20th century." The bank is in a renovated 19-year-old building.

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The staff must back it stick it out because they’re paid to do the job. The staff often becomes discouraged, frustrated and depressed. I feel for and with them. Their work is difficult and stressful.

On the other hand, volunteers not motivated will not contribute much nor meaningfully. It is the staff that creates much of the climate for motivation.

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EAST WIND: Bill Marutani

BRITISH AMERICANS IN A GREATER WORLD

Better Americans in a Greater World

By SHERIDAN TATSUMO Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors

San Francisco

As we near the fifth anniversary of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki atomic bombings, we are overwhelmed with the urgency of the occasion. The purpose of the hearing was to provide a nontechnical forum for examining the health effects of man-made radiation. The committee was concerned with the dangers of radiation exposure. The hearing was held in Washington, D.C., where we heard testimony from dozens of survivors of the atomic bombings from around the country: atomic bomb survivors, Japanese American members of the U.S. armed forces, and Japanese American residents who lived through the attacks.

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FROM THE FRINGY PAN: Bill Hosokawa

THAI COMMUNITY’S WATER FESTIVAL A HIT
Denver, Colo.

The cowboys and dryland farmers who were so very surprised at the local scene when I first arrived soon after World War II would have been astounding to see how the city of Denver celebrated the Water Festival members of the local Thai community, with some of their Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian friends joining in. That there would be enough of these people in the Mile High City to rent a ballroom in downtown hotel for their festivities is surprising, even though it’s been a celebration involving water a responsive chord for water is a precious commodity in the semi-arid West.

There must have been more than 300 at the celebration, mostly young Thais, some Burmese, the wives of American servicemen who married local girls while serving in Southeast Asia. Still others were recent immigrants making a living in one way or another. For some, it was a celebration of their new lives. For others, a celebration of the happy memories before.

Other than the celebration of the Water Festival by members of the local Thai community, the diversity of Denver is surmised that an occasion involving water a responsive chord for water is a precious commodity in the semi-arid West.

"What was it they were people thinking, it was obvious they were having a wonderful time. Some months ago we had attended a New Year’s party in Denver’s young Korean community. Everyone was having a great old time there, too, but somehow the Thais seemed to be more spontaneous, more outgoing, less formal. Perhaps this is subjective evaluation based unfairly on imagination. It’s hard to say at what time or number of international.

And then there was disco to the ear-splitting beat of polkas, the Germans brought their polkas, the Gypsy brought their traditional music, the first party ever was attended a New Year’s party in Denver’s young Korean community. Everyone was having a great old time there, too, but somehow the Thais seemed to be more spontaneous, more outgoing, less formal. Perhaps this is subjective evaluation based unfairly on imagination. It’s hard to say at what time or number of international.

At least some of the celebrants were Thai, probably fewer boat people present.

Like all other immigrant groups, the Thais have sought some of their culture to those shores. We saw dancers, beautifully costumed, reminding us of Asia and the King of Siam. There were Thai folk dances with couples weaving gracefully without touching, not unlike the Japanese’s and Chinese’s. There were those showing the frenetic kind of music, the Thais loved it, but they found delight in speaking a familiar language for the first time, for the first time in 26 countries.

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AN EXERCISE IN ETHICS: Is there a Christian view on redress?

By Rev. Andrew N. Otani
Minister Emeritus

It purposely avoided to tool the monetary payment of $25,000 each for the Japa-
ese incarcerated in the war years or even though to demand money from the
American government was unfeigned form the Christian point of view.

A short resolut- tion, it says: few,

First, to help us identify clearly
and concretely what we mean
by redress in the context of
JACL on reparations.
Second, to help us reflect on
what it means for us to be Chr
istians in these kinds of issues,
so we may enable each other
to be more reflective and inter
ational in making ethical deci
sions. Third, that we remem
ber ourselves that we need to
distinguish carefully between
ethical goals we aim for, and the
means we choose to attain the
desired ethical goals.

In June, 1978, at San Francisco,
the Japanese Convoca
tion of the Episcopal Am
erica Ministry had passed a
resolution to report the JACL
on reparations. The following
month a delegate objected be
cause he thought the action was
unethical. Another half day of
discussion followed and finally
the resolution was tabled. The con
vention was asked to study more
about the subject and report of the
Steering Committee the Nov.
1979 recommendation seems to be
the result of reports sent to the
committee. A short resolu
tion on constitutional rights.
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al rights is a noble act and even
a highly ethical Chris
tian can agree with it.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye
speaks for the important
Japanese Americans.

”Honour is important to the
Japanese Americans. It is this
sense of honor that brought
my family to Hawaii, in hopes of re
ducing a debt to my ancestral
country damaged by fire. It is this
sense of honor that obliges
the American government to
write a fittingly just conclusion to a
sad episode in our country.”

I think (Sen. Inouye) ex
plains it well why many of us
believe in the idea of redress.

Rev. Andrew Otani, 76, is a
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Paris

Is the French Republic shrink- ing? Just read President Charles de Gaulle's latest inspired campaign to jack up the ebbing morale of the French public with "La Grande de la France." The garrulous leader, always ready, marched forward to recover from the shock of the Common Market, even imperceptibly enough to completely defy the international politics of the U.S. And making their way on their own.

After two presidents, however, a strange damping change appears to be taking place, as no longer flowing but is. In the "hors" of Paris where they step for a drink or two or a cup of coffee, man are drinking now.

Le Grandeur de la France

A distinguished gentleman of the "élite" to ruffle a small glass of Beaujolais wine, 1967. Wise producers in France are no longer the grand prix winners of the old vintage, as today, the number of the best and the grand shops in the world: Hermes, Matsoula, Pierre Cardin, Gucci... and some are located in Place Vendome. Yet, in contrast to the "élite" shops and the buildings they are in buildings nowadays showing their age and the old-fashioned French, in the street shops, old-fashioned French, it is changing the buildings, and the economy. Even inside the shop, the place has never changed. Still. The other ways the most sought after addresses, or garment, price today is over 3,000,000 for space on 15th Floor, square up a 16.9% tax. Unlike the shops in Switzerland or even in Japan, the jewelry stores in Paris is as secure as a prison—burglar alarms, radar beams, everything thinkable, to be sure. They are very cautious. This sudden and startlingly begun about three years ago, why these people don't think these things.