

Nobuyuki resigning over management views

SAN FRANCISCO — The same weekend Mt. St. Helens and Miami's Liberty City were erupting, there was another of sorts breaking at JACL Headquarters with the Executive Committee in session May 17 — the acceptance of Karl Nobuyuki's resignation as national director. (The Pacific Citizen was alerted on May 20 by Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national president, to expect an official statement.)

Nobuyuki's resignation is to be effective June 1.

Meantime, the personnel committee, chaired by Ben Take-shita, is preparing to begin another search for a successor. Their recommendation and the choice by the National Board would be subject to ratification by the National Council, which is comprised of delegates from the chapters.

Dr. Uyeda explained the resignation was "due to irreconcilable views on management policies (and) with mutual agreement". (A statement from Nobuyuki has been promised in time for the next issue.)

Convened by the National President, all but two of the Executive Committee members were present for the deliberation: Dr. James Tsujimura of Portland, unable to travel because he broke his collar bone in a bicycle accident; and Lily Okura of Washington, D.C., who had a previous commitment. Both were polled by phone late Saturday. District governors and other members of the National Board were polled Sunday and Monday.

Nobuyuki, 33, had joined the JACL staff as director in May 1977 in wake of the controversial termination in the summer of 1976 of his predecessor David Ushio. Uyeda recognized the transition by noting the one-time Gardena grantsman had "brought the organization out of phlegmatic existence into one of hope of expectations". (Ushio first joined the JACL staff in 1971 at age 24 as a Washington Office trainee.)

While Nobuyuki's departure from Headquarters has been surprisingly sudden and quiet, without the kind of tensions which had rocked JACL internally five years ago when Pacific Southwest JACL leaders called upon the National Board to impeach the president and fire the director, both occurred when preparations were stepping into high gear for a national JACL convention.

However, National Treasurer George Kodama saw no dire consequences falling upon the national convention, confident the host chapter would meet its goal to make the 50th anniversary convention memorable.

[Records show the late Mas Satow, national JACL director for 25 years when he retired in 1972, was 39 at the time he joined the JACL staff in 1946 as Eastern-Midwest regional representative. Reference to the ages of persons joining the JACL staff is being mentioned since some may think there may be some bearing. But the theory to hire older professional staff yields its shortcoming when one recalls Mike Masaoka, JACL's first paid worker, was 26 years old when hired in 1941 as the national secretary. Except for the war years in the 42nd, Masaoka's professional association with JACL was continuous and lasted till 1970. Incidentally, Wayne Horiuchi, past Washington JACL representative (1975-78), was 26 also at the time of appointment. — Ed.]

Nat'l Director resigns

Karl Nobuyuki, as JACL national director for the past three years, has been an eloquent spokesman for JACL dreams. He brought the organization out of phlegmatic existence into one of hope and expectations. A sense of excitement filled the air.

Karl's commitment to JACL goals was total. His involvement was complete. He was goal-oriented. Often he risked everything to achieve the goal.

The national director's role is, at best, a very difficult one to fulfill. He has multi-personality and multi-interest volunteers to deal with. He is, by our constitution and bylaws, directly accountable to the (JACL) Executive Committee.

Due to irreconcilable views on management policies and with mutual agreement, Karl Nobuyuki is moving on to other fields.

We wish Karl the very best as he leave us for another task. His contribution to the advancement of JACL will always remain with us.

DR. CLIFFORD UYEDA
National JACL President

San Francisco, Ca., May 22, 1980

Senate passes S1647 bill unanimously

WASHINGTON (Special to PC) — This past week (May 22), the Senate unanimously passed S1647, introduced by Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), and supported by the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), to establish a commission to review the facts and circumstances surrounding Evacuation and internment of more than 120,000 Japanese American civilian citizens and resident aliens as a result of the issuance of Executive Order 9066 in 1942. The measure has been sent to the House for further consideration.

This legislation would establish a seven-member commission to study official records, hold hearings across the country and

report its recommendations to Congress in a year. The measure was amended by the Senate governmental affairs committee to include the study of the relocation and in some cases internment of about 1,000 Aleut citizens in Alaska pursuant to U.S. military directives during WW2.

"This commission would have the awesome task of reviewing the events which led to the full-scale evacuation and incarceration of nearly an entire ethnic group based purely on their racial origin," Sen. Inouye declared.

"The social and psychological effect of this internment have been permanent for some, and it will be the responsibility of this commission to determine how this massive wrong committed by the federal government can be remedied."

Legislative Chronology

On the consent calendar May 22, formal Senate action came at 12:24 p.m. It was introduced nine months earlier (Aug. 2) with five co-authors: Sens. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), Alan Cranston (D-Cal.), S. I. Hayakawa (R-Cal.), Robert McClure (R-Idaho) and Frank Church (D-Idaho). S1647 subsequently had 22 co-sponsors when it was first heard Mar. 18 in the Senate governmental affairs sub-committee with Sen. Henry Jackson (D-Wa.) presiding. It was reported 11-0 out of the full committee, chaired by Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.) May 8, with amendments.

The House version, HR 5499, was introduced on Sept. 28 by House Majority Leader Jim Wright (D-Tex.), Reps. Peter Rodino (D-N.J.), Norman Mineta (D-Cal.), Robert Matsui (D-Cal.), Majority Whip John Brademas (D-Ind.), Phil Burton (D-Cal.), Sidney Yates (D-Ill.) Glenn Anderson (D-Cal.), Paul Simon (D-Ill.) and 105 more on the initial day. It was referred to the House Judiciary subcommittee on administrative law and governmental relations, chaired by Rep. George Danielson (D-Cal.) of Monterey Park.

HR 5499 currently has 147 sponsors.

THE JACL redress committee is currently encouraging JACLers and friends to contact national organizations for endorsements as well as to individuals in such areas where JACL chapters do not exist who would have their respective congressmen to have the bill adopted.

45-Issue Format

Starting the first week of July, the Pacific Citizen will publish 45 times a year — a decrease of five issues from the current frequency schedule of 50 issues per year — to stay within the budget and not ask either the subscribers or advertisers at the present time for an increase to help meet the rising costs in printing and mail.

While skipping five alternating weeks through July and August, the five issues being planned every other week this summer are expected to run 12 pages instead of the usual eight.

Here is the revised deadline schedule for the summer:

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The Pacific Citizen office will remain open as usual.

'O.K. to be what you are' philosophy taught to Jan Ken Po Gakko youngsters

(No doubt, similar efforts at passing on the cultural heritage planted in America by the Issei occur elsewhere in addition to the locales mentioned in this story. It wouldn't hurt to name all of these programs "Jan Ken Po" Gakko. —Ed.)

By DENISE AYUB
SACRAMENTO, Ca. — When she was growing up, says Mary Tsuruko Tsukamoto, "I hated everything Japanese. I was so unhappy. I did not value my roots."

But Tsukamoto is 64 years old now and no longer believes she must reject her ancestry. She no longer even believes the United States should be a melting pot, a place where everyone is assimilated.

"I believe in cultural diversity, not the melting pot," she

said. "I believe now that it is OK to be what you are."

And now, Tsukamoto teaches her philosophy at the Jan Ken Po Gakko, a Sacramento school where each summer 50 children learn what it means to be "American Japanese."

"Every group, every person needs to know where it fits in," Tsukamoto said. "That's what we are going for here at the Jan Ken Po Gakko. And that's where we must go for if we want a world where people respect each other."

"The children," she added, "need to grow up with a good self-image, identity and pride in their heritage."

The school teaches 6- to 12-year-olds about Japan and the Issei, the first generation of Japanese to immigrate to America.

Judge Marutani pay raise rule upheld

PHILADELPHIA — A three-judge court this past week affirmed the action of Judge William Marutani who had declared as invalid, a quarter-million dollar pay raise which had been voted by Philadelphia's City Council and approved by then-Mayor Frank L. Rizzo.

Affected by the judge's decision

were the Mayor, District Attorney, as well as all City Council members — for a total of 26 city officials. Marutani had ruled that the pay raise law violated conflict-of-interest principles as well as a 1927 Pennsylvania law.

It is expected that the question will ultimately end up in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

"Who are you?" the retired public schoolteacher asked the children clustered around her in a semi-circle. She answered for them, "You are Americans of Japanese ancestry. You are unique and special."

The 3-year-old school was the first of its kind where American Japanese children could learn about their cultural heritage in a fun way, according to one of the founders, Gloria Takarabe. It served as a model for other schools that have opened in San Jose, Oakland and Stockton, she said.

"It began with friends just talking. We were concerned about the things which were not being taught our children," she said.

"Most schools in Sacramento were not addressing the needs of minority children. The Jan Ken Po Gakko was formed to meet those needs for American Japanese children."

It was formed, too, so that the children would have fun, she added.

The theory was to give lessons in entertaining ways, she said. Some of the activi-

ties show how that is done. During playtime outside, for instance, contemporary Japanese games and dances

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Jr. Olympics, Nisei Relays on!

This weekend at two separate colleges, JACL is hosting track meets with most of the winners meeting in the state championships June 15 at Santa Ana College. Competition will be divided by age and sex, though in the longer distances (two-mile and mile) men and women events will be merged as well as in the "E" (under 10) division races.

In Northern California, the NC-WNDC Jr. Olympics at Chabot College, Hayward, will begin this Sunday with trial heats in all divisions at 9 a.m.

Teams not represented at the coaches meeting or failing to supply volunteers for the meet are assessed a double-sponsorship fee of \$50.

In Southern California, about 350 are expected to compete in the PSWDC Nisei Relays starting at 8:30 a.m. at Santa Ana College.

A special 50-yard event for chapter presidents only is planned just before the lunch break at noon. Host chapter president Dr. Luis Kobashi will extend the official welcome during opening ceremonies after the lunch break at 12:30.

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Bishop Estate trustees split

HONOLULU — Bishop Estate trustee Hung Wo Ching, 68, has sued fellow trustee Matsuo Takabuki, 57, saying the latter got the Estate to pay \$1.3 million too much when it bought the Kawaiahao Plaza office development in 1977 from James K. Trask Jr. and Francis E. Denis.

The suit filed May 13 in federal court revealed a major rift among the five men who administer Hawaii's largest land holding (about 9% of the lands in the island state worth over \$1 billion). Trustees who are appointed by the Hawaii supreme court receive compensation through a commission of property income. Trust was established in 1884 by Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop to support the Kamehameha Schools.

On the Big Island, Kahe Theater at Kohala, which opened 56 years ago, is the last of eight owned and operated by Koichi Sugiyama, 86, who intends to keep going "till I die".

With the crime rate (murder, robbery, rape & assault) rising on the Big Island and visible response of the KKK as gun-toting vigilantes in the aftermath of a young Honolulu doctor beaten to death in a Puna Beach park, many are wondering whether the "locals" really declared war on the haoles. But the suggestion that the violence may be racially motivated has been immediately denied by public officials from Mayor Herb Matayoshi on down.

The U.H. School of Travel Industry Management noted in its review of tourism in Hawaii that Japanese tourists are beginning to complain (Waikiki) "doesn't seem like a foreign place because there is too much Japanese influence". But 85% of the Japanese tourists rate Hawaii as "excellent" or "above average" as tour destination ... Daiet, Inc., top retailing group in Japan, is the new owner-operator of three Holiday Mart discount stores in Honolulu. The mart has been in bankruptcy.

Mrs. Miki Sawada, 78
TOKYO—Mrs. Miki Sawada, 78, founder of the Elizabeth Sanders Home in Oiso, died May 12 in a Spanish hospital in Palma, Majorca Island, after being admitted May 7 for fatigue while on tour.

Granddaughter of Yataro Iwasaki, founder of the Mitsubishi "zaibatsu", she married Kenzo Sawada, a diplomat who was onetime Japanese ambassador to the United Nations; founded in February 1948 the famed orphanage named after an English woman who had contributed \$170 when Mrs. Sawada was struggling financially to maintain the home which cared for over 2,000 children fathered by U.S. GIs and abandoned by their Japanese mothers.

Deaths

Masao Igasaki, 80, Hilo-born Nisei who became the first president of Los Angeles JACL in 1929, and a veteran of the first World War, died May 19 at City View Hospital, Los Angeles. One of the pioneer Nisei attorneys in California, he managed the L.A. Nippons, prewar Nikkei semi-pro baseball team. Surviving are Masao Jr. (Chicago), John, and Jean S. Katano, Mrs. Tadaichi, Toshio, and 8 gc.

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A pioneer in children orthopedics

Madison, Wis.

Something of a pioneer in the field, Dr. Henry Okagaki was one of two orthopedic surgeons at the Univ. of Wisconsin Hospital here in 1942 and, as State Journal staff writer William Wineke and staff photographer Edwin Stein well portrayed in their story recently, has helped thousands of children to walk normally, recover from bone diseases and, in general, become—given their situation.

Over the years, Okagaki has seen changes. He no longer has to treat children crippled by polio, but he continues to see many children in-

jured in accidents. "We see a lot more severe trauma than we once did, and we really see a lot of metabolic or congenital diseases. I think it's because of the screening programs in the schools; children who once would have been let go are now getting treatment for their problems," Okagaki said.

Real satisfaction to Okagaki is not surgery. "I'd like to be able to pick up problems early, to see a child and give him help before all the problems set in. You know that if you spot something like a hip dislocation early and correct it, it will stay corrected," he said.

The children's orthopedic section at UW Hospital has special clinics and screening programs to find new ways to make children as normal as possible, such as the multidisciplinary approach.

UW physicians and surgeons evaluate, for free, newborn children for possible orthopedic deformities at Madison General Hospital and conduct free clinics throughout the state several times a year to check crippled children who may not be UW patients and who have a difficult time traveling.

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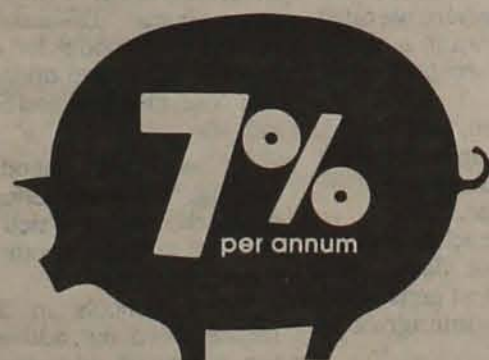
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U.S. must wipe out waste: Sato

SAN DIEGO, Ca.—Inspector General Frank S. Sato of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, here May 15 to address a meeting of accountants, said eliminating waste and restoring public trust in the federal government are vital ingredients in helping solve the many complex issues facing the country today.

There is "tremendous need to change the perception of the public" in wake of government improprieties and inefficiencies, he said. "Wrongdoing by a small group unfortunately reflects on government-at-large."

In his year as inspector general (there are 14 authorized and appointed by the President), Sato said he has not seen a great deal of fraud in the DOT, but suspects more to be in social programs because they deal with so many individuals and the opportunity for misuse of funds is greatly magnified.

PSWDC to assist JAYS confab

LOS ANGELES — The Pacific Southwest District Council, at its May 18 session, voted to allocate \$900 toward chartering a bus for 43 youth registered for the National JAYS Conference July 22-27 at CSU-Sacramento, it was announced by DC vice-governor Dennis Kunisaki. Youth would be paying a \$10 round-trip fare. Sign-ups will be handled through the PSW regional office.

Pan Asian and Orange County chapters are allocating \$100 registration awards, it was added.

ROBERT MATSUMOTO CASE:

Nisei continues fight against bias charge

By LORRIE INAGAKI

San Francisco

Robert Matsumoto, a Bakersfield builder and real estate broker for the last three years, has been fighting a charge of discrimination filed against him by a Black buyer.

In 1978, Matsumoto requested JACL assistance as he felt that he was not being treated fairly due to political pressures on the government agencies involved. After an investigation of the facts, the JACL discovered that Matsumoto did appear to be treated unfairly.

Facts showed, for example, that the United States Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which first handled the case, had demanded that Matsumoto sign an agreement admitting his guilt and to paying a large sum of money. There had been no investigation by HUD previous to this. When Matsumoto and the JACL pressed this matter, the JACL was informed that the case was no longer under their jurisdiction and had been referred to the California Dept. of Real Estate for action.

The California Dept. of Real Estate then filed a complaint against Matsumoto calling for the revocation of his real estate broker license. The Department charged him of discriminating against a Black buyer named Willie Shell and quoting different conditions of sale to him. The Department claimed that Matsumoto began construction on Shell's home last although it was the first lot in the tract. It also accused Matsumoto of ordering his salesmen to inform Black buyers that the terms of sales were to be all cash with no conventional loans. The allegation was that Matsumoto was

based solely on Shell's statements and that of Sidney Haberkern, a salesperson formerly employed by Matsumoto but fired for taking unauthorized action. No attempt was made by the Department to interview other subcontractors and other material witnesses in their investigation.

In January and July of 1979, a hearing was held for eight days before Administrative Law Judge Willis Mevis.

In November of 1979, after consideration of the evidence presented, Mevis ruled in favor of Matsumoto and recommended that the case against him be dismissed. The Judge specifically found that the evidence did not establish any discriminatory acts by Matsumoto.

Mevis based his decision on certain findings of fact. He found that Matsumoto had established that it was his standard procedure for economic reasons on all his tracts, including the tract in question, to establish a pre-arranged order. Contracts were made with the subcontractors, and materials were ordered on this basis prior to commencement of construction. No changes were permitted after these contracts were signed. It was additionally shown that this order was followed in Shell's case.

Moreover, Mevis found that Haberkern was not in sympathy with Matsumoto's no-change policy and, without Matsumoto's authorization, told Shell that he would make certain changes by contract-

ing the relevant subcontractor, which Shell proceeded to do. Certain changes were made on Shell's lot. Matsumoto further presented evidence that when Matsumoto discovered these changes, he informed the subcontractors that any changes were not authorized by him.

The record also shows that when Shell contacted Matsumoto and complained of delays in construction, Matsumoto informed him that Shell was partially responsible for delaying construction by making unauthorized changes. Construction delay was compounded due to a shortage of supply of both labor and materials existing at that time. The Judge found that this was adequately established at the hearing by Matsumoto.

In August of 1977, Haberkern began telling Shell that the delays were due to Shell's race and purportedly quoted certain subcontractors as saying that Matsumoto had ordered a slow down due to Shell's race. The subcontractors denied making such statements. The Administrative Law Judge determined that creditable evidence did not establish that Matsumoto ordered Haberkern to inform only potential Black buyers of the homes that the terms of sale were on a cash basis with no conventional loan.

Mevis also found that, based upon Haberkern's testimony and demeanor and the testimony of other witnesses, the evidence presented through Haberkern was entitled to little weight. In addition, Matsumoto showed that Haber-

kern was discharged by Matsumoto in September of 1977 and may have some reason to retaliate.

In spite of the recommended decision and findings of facts, however, David Fox, Director and Commissioner of the Real Estate Department, informed Matsumoto two months after the decision that he was rejecting the Administrative Law Judge's findings and decision and would decide the case himself. No reasons were given for the rejection of the decision.

Such action was taken by Fox despite the fact that the Department of Real Estate and the Governor's Office had assured the JACL and Matsumoto in January of last year

that his case would be decided by an impartial Administrative Law Judge not connected with the Department.

Furthermore, Fox made the decision before he had seen the transcript of the hearing. Such action also raises the question of whether Fox has the authority to single-handedly reject an Administrative Law Judge's decision.

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Koreans in Japan



Some famous artisans and monks I had read about in the early history of Japan, I was to learn later, were from Korea. They had adopted new names and had become Japanese citizens.

Ever since the abortive invasion of Korea by Toyotomi Hideyoshi in 1592, the plight of the Korean people has been inextricably tied to events in Japan.

Soon after the annexation of Korea in 1910, Japan's colonial policy resulted in mass migration of Koreans into Japan. During the great kanto earthquake of 1923 when Tokyo and Yokohama lay in ruin, Koreans became victims of mass hysteria.

In the 1930s under Japan's military rule, Japanese was imposed as national language in Korea. Korean language was not permitted to be taught in Korea. Korean language was not permitted to be taught in schools. Publications of newspapers in Korean was prohibited.

During World War II over 350,000 Koreans were conscripted into the Japanese armed forces. Additional tens of thousands were mobilized into labor forces. Over 200,000 Koreans were among the two million Japanese who were killed or missing in action during the war. Among the atom bombing casualties at Hiroshima and Nagasaki were nearly 50,000 Koreans.

The Supreme Commander of Allied Forces (SCAP) defined Koreans in occupied Japan as aliens ineligible to vote. As aliens they had to carry registration card at all time and were required by law to show it upon request. The practice continues to this day.

Today nearly three-quarter of the Korean population in Japan was born there. Their life style and social customs are much more Japanese than Korean. Nevertheless, even when naturalized as Japanese citizens they are not accepted by the Japanese or the Korean society. They form separate social groupings of their own.

Koreans have difficulty obtaining public housing. They have difficulty gaining entrance into Japanese schools. Their own ethnic schools are not recognized by Japanese national or private universities. In private industry they face hiring discrimination as foreigners. There is no possibility of public employment. Unemployment is a major phenomenon.

Recently, however, there has been growing supports among Japanese society and the courts to examine and rectify the untenable condition. This is the ray of hope. If Japan is to hold its place among the enlightened nations, she must accept the responsibility of sharing the burden in the solution of the "Korean problem."

It is honest and courageous and is not a weakness to admit past mistakes. The Japanese society and the courts seem willing. We hope the Japanese government will follow the lead with enlightened policies. #

REDRESS PHASE 2: John Tateishi

Endorsements



One of the important aspects of the Redress campaign is to establish grassroots support for the issue, not only within the Japanese American communities, but also from friends and from other national organizations.

To this end, JACL has embarked on an effort to compile and maintain a list of endorsements from national civil rights organizations. The purpose of this effort is to seek their support and to use this as a vehicle for educating the leadership and general membership of those organizations about the Evacuation.

Like JACL, resolutions and endorsements accepted at the national level by most organizations must be initiated at the local level by individual chapters. And because those organizations, like JACL, generally meet during the summer for their national conventions, we are working within fairly tight time-constraints.

Consequently, "endorsement packets" were mailed to all chapter presidents and to designated chapter redress representatives to seek endorsements from specified civil rights organizations within their respective local areas. The organizations we've asked JACLers to contact by May 23rd were:

NAACP, ACLU, state Commissions on Civil Rights, B'nai B'rith, Urban League, National Education Assn. (NEA), and National Organization for Women (NOW).

By now, contact with all of those groups should have been made and a second list targeting city councils and county governments should have been received with a June 6 as the date for having completed the initial steps for seeking their endorsement.

This phase of the campaign will take more work on the part of chapters and will require close follow-up to help lock in the endorsements. If our readers can help the chapters by contacting friends who are in the organizations mentioned or



MOSHI MOSHI: Jin Konomi

Wireless Telegraph 'Made-in-Japan'

The most interesting fact about the Japanese wireless telegraph: it was not a Marconi invention, but a strictly Japanese product, conceived, developed, and manufactured by Japanese. *This One Battle (Kono Issen)*, an all-time best-seller of Japan, and probably the most complete account of the battle by Captain Hironori Mizuno who participated in it as commander of a destroyer, has nothing to say about it. The *Heibonsha Encyclopedia*, one of the most comprehensive, does not list Matsushiro, or mention him under "Wireless Telegraphy".

The fact was brought to the attention of the general public only 15 years ago, or 60 years after the battle.

The story was told by Shochiro Sone (essayist, deceased) in the May, 1965, issue of the *Bungei Shunju*, one of the largest mass circulation magazines of Japan. Below is a partial gist of the article. A few remarks are my own.

In October, 1896 a brief item appeared in the *Scientific American* reporting the success of an experiment by an Italian youth named Marconi in transmitting a message between two points unconnected by electric wire. Marconi used electric waves instead of electric current. As he did not receive any encouragement in his homeland, Marconi had to conduct his research in England. The item gave no technological details or statistical data.

happened to be a member in any of them, you may be the key to a national endorsement.

To date, the following organizations have endorsed the JACL position on Redress, and most of these endorsements were obtained through efforts of individual members:

American Hellenic Educational Progressive Assn. (AHEPA)
American Jewish Committee
American Legion, Astor Post 266, Chicago
American Legion, Chicago Nisei Post 1185
American Legion, Illinois 6th District Council
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Board of Supervisors, Cook County, Ill.
Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County, Ca.
Board of Supervisors, City/County of San Francisco, Ca.
California State Assembly
City Council, Marina, Ca.
City Council, Seaside, Ca.
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Washington, D.C.
U.S. Advisory Commission on Civil Rights.

The efforts of individuals can have great impact in this aspect of the campaign. Therefore, your help is needed, YOUR EFFORT may be the key to the success or failure of the endorsement campaign. #

35 Years Ago

in The Pacific Citizen

JUNE 2, 1945

May 18—First concert appearance of Nisei (Tomi Kanazawa and Florence Takayama) at Carnegie Chamber Music Hall, New York, noted.

May 23—Wash. Gov. Wallgren explains his protest against return of evacuees in early January "because of Japanese free balloons over western U.S. and Canada"; blames War Dept. for not telling whole story as he was asked by Western Defense Command to reactivate civilian defense, "if no announcement forthcoming from the War Dept., then it was best to keep (the evacuees) in interior..."

May 26—ILWU leaders enforce non-discrimination pledge in Stockton incident over Nisei; 100 members of Local 6 still holding out.

May 26—Vast majority of Californians accept returning Nisei, reports Christian Science Monitor correspondent Kimmis Hendrick, San Francisco; finds Mexican, Filipino and Negro among "chief opponents" for admitting Japanese Americans.

May 26—First Nisei (Hank Aihara, Univ. of Illinois freshman) wins in Big Ten track championship: 23'3 3/4" in broadjump.

May 27—Report death of first Nisei GI (T/3 Eddie Fukui of Tacoma) in Battle for Okinawa, was attached to 7th Infantry Division through campaigns in Guam and Leyte.

May 28—First arrest (Parlier area farmer, 33) made on West Coast for terror raids against Nisei; given suspended sentence for gun shots into Charles Iwasaki home in Parlier... Kaudy Mimura home in Orosi attacked May 24... Vandals smash windows of Komoto Store, Fresno, May 25.

May 31—War Dept. (Pentagon) hails Nisei combat team as "one of the best fighting units in Army" as Col. C. W. Pence, commander who trained and led the 442nd into combat, receives Distinguished Service Medal.

bureaucratic inertia and succeeded in having a research project funded and set up. Matsutaro Matsushiro, a telegraph engineer, was appointed to head the project.

When you consider the pathetic fact that Japan at that time lacked high enough technology to produce decent screws, you can appreciate what a formidable task Matsushiro and his team were undertaking. Most surprisingly, research progressed apace. In

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EAST WIND: Bill Marutani

Lox 'n Bagels



WE'VE BEEN RESIDING all these years in a section of Philadelphia that is predominantly Jewish. Thus our children have been steeped in many aspects of the Jewish culture, including (joyfully) observing all Jewish holidays from school as well as the "regular" holidays. They've participated in bar and bat mitzvahs, attended synagogue, wore yarmulke's, and one of them can rattle off a complex Jewish prayer—in excellent Hebrew. At least it sounds authentic to me.

AND SO IT is inevitable that there has seeped into our home various kosher-type foods, including lox, bagels and cream cheese. Joining *tsukemono*, *tofu*, *kamaboko* and such other fare with which we Nisei are familiar. In turn, many of our children's friends who happen to be of Jewish faith, have been exposed to and adopted some Japanese foods, including, of course, *sukiyaki* and *teriyaki* as well as *nori*, *sushi*, and *sashimi*. In fact, these Jewish children eat many Japanese dishes that our own children reject. It's an ironic twist.

EVEN WIFE VICKI has adopted to some Jewish fare which she buys regularly at the delicatessen. Me? I'm afraid my tastes are rather pedestrian, and I've not developed a hankering for lox, bagels and gefiltefish. *Kamaboko*, yes; but not Jewish style. I've had breakfast in a Jewish home, but somehow lox and bagels with cream cheese just doesn't replace bacon 'n eggs for me. I'm sure that the Jewish breakfast is great, once one develops a taste for it. I guess it's somewhat like developing a taste, say, for *kazunoko*, squid or broiled octopus. Especially *kazunoko*: unappetizing (and somewhat odoriferous, one might add) at first, but once you "get the hang of it"... terrific! (Price-wise, too.)

AN ETHNIC FARE that I once tried and found delightful was Korean... well, I've forgotten the name of the dish. It was something between *sukiyaki* and *shabu-shabu*. It was at a Korean restaurant that was on Post Street in San Francisco's *nihon-machi*. Unfortunately, it is no longer there. Since that time, I've been scouting around for a Korean restaurant so that I can again experience that delectable Korean dish. My problem is that I don't know the name of it. (Perhaps some reader out there can give me a clue.)

I DON'T KNOW just where all this leads to; or what the message, if any, is. I guess it's just another sign of old age when one's mind dwells on food. Oh, well.... #



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Shelley Mydans's 'The Vermilion Bridge'

Denver, Colo.

AT FIRST, I could think of no place less likely to stir an interest in Japanese history and culture than a Japanese prisoner of war camp. That is where Shelley Mydans, wife of famed Life Magazine photographer and an accomplished writer in her own right, began to study the Japanese.

But that initial judgment was wrong. Why shouldn't one become interested in probing into the psyches of one's wardens? That, of course, is what we did in taking a deep look into American history, laws, traditions, loves and hates from the vantage point of prisoners in our own country behind the barbed wire of the WRA camps.

Shelley Mydans' interest was aided and abetted during the time her husband was stationed in Tokyo by a Nisei member of the Time-Life bureau. He is Kay Tateishi, now an Associated Press bureau editor, a former Los Angeles newspaperman who went to Japan just prior to World War II and was stranded there when the shooting started.

That interest has resulted in a novel about a Japanese empress in the Eighth Century (*The Vermilion Bridge*, Doubleday, \$11.95). Its dedication reads: "For Kay Tateishi who kindled my interest in things Japanese."

So Kay, well-known to many Nisei, has had a role however indirect in helping us to understand a bit more about our ancient origins. Mrs. Mydans' story focuses on Princess Abe who became sovereign as Koken Tenno at a time when Japan had come under the influence of Chinese Buddhism. Then, after retiring to become a nun, she re-assumed the throne as Empress Shotoku.

There were two loves in her life, a strong-willed warrior named Nakamaro, and a charismatic priest, Doko. Abe vacillates between being a pliant princess with no real mind of her own, held in bondage by the sexual

attraction of these men, and a ruler who understands her responsibilities to the imperial court, the country's traditions, and the common people.

The theme of the story is well-summarized in its last paragraph in which the author, writing in another context, observes: "However, in the course of that time, there were plenty of personal intrigues, scandals and political plots. Warrior monks attacked the capital, and there were quarrels of succession, civil wars, religious persecutions, and military rule. Later there were foreign wars, aggressions, holocaust, defeat—and all such acts of statesmanship that men of power were adept at."

AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT of research went into creating an authentic setting for this piece of docu-fiction. The author spent years consulting translations of the earliest Japanese writings as well as the work of later interpreters of Japanese history. The research included many days in the one-time capital of Nara "in an effort to absorb the aura of the place and the ancient temples

there and to examine some of the personal belongings of Emperor Shomu (Princess Abe's father) that amazingly have been preserved over these 1,200 years. And I did take a course in early Buddhism and the Lotus Sutra from Prof. Senchu Morano of Rishu University."

Mrs. Mydans explains further: "Since this is a novel that I hope will interest general readers, I have of course strayed from an exact and scholarly study. However, all of the characters, with the exception of the lady-in-waiting, Shihi, are historical personages taken directly from the chronicle."

While the plot moves slowly, the beautiful writing and fascinating insights into the mores of the time and the palace intrigues make *The Vermilion Bridge* compelling reading, particularly for Nisei with an interest in their ancient roots. From this reviewer's viewpoint, the seven years Shelley Mydans spent in writing her story—an impressive segment of anyone's life—was time well spent. Sir George Sansom, perhaps the leading Western authority on Japanese history, covers the Princess Abe Nakamaro-Dokyo period in a few paragraphs in his 1958 history of Japan. Shelley Mydans brings them to life. #

BY THE BOARD: Floyd Shimomura



Constitutional Revisions

The National Council is the supreme legislative body of the National JACL. Composed of two delegates from each chapter, it convenes once every two years at the National

Convention.

Under the proposed constitution, the basic function of the National Council will be specified as follows:

1. IT SHALL ADOPT a "Program for Action" or platform "designed to maintain and vitalize the National Organization and to achieve its aim and purpose." This comprehensive statement shall establish the policy that will govern the organization for the following biennium.
2. IT SHALL ELECT the national officers who will attempt to implement the "Program for Action" along with the National Board.
3. IT SHALL APPROVE an overall budget (but not individual

line items) and adopt a dues rate.

4. IT MAY AMEND the constitution and by-laws.

The Constitutional Revision Committee has also recommended that each District Youth Council be entitled to a vote on the National Council in order to, in part, balance the youth's loss of voting power on the National Board.

With the foregoing clarifications and modifications, the Constitutional Revision Committee hopes that it can focus the National Council's attention on setting broad policy, electing able officers, and setting broad budgetary constraints while leaving the implementation and budgetary details to the National Board and elected officers.

If you have any suggestions on this or other constitutional revisions, please send them to JACL National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, Ca., 94115, before July 1, 1980. #

Nobuyuki Nakajima

The women in Asia, a serious stereotype

Cleveland

"In the Orient women hold an inferior position in the society than men do." This view is widely held by Euro-Americans; on the surface this type of prejudice seems to be no longer serious. However, this is a century old tradition, which is deeply rooted in Euro-American mores. Therefore, it is not easy to eradicate. Moreover, it contributes to the excuses, by which Euro-Americans dominate over people of Asia and Asian-Americans. Let me elaborate on what I mean.

"In the Orient the man's life is valued differently." This was a statement by the commander of the war, where an estimated two million people were slaughtered. The commander was an Euro-American and the slain were the Asians. Do you see the parallel in the two statements?

Last year I wrote about the U.S. Occupation of Japan that much of the truth is not known as to what happened. (PC Jan. 5-12, 1979). One of the example was a rape. An ex-official of the occupation, who evidently held a high position in GHQ, sent a rebuttal, (PC March 23, 1979), saying that the rape was known to be "rare".

How does he know the rape was rare? Most of the victims did not wish to come forward. To those who came forward, the court of the occupation did not uphold the cases. This was why the rape was known to be "rare".

Our country has a dubious honor of having the highest rate of crime, particularly the violent crimes, of which rape is one. How could we believe that the GIs who represented people from all walks of the life did not represent the corresponding crime rate?

This is another example of the white-wash, by which Euro-Americans always come out clean. Moreover, the implication is that there is always something wrong among the Asians.

I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations. —JAMES MADISON



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Medicine

Dr. Osamu Miyamoto

Dr. Osamu Miyamoto, of Arcadia, Ca., was awarded a fellowship in the American College of Dentists for contributions to advancement of the profession and humanity. He is a former clinical professor in pediatric dentistry and pediatric medicine at UCLA, asst. chief dental services at Orthopaedic Hospital and Calif. Pediatric Center. He is also a past president of the So. Calif. Japanese American Dental Society, active with the Civitan International, the Pasadena (Issei) Pioneer Project and the Issei Oral History Project. He is also the first Japanese American dentist to be certified in pedodontics and to receive an M.S. degree in pedodontics.

Military

Brig. Gen. Edward Yoshimasu, ret., of Honolulu who served as de-

puty adjutant general of the Hawaii National Guard, received the VFW Patriotic Citizen Award for giving his own WW2 Victory Medal to a dying man who never received his medal. Senior Airman Napua Sugai of the 150th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron on Kauai was among the six Air National Guard outstanding airmen of the year nationwide for 1980.

Awards

"Ms" Magazine, edited by Gloria Steinem, has included Goldie Chu, first president of Asian Women United, and Ginger Chih, AWU v.p. to the "80 Women to Watch in the 1980s". Chu is presently vice-chair of the Nat'l Women's Political Caucus; Chih, a photographer, is compiling a photo-history of Asian Americans.

Business

So. Calif. insurance executives, George Y. Hirano, CLU, regional manager, and Tok Onoda, district manager for the Franklin Life Insurance Company, were honored by membership in the 1980 Franklin Million Dollar Conference, for million-dollar-a-year sales and sales management leaders.

Katsumi Tokunaga, manager of Golden Gate Agency of Franklin Life Insurance Co., San Jose, was designated "Man of the Year (1979) by the head office in Illinois as his agency commemorated its 30th anniversary last December. Honor recognizes top sales performance.

Bank of America appointed Miyeko Iwataki of Los Angeles to be assistant v.p. and regional urban development officer, which involves approving SBA loans and serving as liaison with the Small Business Administration. She joined the bank as a clerk-teller in

1961, and had been senior loan officer at its Gardena branch since 1979 before her latest promotion.

Gary Tsukano was promoted to audio division sales manager with Jack Berman Co. (Federated Group Stores) of Inglewood, working with company in Orange and San Diego counties this past four years. He is a graduate of Univ. of Illinois.

Courtroom

The Japanese American Bar Assn. of Greater Los Angeles endorsed a selection of 18 candidates for judicial posts on the June 3 ballot including two L.A. municipal court judges for re-election: James S. Yip, a Chinese American, for Office 19; and Judge Fred W. Gabourie, a Native American, for Office 9.

Government

Calif. Assemblyman Paul Banai (R-Gardena) is author of AB 953, a bill to establish a Certified Automotive Repair Service program with a state bureau to mediate consumer complaints.

PC People

Lynne Choy Uyeda, active in the Los Angeles minority community and small business development, has been appointed legislative assistant in the Southern California office of Assembly Speaker Leo T. McCarthy.

Patrick Ogawa, director of prevention-education of the Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Inc., Los Angeles, was selected by Gov. Brown among 40 state delegates to the western regional White House Conference on Families, July 10-12, at Los Angeles.

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An advantage of working in Japan is the occasional chance to visit some of the Southeast Asian countries. In recent years, my work (in public relations) has enabled two to three-week visits covering Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia, plus a few days in Hong Kong, Macau and the Philippines. Fortune also took me to New Zealand, to Iran (before Khomeini) and to Lebanon (before the unrest).

While language barrier exists in some countries, the

trips provided better insights into local conditions.

During a fortnight or more in Bangkok on three separate occasions, I managed to learn enough Thai to haggle with the cab drivers, who drive old Japanese mini-sedans and never use the meters. All rides are 20 to 30 bahts (\$1 to \$1.50) to foreigners who don't speak Thai. With a little mastery of the language, the price can drop to 15 or 20 bahts, respectively. A local Thai can reduce the fare further. The adventurous and thrifty can flag a *samrot*, the

Daihatsu three-wheeler that are no longer seen in Japan. The bus is even cheaper, if you can read Thai script.

The Thai cabs are now operating on \$1.60 per gallon gas. On the other hand, the taxis in Indonesia use the meters, are in better shape and fill up on gas at 67 cents per gallon, thanks to Petramina, the Indonesian oil company. In Japan, gas recently rose to \$2.50 per gallon, compared with \$1.25 in California.

Although Thailand is a monarchy, her constitutional gov-

ernment is run by a military-dominated cabinet, possibly a necessity because of her border problems with Burma, Laos and Cambodia. Malaysia, to the south, offers no current friction.

Strongly Buddhist, the Thais have never been colonized and have a strong sense of national unity. With a large agrarian population of forty million, natives subsist on wages that is currently set at 40 bahts a day nationally. In Bangkok, the minimum was just raised to 65 bahts. Rice is her major export product, followed by wood products and tin.

To tourists, Bangkok is a city of ornate temples, the Floating Market.

JAN KEN PO

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are taught by John Marshall, a Japan scholar who recently returned to Sacramento after a four-year stay in the Land of the Rising Sun. One of the games is double geta, an event similar to a three-legged race except that words are recited that summarize a basic principle of Japanese thought: "If you fall, I fall too, so let's cooperate."

Eating at Jan Ken Po Gakko also mixes pleasure with

San Francisco

The Japanese Bilingual/Bicultural Program of the San Francisco Unified School District (call 239-0295 or 922-0200) is now accepting applications for classes from kindergarten through seventh grade for the 1980-81 school year.

The program offers an opportunity for Japanese speaking children to achieve fluency in English while they maintain their own native language. It also offers English speaking children (Japanese American and other ethnic groups) the opportunity to learn the Japanese language while receiving quality instruction in the regular school curriculum.

The program encourages excellence in all areas of study, and its students are consistently achieving above the national norm in standardized tests of reading and math. In the fall of 1979, they scored on the average 15 months above the norm in reading, 20 months above the norm in language arts, and 15 months above the norm in math.

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instruction. Besides teaching the older children how to cook traditional foods, students are taught where and how to buy the ingredients and how to prepare and serve the food in an attractive manner. Japanese etiquette and the proper use of chopsticks are part of the course.

The cornerstone to the Jan Ken Po Gakko, however, is parental involvement. Homework, for example, is to interview grandparents and all parents are assigned year-round tasks to keep the school running.

The homework is reinforced in the classroom. Tsukamoto often tells the children her experiences and those of her father, one of the first Issei in Sacramento. "I vividly recollect," she told the children, "what it was like for my father, who was only 17 years when he came. He had deep hope and faith in America."

The hope and faith were severely tested, she recalled. "How hard it was for him. He tried to make a living when he didn't know the language. He was not allowed to buy land, write a contract or even become a citizen."

As a tenant farmer, she continued, "He was cheated out of making a living. He knew only to work hard."

Her own experience, she said, "was the shock of learning that I could not change my ancestry, my name or my face. It was a powerful experience—being rejected, being considered second-class citizen."

In 1925, she remembered for the children, "I went to Florin East School, one of the four communities in the Sacramento Valley that segregated Chinese and Japanese children because of the Exclusion Act. It made me feel

timid. We all lacked self-confidence.

Fifteen years later, in 1939, Tsukamoto went back to her elementary school as part of a delegation trying to end the segregation. After the meeting, she told the children, classroom segregation ended.

World War II, of course, is a major part of the history of Japanese Americans. At the Jan Ken Po Gakko, history is taught in unique ways and mixed with cultural instruction.

For example, the crane in Japanese legend symbolizes happiness, good fortune and longevity. It became an important symbol this summer to the Jan Ken Po Gakko children.

They spent many hours putting together origami (paper) cranes to commemorate Sadako, a sixth grade student, who returned to Hiroshima to locate her parents too soon after the dropping of the bomb.

As Sadako was dying from radiation poisoning, she began to fold origami cranes be-

cause she had been told the ancient legend that 1,000 cranes make a wish come true. But, Tsukamoto said, the 12-year-old Sadako realized she might not finish her task so she wrote her wish in the form of a Haiku.

The Haiku, a five-line, 17-syllable poem, reads: "I will write peace on your wings and you will fly all over the world."

Sadako folded 644 cranes before she died. Her task was completed by others after newspapers recounted her story and the people of Japan responded by sending a flood of origami cranes to Hiroshima.

Eventually, a monument was built for all the children who died and each year since, thousands of cranes are sent to Hiroshima. This year, Tsukamoto's daughter Marielle presented the Jan Ken Po Gakko cranes to the mayor of Hiroshima.

"It is our way of adding to the prayer for peace," Tsukamoto explained.

—Sacramento Bee

KONOMI

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December, 1897, the first successful transmission of message was accomplished over air space two kilometers wide.

Transferring to the Navy, he continued his work on the machine which was to become the '36 (of Meiji, or 1903) model. What the Japanese navy did with it in the Battle of the Japan Sea is another story, and as I have said, covered more than adequately in scores of other books.

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trative Law Judge's decision. In fact, the California Code indicates that a single Commissioner or Director does not have the authority to do so. Moreover, it is dubious whether Fox would be able to make an unbiased decision since a member of his staff filed the complaint against Matsumoto.

In light of the above circumstances, it appears that Matsumoto is not being accorded a fair and impartial hearing. Because the evidence and Mevis' decision confirms Matsumoto's position, it would seem that Fox is being over zealous in his efforts to find discrimination where there is none. #

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