L.A. county survey to reclassify Filipinos raises race bias claim

LOS ANGELES—Michael Ishikawa Jr., Jr., Los Angeles County Affirmative Action Compliance Officer, responded to charges appearing in the Philippine Press Oct. 1 that the L.A. County Filipino American Community Organization (LACFACO) “suspected him of favoring his fellow Japanese.” By explaining: “In many respects, the group is naive as to the operations of government. And because of this, we have been ignored on all matters related to the survey and efforts to promote affirmative action for Filipinos, they have translated that into an anti-Filipino position on my part.”

Ishikawa denied he was “sabotaging” implementation of SB 1140, adding that county government through his office had taken the lead regarding Filipinos as a separate ethnic group. “We’re afraid of the city of Los Angeles and the L.A. school board in implementing the law. He also called the charges unfair and false because of his efforts to assist them the past two years.”

Little Tokyo’s store owners

LOS ANGELES—Matsunokai, one of Japan’s oldest department stores, opened its store in the Little Tokyo area of Los Angeles on Oct. 2—and, bringing “Rodos Drive” (the Beverly Hills shopping district) to Little Tokyo will be a distinct contrast from the fashionable Seventh Street, the area’s main shopping district. The store is open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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CFB-JACL SCHOLARS—Three California First Bank-JACL Scholarship recipients who live in Southern California meet with Toshio Nagamura, CFB president who renewed their appreciation of the funds. Each student chooses what he feels that with the funds he will be able to do or to go anywhere he feels the funds that he has is going to be put to an equal use. The LACFACO is a local affiliate of the California Filipino American Community Organization.

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Pharmacist charges race, sex bias in L.A. hospital

LOUISVILLE—Robin J. Kochi, the last known pharmacist in the American chemical profession to be granted a first-class chemical degree, was arrested on July 1 for offering a confidential report to state authorities that the LACFACO was, in fact, a front for JACL or other related organizations that promote race discrimination.

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Chemist Jay Kochi wins honor award

The Los Angeles Times reported that Kochi is a researcher at a chemical company, where he has been working on the development of new materials for the pharmaceutical industry. His research has led to several patents and publications, and he has won several awards for his contributions to the field.

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Astronauts shuttled about U.S. to publicize space program

RENO, Nev.—Air Force Capt. Ellison Onizuka, 34, flew into Reno Oct. 3 on a sleek T-38 NASA jet to help publicize the country's awakening space program.

One of 35 astronaut candidates in training since 1978 who hope some day to orbit aboard the space shuttle, Columbia, the Hawaiian-born Sansai pilot and Navy Lt. Comdr. John Creighton, also an astronaut candidate, participated in Astronaut Day programs at Pine Middle School and a ribbon cutting at a NASA exhibit at Meadowood Mall.

Onizuka said he is not scheduled for the first shuttle flight scheduled for March, 1981, but when he does go, it will be as a mission specialist who would be in charge of the operations while in orbit. The space shuttle crew would normally consist of a commander, pilot and a payload specialist, who might be a scientist.

One of the problems which has set back the shuttle program, according to Onizuka, is the necessity to design a satisfactory heat shield. NASA is currently testing tiles to withstand temperatures of 3,000 degrees but not to be too heavy. The heat shields used in the Gemini, Mercury and Apollo programs would be too heavy for the large shuttles which are like airplanes, he explained. The maneuver in which heat tiles were installed on the Columbia shuttle proved impractical, he said. Many came off when the shuttle was carried by plane from California to Florida. Without them, the shuttle could not re-enter the atmosphere safely. So, the current tests are in progress to make 4,000 tiles adhere to the nose and bottom surface of the craft.

Onizuka said NASA is using astronauts to explain the current space program. "We need the support of the public. We're assigned to talk to the public and inform the one-time test pilot at Edwards AFB continued. The U.S. space

Presbyterians aid Hibakusha

DENVER COLO.—The National Self Development Committee of the United States, the United Nations and the Japanese Peace Fellowship, has authorized a $1,500 to the National Committee for Japanese Biso Survivors in the United States, to be used to further interpret the issues undertaken by the Sunflowers Committee. The action was taken during the quarterly hearing here Carnegie Days, Sacramento, Calif., a member of the Self Development Committee and was the principle facilitator for the grant.

'Mary Poppins'

SAN FRANCISCO—"Mary Poppins", written by P.L. Travers and published in 1934, about an English nanny, has been turned into the public library children's shelves for some time because it "treats minorities in ways that are derogatory," explained Joan Kaul, library official.

Deaths

Irene Kume Hana, 51, of Montebello died Oct. 2, after a prolonged illness. Her husband, Rev. Kume Hana, lives in the Philippines. Survivors include her son, Jerry; her daughter, Mrs. Jumio Arai, and her granddaughter, Mrs. Junio Arai, and her granddaughter, Mrs. Junio Arai.

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White River Valley JACLers gather for 50th anniversary

AUBURN, Wa—Joining the ranks of the handful of pioneer chapters who have celebrated their 50th year, the White River Chapter held their Golden Anniversary Banquet on Sept. 31, following the FWNDC meeting at the Turtle Two Restaurant in Auburn. It was on the 13th of September 1930 that the first organizational meeting was held at the Community Hall in Thomas with James Sakamoto of the Seattle Progressive Citizens League as principal advocate.

John Arima, installed as the first president of the “Valley Civic League” in October, 1930, was present at the commemorative JACL to host reception for Rep. Danielson

LOS ANGELES—General Lee’s Restaurant, 475 Gil Lia Way, in Chinatown was the site of a reception honoring Congressman Edward Danielson of Monterey Park. Two JACL chapters whose membership is served by Danielson, the East Los Angeles Chapter and the Pan Asian Chapter, were hosting the affair on Thursday Oct. 2, 6:45 to 8:45 P.M.

Pacific Southwest District Vice governor Dennis Kusamo, chairing the event, explained that the two chapters are hosting the event as an expression of appreciation for Danielson’s long-time support of Japanese American community interests in the Congress. Danielson has been deeply involved in legislation in behalf of Atomic Bomb Survivors. More recently, especially as Chairperson of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Governmental Relations and Administrative Law, Danielson was instrumental in supporting the bill creating a Commission to study the effects of the wartime incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II.

John Tanaka, Chairperson of the JACL National Committee for Recreation, will participate in the reception to present Congressman Danielson with an expression of the national organization’s appreciation for his work on the Commission bill.

The event is open to the public who wish to demonstrate the community’s deep interest in the redress and reparations issues that the Study Commission will examine.

The reception will cost $5 per person.

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PEPPER POT

The time-line as proposed by Jim Murakami, chairing the search and evaluation committee, shows three phases: (1) currently underway with public notice in the Pacific Citizen, deadline Friday, Feb. 17, for the submission of resumes; (2) evaluation of resumes in the five weeks that follow; (3) calling in the committee between mid-Decem­ber and February for a day or two to continue the process of determining who are to be recommended and when they should be appointed.

The personnel committee is chaired by Herbert M. Okamoto of Los Angeles, who was the Portland JACL president earlier this year. His assignment now is to keep the committee informed on the progress of the search and to make sure the budget has been properly allocated to the personnel search.

The national personnel committee consists of five members: two from the West, one from the East, and two from the Midwest.

Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District

Sera (CCOC) and Herb Okamoto (PSWDC).

As a way to get familiar with this process, Jim Murakami will prepare a budget for the search, which will be sent to the Executive Committee for approval. This will be a major concern for the committee as well as the budgeting process as presented by Mr. R. L. Subata.

In regard to the budget, I do not say it is unreasonable. This is an historical novel. Clavell's attempt to illustrate Japanese philosophy, or even an understanding of racial history, seems to be for entertainment. One hopes that an historical novel does not concern with stereotypes and derive the truth of the racial prejudice as presented in the novel. Perhaps that is why it has been compared with a book that has been a best-seller for many years.

I am glad that there are many people who have shown interest with the novel, and I am glad that there is a great amount of enjoyment in the book, even if it is a fiction. Perhaps that is why Clavell has been able to do his job. Perhaps that is why he has been able to do his job so well.

As an example, the man called "Shogun" is written by Clavell. It is a historical novel and tells how one intends to expend the money. The budget tells how one intends to expend the money. The budget is a reflection of what the company hopes to do in the future.

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Yes, it was just a historical novel, a story in the ultimate sense, an entertainment. Well and good. But if we stop there and merely say, "relax and enjoy," we may unintentionally become a part of the subtle racism that has been practiced in the past. We must be aware of the reasons for our actions.

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One More Swash at 'Shogun'

Denver, Colo.

Excuse me. I have no wish to be controversial over frivolous issues. Life is much too precious an area to become agitated over matters that don't seem to count for a great deal in the overall shape of things. But I am preoccupied with outrages against human decency, and I can have no part with those who viewed "Shogun" with apparent insouciance, including the JACL's group coverage.

In a column in this edition, we wrote about a major political appointee and some of the difficulties, both moral and financial, that the Japanese Government would provide such relief for the citizens of the United States, who are citizens of the United States, who are citizens of the United States.

Each of us has a moral obligation to meet the demands of today's society, and the Japanese Government would have the means to meet the demands of the citizens of the United States, who are citizens of the United States.

If anyone has a major objection to "Shogun", it ought to be that the entire 12 hours were virtually without humor. How many times did you laugh while watching the narrat...
Message from Detroit
(Reprinted from the Hoosier JACL Newsletter)

Greetings from the District Governor and the Board of Directors. We are doing our best way to communicate with the membership at large and to inform you of the developments at the district level regarding the 1981 budget. As the president of the district and the chairmen of the chapters and the national organization, the District Officers and the chapters are serving an important function of letting the National JACL know what concerns us most in the Midwest District, and we would like to have your ideas and thoughts on how this can be done.

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Paulownia trees in Maryland gain value

PRINCESS (kiri), i960s, from Black Sheep of Nisei!

Dr. John Kunit, forestier with the Univ. of Maryland, said the tree is bringing prices as high as $3 per board foot—almost as valuable commercially as the prized black walnut.

Experiments are underway to grow the trees commercially at a site in Tennessee and atop a strip-mine spoils in western Maryland. The forester said landowners would be wise to become familiar with the Paulownia. "Buyers apparently don’t mind if the logs are crooked or have been hallowed out by heart rot. They just want them," Kunit said.

The Japanese are also looking for trees in Taiwan and China, where they still thrive.

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