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Mineta sees more woes for Reagan in Senate than House

SAN JOSE—Addressing the West Valley Rotary Club Jan. 11, Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Ca) predicted the new Republican president will have more problems with the Republican-controlled Senate than with the Democratic House of Representatives.

Most of the new senators, Mineta said, are new to public office and are not at ease with the give & take of Washington. "Politics is the art of the gray, and these senators are not geared to working in gray," Mineta was quoted by San Jose Mercury political writer Dale Lane.

"The House, even with its Democratic plurality, is more philosophically in tune with the new administration, I believe, than is the Senate," Mineta continued.

So Reagan and his advisers are tempering their campaign rhetoric, Mineta said. "The rhetoric is moderating now that Reagan is about to take office. The same thing probably happened with President Carter after he was elected," Mineta said.

Mineta, who edged up in the party's leadership by being named to the Steering and Policy Committee which deals with committee assignments and legislative priorities, predicted a compromise on taxes which will produce a personal income tax cut of less than the 10% Reagan advocated during the campaign. The congressman also noted the timetable for balancing the federal budget is being

moved back—probably four years as Donald Regan, the new secretary of the treasury, pointed out.

Interest rates are crippling the auto industry but Mineta doubted Congress would be able to bring quick relief. Some action may be taken to help by limiting imports. And in the final months of the last session, Congress anticipated some of Reagan's initiatives by starting to trim the budget and limit the growth of government, Mineta said.

Japan premier due to meet Reagan

TOKYO—Japan prime minister Zenko Suzuki and President Ronald Reagan have agreed to meet in Washington, possibly in early May, government officials revealed here this past week. The two leaders reached their agreement during a telephone conversation Jan. 22.

Suzuki also congratulated Reagan on assuming the presidency.

Meanwhile, Minister Saburo Okita, external economic affairs, will be headed for talks with Reagan administration officials in February to seek more understanding of Japan's situation, the press here learned, rather than negotiate substantive issues.

Japanese government and business circles have expressed concern over Reagan's "get-tough" policy on Japanese car sales and the agricultural offensive. #

Fujita wins another decision

LOS ANGELES—For the second time in two months, the Los Angeles County civil service commission Jan. 21 declared Dr. Carole Fujita had been a victim of racial and sex discrimination at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center where she has been pharmacist-supervisor. But the ruling, again, brought no relief—other than she be promoted as soon as possible, which is no guarantee, let alone to any back pay which she feels she is entitled.

An administrative hearing officer last Dec. 10 held Fujita had been a victim of racial and sex discrimination. The County Dept. of Health appealed, saying no discrimination had occurred but then dropped the appeal. The Jan. 21 decision was issued by the five-member commission.

Douglas Lathrem, county health department civil service advocate, hoped the problem could be resolved without going through the courts in face of the wide community support shown Dr. Fujita. Still denying "there was factual evidence to support a charge of discrimination", Lathrem acknowledged to a L.A. Times reporter that Fujita's supervisor "probably did not move quickly enough" in helping her obtain the promotion and said some of the things that went on in the office showed a "tremendous amount of insensitivity".

At the benefit luncheon Jan. 18 held in Little Tokyo Towers, some 700 supporters were told she was uneasy of the prospect of going back to work for the supervisor she complained about in face of other legal actions still pending to resolve the grievance. Dr. Thomas Noguchi, county chief medical officer-coroner, urged full support. Legal expenses thus far incurred totaled \$12,600. The benefit was expected to raise \$7,000. Contributions may be sent to "Friends of Carole Fujita" Committee, c/o PSWDC JACL Office, 244 So. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. #



Hideo Harry Nakai (left), a retired businessman and a longtime JACLer in San Francisco, has contributed \$1,000 to the JACL National Headquarters Building Fund. Accepting the check is acting national director J. D. Hokoyama. As all who have visited Headquarters know, the ground floor wall upon entry into the building lists names of \$1,000 donors. (Ed. Note: Have photographer Bruce Shimizu take such commemorative pictures in the future in front of the wall, which can be tricky with the flash bouncing off the glass and metallic silver lettering.)



Kashu Mainichi Photo

Eight vintage photos making up a larger ceramic mural facing East First Street will be unveiled at the Japanese Village Plaza on Saturday, Feb. 7, when Rep. Norman Mineta, Mayor Tom Bradley and Councilman Gil Lindsay attend the ceremonies. The project, illustrating the lives of the Issei (the 1942 Evacuation, Manzanar, a young Issei couple, mochitsuki, fruit picking, railroad section hands and a 1910 scene of the E. 1st and San Pedro St. corner), was sponsored through federal and city grants by the Friends of Little Tokyo Art Resources of Toyo Miyatake and Visual Communications are also acknowledged.

City treasurer Hara voted Seattle JACL president

SEATTLE — A Sansei who polled 63,000 in 1979 to become Seattle's city treasurer has assumed another community role as president of Seattle JACL, one of the oldest Japanese American organizations in the nation. Chapter was founded in 1921.

Lloyd F. Hara, 40, whose public career began in 1969 as the King County auditor, was elected 1981 president and will be installed with his cabinet on Sunday, Feb. 22.

Hara gathered his board members for a JACL executive retreat Jan. 10 at Bellevue Community College. One immediate evidence of innovation appeared in the current Seattle JACL newsletter: the Jan. 21 board agenda was professionally plotted with time allocations. The final hour after the 9 p.m. adjournment called for a budget workshop and goal-program development. With more JACL information and summaries of board agenda items in the newsletter, it was hoped more members would attend board meetings every third Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., at the JACL Office, 316 Maynard South.

As King County auditor for nearly nine years, Hara gained a national reputation as a financial officer for his proficiency and professionalism. He published a number of articles in leading financial jour-



Lloyd F. Hara

nals, spoke before such groups as the American Society of Public Administration and Institute of Internal Auditors. In 1977, the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury awarded him the Financial Management Improvement Award. He also at the Univ. of Washington and Seattle University, served on various community advisory boards and has worked with the Boy Scouts, senior citizens, health and nutrition groups and on educational and employment problems facing ethnic minorities.

While serving on the Asian-

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Sansei attorney infuriated by state assemblyman's insult

SACRAMENTO, Ca. — Responding to a phone call for Steve Nakano, a Sansei attorney who had been on the joint legislative audit committee, Assemblyman Walter M. Ingalls (D-Riverside) said Nakano "had committed suicide Monday and there is going to be a Buddhist ceremony in a church on Fruitridge Rd. Tuesday" and then reportedly chuckled and hung up.

The story, appearing in the Sacramento Bee Jan. 13, kicked off a furor in the state legislature where Nakano, very much alive and infuriated by the remarks, had been an employee. He and eight other committee staff members had been fired Jan. 12 by Ingalls when named chairman of the committee to succeed former Assemblyman Floyd Mori who was defeated last November.

Ingalls' remarks were made to Karen Torres, a secretary to the Calif. Trial Lawyer's Assn.'s president, William Shernoff of Claremont. "I was sort of in a state of shock when he said that," Torres said. She then asked if Nakano could be reached at another num-

ber and Ingalls "sort of spilled out another number". She then called Nakano, who was taken aback and upset.

Appalled by the incident, Nakano reiterated his outrage to local JACL officials, Rep. Bob Matsui and others, including the Pacific Citizen.

The Democratic leadership in the Assembly was not amused. Caucus chairman Douglas Bosco (D-Occidental) said Nakano had requested an interview about the matter. "This is not the type of treatment of people that Speaker (Willie) Brown would sanction under any circumstances," Bosco said. "I am certain he would disagree very strongly with that kind of treatment, and I know I do." #

Calif. GOP Nisei attend Inaugural

WASHINGTON — Japanese Americans who supported Ronald Reagan when he first ran for governor attended his Presidential Inaugural ceremonies this past week. They included Yo Takagaki, Los Angeles; former Assemblyman Paul Bannai, Gardena; Harry Kubo, Fresno; and Isamu Minami, Santa Maria.

While here, they also discussed plans for greater involvement of Japanese Americans in the new Reagan administration. Earlier, Takagaki and Bannai met with National Republican committeeman Jack Courtmanche and Lt. Gov. Mike Curb at the latter's Beverly Hill's home. #

Chuman mentioned for supreme court

LOS ANGELES—With two vacancies on the California supreme court, the name of Frank F. Chuman, former National JACL president (1960-62) and legal counsel (1953-60), has been included in the choices now before Gov. Brown, the Pacific Citizen learned this past week.

Justice Wiley Manuel, the court's first black member, died from cancer Jan. 5. And Justice William Clark accepted the call to serve on President Reagan's administration as deputy Secretary of State Jan. 23. #

Dale Minami to sit on high state panel

SACRAMENTO—Gov. Brown appointed Dale Minami, 34, of Oakland to the Fair Employment and Housing Commission, replacing Michael Vader of Sacramento who resigned. Minami's term expires Sept. 18, 1984.

Appointment, made Jan. 14, is subject to Senate confirmation. An attorney in private practice, he is the son of Sam Minami of Gardena, a Democrat and was directing attorney of the Asian Law Caucus, Inc. #

Top court backs use English rule

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court Jan. 19 left in tact a ruling that it is legal to fire a worker for not speaking English on the job except when necessary to communicate with customers. The court refused to hear appeals of lower court rulings in a Texas case (Gloor Lumber & Supply Co., Brownsville).

Hector Garcia was fired in 1975 for speaking Spanish to another worker. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission believed the firing was illegal but the U.S. district judge ruled the action was legal. #

PSWDC to host Tri-District Apr. 3-5 at L.A.

LOS ANGELES—Plans for the 5th JACL Tri-District Conference being hosted by the Pacific Southwest District Council at the L.A. Hilton Hotel over the April 3-5 weekend were being nailed down by the district governors, regional directors and host chapters involved. One of the statewide issues facing the JACL Tri-District is the sudden loss of the two Nikkei assemblymen in Sacramento. District governors Dr. Yosh Nakashima, San Francisco; Tony Ishii, Fresno; and Dennis Kunisaki, Pan-Asian (home chapters indicated), staff support and host committee met Jan. 24 at the JACL regional office here.

The weekend will include a Friday night mixer, luncheon, dinner and workshops on Saturday, continental breakfast and wrap-up Sunday, adjourning by noon. #



Dr. Terry Hayashi

Serving on the California First Bank board of directors since 1953, Dr. Terry Hayashi of San Francisco retired as of Dec. 31 and was named a director emeritus. The bank's president Toshio Nagamura and chairman Masao Tsuyama both expressed their appreciation for Hayashi's 28 years of service. A native of Hawaii, he resides in Berkeley and has been practicing dentistry in the Bay Area for the past half century. He is the only living prewar national JACL president, having served in the 1932-34 biennium; is active with the Japan Society, No. Calif. Chamber of Commerce, Nichibei Kai and the dental societies.

Bank program aids Sansei to become branch manager

LOS ANGELES—When Kenneth Kasamatsu began working with Sumitomo Bank of California on a part-time basis in 1968, a career in banking was the farthest thought from his mind.

Today, Kenneth holds the distinction of being the first Sansei branch office manager in Sumitomo's Southern California operations, having been promoted to his new post at the Puente Hills office in Hacienda Heights.

Ken, who was born in Denver, credits the bank's officer trainee program with launching him on his career as a banker.

A graduate of the Univ. of Southern California, he was attending Graduate School there in the study of languages when he took the part-time job with the bank.

In 1969, Sumitomo offered him an opportunity to enroll in its officer trainee program on a full-time basis, and Ken accepted the challenge. Over the course of the next few years, he also attended the American Institute of Banking School and earned a certificate.

Sumitomo Pres. Nimei Akamatsu points proudly to Kasamatsu's success story because it shows "we are achieving an important milestone in encouraging the younger generation of Japanese Americans and other ethnic mi-



Ken Kasamatsu

nority people to come into the banking industry."

A 3rd year 1000 Clubber of Marina JAACL, Ken was a member of one of the first groups to undergo in-house officer training. "Today, we have quite a number of others who are taking part in this program, and I hope to see many more of our future young managers evolve because of their participation in it," Akamatsu said.

Kasamatsu, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Kasamatsu of Monterey Park, currently resides in Montebello with his wife, the former Bonnie Chino, and the couple's 18-month-old daughter, Tami.

Business

Kenneth Y. Yonemura has been named regional administrator of California First Bank, Los Angeles, succeeding **Hiroshi Miyake**, who continues as resident director of the bank. Yonemura joined the Bank of Tokyo of California, the predecessor of California First in 1956, opened the bank's Montebello office and was vice president and assistant to Mr. Miyake. A native of Hawaii, Yonemura graduated from Hosei University Tokyo.

Politics

Phil Nakamura is the new president of the San Francisco-based Japanese American Democratic Club with membership throughout Northern California. It met Jan. 21 with Agar Jaicks of the S.F. county Democratic Central Committee to view the party's future and how ethnic groups can impact. Other club officers include:

Hisako Minobe, Kathy Reyes, Naomi Nishioka, Randall Okamura, Kay Patterson, vps; George Kusaba, treas; Sumi Honnami, Diane Nakaji, secs; Nobusuke Fukuda, PR; Nobuo Kitagaki, editor; Wayne Nishioka, par.

Portland Nisei named to bank post



William Naito

PORTLAND, Ore.—Best known for his role in renovation of old buildings in downtown Portland, **William S. Naito**, was named Jan. 25 to the board of directors of the Portland branch of the Federal Reserve Bank.

Naito is in business with his father and brother Sam of Norcrest China Co. and other related and unrelated enterprises such as the Import Plaza, the Galleria Bldg., and currently constructing an apartment complex by the waterfront slum area under a government program to rehabilitate the Old Town area.

Health

"Soft Lens Complications" was the title of lecture given by Little Tokyo optometrist **Dr. Rodger Kame** at the American Academy of Optometry annual meeting in Chicago. The meeting was from Dec. 12 - 17 and attracted participants from around the world. As a diplomate in contact lenses Dr. Kame serves as chairman of the practical examination committee of the contact lens section Diplomate certification program which requires doctors with special expertise in the area of contact lenses to pass a rigid series of examinations in theory and practice.

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Deaths

Ina Hirano, 106, Berkeley, died Jan. 6 at a convalescent home. She was believed to be the oldest Issei at the time of death. Born Sept. 3, 1874, she arrived in San Francisco in 1909 with her son James Shigeo. She was widowed early and raised her family, then including Yoneko Yuasa, Jack, and Oshu Ikoma.

Amy Uno Ishii, 60, died Jan. 21 at her home from a heart condition. A Hollywood JAACLer, community worker and popular lecturer on the Japanese American concentration camp experience, she was among those instrumental in having Estelle Ishigo's "Lone Heart Mountain" (1972) published. She briefly served on the Pacific Citizen circulation staff. Surviving are h Jack, s Art, Ken, Robert, d Arlene Iwamoto, 4 gc; br Howard Uno (Palo Alto), Ernest (Honolulu), sis Hana Shepard, Mae Matsuzaki (Los Angeles), Kay Kaneko (Honolulu).

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Sumitomo Bank of California, which pledged \$100,000 to JACCC, presents its second \$25,000 check. Pictured (from left) are Hiroshi Kawai, v.p.-mgr., Sumitomo's Los Angeles branch; Edward Matsuda, JACCC fund-raising chmn.; Nimei Akamatsu, pres. & chief exec. officer, Sumitomo Bank of Calif.; Sakaye Aratani, director, SBC; Don Pischner, v.p., SBC deputy div. admin.; Katsuma Mukaeda, JACCC chmn. of board; Frank Omatsu, sr. v.p., asst. to the President, SBC; George Doizaki, pres., JACCC; and Isamu Kurokawa, exec. v.p., admin., SBC So. Calif. div. Presentation is made in front of the newly named Sumitomo Bank Room in the JACCC.

JACCC cultural affairs commission formed

LOS ANGELES—In a positive step to broaden the base of public participation in cultural programs at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, the board of directors last week (Jan. 22) announced the formation of its Commission on Cultural Affairs to actively run the Japanese-speaking cultural program of the JACCC.

Consul General Tsuneo Tanaka and JACCC President George J. Doizaki will serve as advisors to the group. Katsuma Mukaeda, JACCC chairman of the board, was elected chairman. Master Yajuro Kineya IX and the Rev. Kanshu Ikuta were named executive officers.

Kineya is the ninth grandmaster of the Yajuro Kineya School of Japanese Classical Music. Ikuta heads the Beikoku Shodo Kenkyukai, teaching Japanese calligraphy. Both are active in the Geijutsu Shudan, Inc., a non-profit group composed of leading artists locally in the Japanese traditional arts. Other members include:

The Rev. Jonathan Fujita, Centenary United Methodist Church; Takio Fukawa, sr. v.p.; Mitsui and Co. (U.S.A.), Inc.; Vice Consul Tomoko Fukuda; Yoichi Hiraoka, JACCC board member; Shigeru Kasama, Rafu Shimpo, advisor of the Japanese American Artists Society; Dr. Kazumitsu Kato, director, Center of Japanese Studies, CSU Los Angeles; Edward M. Matsuda, JACCC board member; Takashi Sakai, JACCC board member, vp-gen. mgr., C. Itoh and Co. (America), Inc.; Yoshiko Tanaka, principal, Japanese Language School Unified System; Koshiro Torii, JACCC board member; the Rev. Kenko Yamashita, bishop of North America for the Zenshuji Soto sect; and Tozo Yahata, JACCC board member.

The purpose of the commission was defined: "To be the responsible body for cultural activities at the JACCC and to plan and promote cultural activities and exchanges between the United States and Japan as well as to spread an appreciation of Japanese culture in the United States."

In announcing the formation of the commission, Doizaki explained that it was like the traditional "putting the soul into the statue of Buddha".

JACCC Board is still heavily involved in raising the needed funds, not only to pay back the \$2 million mortgage on the Center Building but to provide for the Theater and Gymnasium phases of the construction program, Doizaki added. "The Center Building has been completed, and now we need your help to run a cultural program worthy of the building," he said.

The group has held three meetings so far, held on the third Thursday of every month.

The commission further advised the immediate appointment of a theater director, a suggestion which has been buttressed by a Ford Foundation-financed study of JACCC operations completed late last year by AFCO Realty Associates of Atlanta and by JACCC-commissioned Theater Feasibility Study by The Arts, Culture & Technology (TACT) of the USC School of Performing Arts.

Through the efforts of Kineya, who recently returned from Japan after conferring with Kabuki experts, some changes have also been suggested for the theater stage to make the JACCC Theater one-of-its-kind in America for the performance of Japanese traditional arts, such as Kabuki, Noh and Bunraku.

JACCC 'Challenge' drive nets \$160,000

LOS ANGELES—The "\$2 Million Challenge" fund drive of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center which began in November last year has raised approximately \$160,000 to date in the effort to reduce the \$2 million mortgage on the JACCC Center Building, which was completed and dedicated in March, 1980, according to JACCC President George J. Doizaki.

Among previous donors upping their contributions in November were Harry H. Tashiro of Mesilla, N.M., who had contributed \$1,000 back in 1974 and became a "benefactor" donor with a \$10,000 contribution; Kazuo Yano, who added \$5,000 to his previous \$3,000 contribution; Sidney and Hiro Kunitake, who added \$4,000 to their \$1,000 previous gift and became "patron" donors, as did Harukichi Tanaka, Harunori Oda and Goichi Nerio.

Dr. and Mrs. William M. Kato, Betty and Ben Yumori and Takito Yamaguma, who were already in the "Friends" donor category with \$1,000 or more contributed, upped their gifts to \$4,000, \$1,500 and \$2,000 respectively.

Newly added to the ranks of "Friends" during November were

Paul C. Takeda, Hiroji Hosaka, Edward S. Tamae, Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Naramura, Tamaki Maruyama, Kenji Murata, Morito Fukuto, Mabel and Fred Ota, Dr. Tuguo Sano, Mr. and Mrs. Masaichi Azushima, G. Mitokawa, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Saito, Mr. and Mrs. James Kobayashi and Robert G. Butler of Carmel, Ind.

Also during November, \$1,000 were donated in memory of Saburo Kashihara and in memory of Denichi Fujinami.

Other donations included:
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 \$40—Ben Nishimuro;
 \$35—Henry and Karie Aihara, Tadao Isomoto, Tomei Monobe, Leonard C.

Mineta to chair Smithsonian art group

WASHINGTON—Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution S. Dillon Ripley has appointed San Jose Congressman Norman Y. Mineta to chair the Smithsonian's Visiting Committee for the Freer Gallery, its museum of Oriental art. Mineta has served on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution since January 1979, when he was appointed to the post by Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill.

The Freer Gallery, located on the Mall holds one of the world's outstanding collections of the art of China, Japan, and other countries of the Middle East and South and East Asia. It also houses a collection of paintings by late 19th century American artists, including the world's largest group of works by James McNeill Whistler. The gallery, which was opened to the public in 1923, was a gift to the nation from Detroit businessman Charles Lang Freer.

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AACI headquarters

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Asian Americans for Community Involvement has moved recently into its new headquarters facility at 209 W. Santa Clara St., after being based since 1973 in Palo Alto, which is now a satellite location. Civic dignitaries helped dedicate the new facility Jan. 15.

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Joy in January

Here's enough space to jot down the joyous moments that marked the month of January since the holidays: mixing with 1,000 plus people on the 12th at the Bonaventure Hotel at a combined reception for Calif. First Bank's new president Yasushi Sumiya and farewell for outgoing president Toshio Nagamura who is due for a higher position with the parent Bank of Tokyo in Japan (the 2,000 well-wishers for a similar event came in two shifts at the St. Francis in San Francisco the following evening) ... the annual media dinner hosted by Sumitomo Bank of Calif. president Nimei Akamatsu on the 13th at Horikawa ... Selanoco JACL's installation dinner on the 17th at Griswald's in Fullerton where actor Brian Tochi, 21, gave his first time-ever major speech (we owe the chapter a solid write-up) ... the Americans in Teheran start coming home on the 20th (and that catchy tune, "Tie a Little Yellow Ribbon" has been a longtime favorite) ... and probably the last 1981 New Year party (Shinnen Enkai) on the 23rd downstairs in the JACCC building, where Richard Shiomi conducts Japanese conversational classes in the evenings (Nagano sensei, Eigo bakari shabette—warukatta-ne?).

But the real joy will be a passing mark in a statistics class I've been attending Mondays at City College—it's been 30 years since cracking the books for a grade.

WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ron Ikejiri

Chapter Legislative Liaison

Washington
Too often, chapter officers and board members, are unable to meet or communicate with one another on a timely basis to impact national issues.

Consequently, the most vital resource of JACL, the ability to provide national and regional support, in a timely manner, is substantially diminished.

In order to improve JACL's legislative efforts during the new 97th Congress the Washington Office is requesting that each chapter designate one member who is active in the affairs of the local chapter to act as the chapter legislative liaison for the Washington JACL Office.

The chapter legislative liaison (CLL) will be charged with the responsibility of triggering

the chapter's response or action whenever national legislative issues or concerns require immediate and expeditious attention by the chapter.

Some of the issues include the 'Jap' trademark issue, certain aspects of redress, U.S.-Japan trade issue, housing, matters before the Justice Department, etc.

The CLL will be one of the most important positions in the chapter. Direct communication via telephone or mail will be made with the chapter legislative liaison. The CLL may be anyone in the chapter willing to give critical and expeditious assistance. This individual may be the chapter president, a past president, a board member, or a member who is willing to move fast. The initial commitment for the legislative liaison for the 1981 calendar year. Each chapter is requested to send the name of the chapter legislative liaison to the JACL Washington Office by February 16, 1981.

REDRESS PHASE 3: by John Tateishi



When the National Committee for Redress established its current budget projected at \$240,450, it did so with the view in mind that major funding would be necessary to be fully prepared for the Commission hearings. While most budgets tend to reflect an ideal situation, this one does not. It is essentially a bare-bones budget, based on the past two year's experience and designed to take us through the Commission hearing process.

Since the redress program receives no funds whatsoever from the JACL National budget, we are solely dependent on contributions and support from the membership and friends. When it comes down to a simple formula: the less funds we have the less we can put into preparing for the hearings. So in order to meet the goals of the current drive, each Redress Committee member was given the responsibility of providing for a fundraiser within his or her district and each is cognizant of the specific requirements of the budget.

Fund-raising has already been initiated in some districts. Some chapters have already met their allocated quotas. Thus far, the following amounts have been received:

Marin County, \$155; NC-WNPDC, \$310; Omaha, \$395; Portland, \$1,536; San Diego, \$100; Solano County \$500; Tokyo, \$1,000; Tulare County \$2,055; Watsonville, \$1,300.

We have a meaningful program and, obviously, an important one. But the need for funds is urgent if we are to be fully prepared for the hearings. A sense of the Redress program and its financial needs are best expressed in a letter by former national president Shig Wakamatsu on behalf of the Chicago JACL to the JA community in Chicago:

"Dear Friends:

"The JACL campaign for Redress has reached a stage where

Letterbox

Someone in Need

Editor:
I am invalid ... both my hands and feet are already deformed. My eyes are weeping because of a tortured malady, Hansen's Disease commonly known as leprosy. In 1967, I entered the Bethesda Invalid Hospital in need of nourishment and a blanket. I was not able to work. My parents to whom I could ask help had died. Today, I have asked a young girl to write this letter for me to ask you and all who are around you that I am appealing for help and prayers ...

Whatever comes will be of great help, solace and joy to my heart. I cannot repay that kindness except my increasing prayers to all ...

BENJAMIN MAGHANAY
Bethesda Invalid Hospital, Bed. 10
Culion Leper Colony,
Culion Palawan 39.13
The Philippines

A 1942 Friend

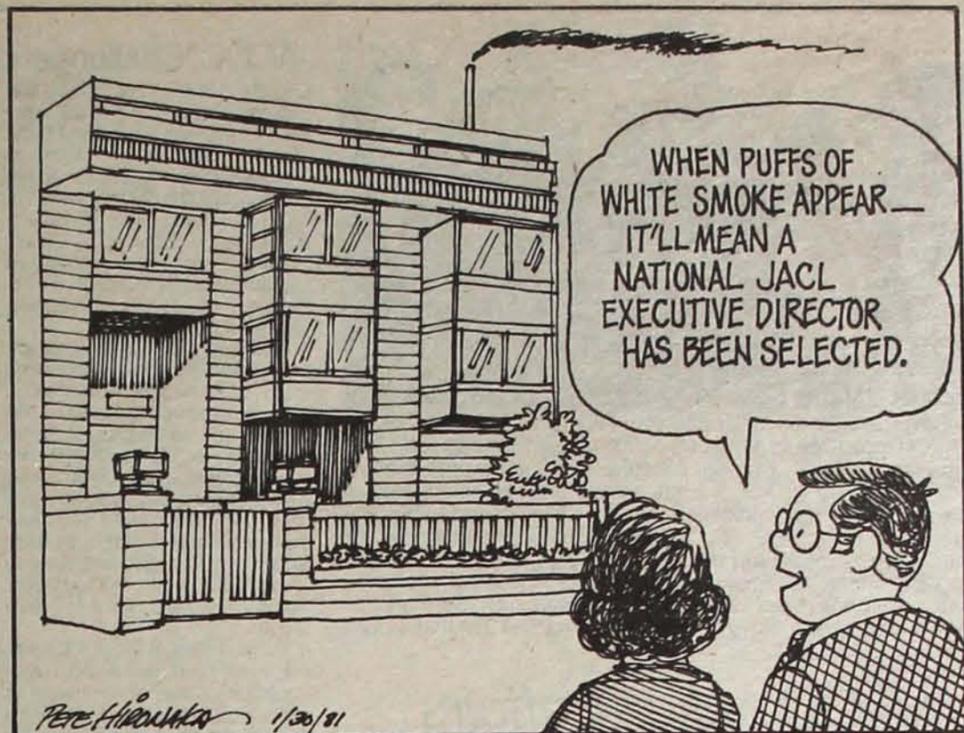
Editor:
I remember a Japanese American girl who was taken hostage in 1942 in Clarksburg, W. Va. and sent to an internment camp. We were friends, but after 38 years I have forgotten her name. She would remember mine.

FRANK L. ROWE
#48401 Penitentiary, 818 Jefferson Ave.
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Holiday Issue

Your Holiday Edition was heart warming. To know that Nisei throughout the land care enough about one another to greet each other in such a splendid manner speaks well for the group. Especially those who have no commercial message!

PAUL YAMANAKA
Honolulu



PC Chronology

Continued from Last Week

OCTOBER, 1980

Oct. 1—Filipino group charges L.A. county not implementing new law calling for separate ethnic classification of Filipino Americans to correct confusion of identity with Hispanic surnames.

Oct. 1—Karen Seriguchi named PNW regional office secretary.

Oct. 2—Little Tokyo's luxury store, Matsuzakaya from Nagoya, opens in Weller Court ... Mall, with 12 shops and 12 restaurants, officially dedicated Nov. 15.

Oct. 6—Nikkei pharmacist (Dr. Carole Fujita, 38) appears before L.A. County Commission on Civil Service, changing race and sex bias over failure in its promise to supervisor's post & pay at Harbor/UCLA Medical Center.

Oct. 8—Ethnic heritage studies council, meeting in San Francisco, discounts approach of 'Shogun' on TV to education; made for entertainment and profit, not education, J.D. Hokoyama of JACL tells council.

Oct. 16—Long Beach Mayor Eunice Sato mugged on Wilshire Blvd., after leaving business meeting; escapes serious injury.

Oct. 22—Nisei equal employment office manager (Maya Hasegawa of Richmond, Va.) passed over, charges her boss with racial bias.

Oct. 22—Lake Washington JACL chartered; members live in suburbs east of Seattle. (JACL Constitution, Revised, gives Nat'l Board authority to grant charters; previously issued by Nat'l Council, which met every two years.)

Oct. 25—Gardena Community Center renamed in memory of late mayor Ken Nakaoka.

Oct. 25—Fremont JACL, founded in 1934 as the Washington Township (So. Alameda County) JACL, holds first grand reunion; founding member Vernon Ichisaka of Seabrook, N.J., addresses group.

Oct. 26—Visual Communication's 'Hi to Hata' premieres at Ahmanson Theater, Los Angeles Music Center.

Oct. 26—Honolulu Star-Bulletin reveals 500 local Nisei were hired for secret 'Red Hill' project before WW2 to build underground oil storage tanks for U.S. Navy at Pearl Harbor, despite popular notion Nisei couldn't be trusted.

Oct. 28—Tournament of Roses picks Pasadena Sansei Leslie Kawai, 18, to be parade queen, first minority person honored in 92-year history of parade.

Oct. 30—Loyola Univ., Chicago, awards John Y. Yoshino, Federal Highway Administration official its Founder's Day Alumni of the Year honors.

NOVEMBER, 1980

Nov. 4—Reps. Bob Matsui (D-Ca.), Norm Mineta (D-Ca.) and Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) re-elected to U.S. Congress; incumbent Calif. Assemblymen S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) and Paul Bannai (R-Gardena) defeated; two Idaho Nisei elected: Mike Shiozaki to Bingham county sheriff, George Shiozawa to Bannock commission; Richard Yoshikawa re-elected San Joaquin county supervisor by slim 6,777-6,557 vote ... Gov. Ronald Reagan's election to Presidency recalls his 1945 speech citing Nisei in military service at United American rally in Santa Ana and 1971 appearance at JACL 1000 Club wing ding in Tokyo; was first state governor in U.S. to back JACL's 'repeal Title II' campaign, signed JACL bill revoking auto licenses bearing 'JAP', appointed several Nisei Democrats to judgeships, elevated Judge John Aiso to appellate court.

Nov. 7—Nat'l JACL membership dues for couples established (\$5 less) in chapter mail poll; 79 for, 5 against, 2 abstain; and 29 did not vote.

Nov. 9—So. Calif. Japanese Gardeners' Federation, Los Angeles, celebrate 25th year.

Nov. 13—Calif. State Board of Education urged to form task force to spot textbooks for racism; 70 representatives invited to address board at Sacramento, but miffed when only 5 given opportunity.

Nov. 14—Calif. Office of Administrative Hearings upholds dismissal of Mitsue Takahashi, 30-year teacher, from Livingston School District's Sarah Herndon Elementary School last year for lack of class discipline.

Nov. 16—PSWDC Gov. Wiley Higuichi, Hollywood, resigns; vice governor Dennis Kunisaki, Pan Asian, succeeds.

Nov. 16—Hawaii Lt. Gov. Jean King "turns on" Central Calif. district convention at Fresno, relates personal experiences.

Nov. 20—Garey High School, Pomona, shuts down after racially-inspired violence on campus; Vietnamese students jump on Chicano student, possibly in retaliation for earlier beating of Asian student by several Chicano students soon after TV showing of "The Deer-hunter", Vietnam war film ... School reopens Nov. 24.

Nov. 23—JACL redress committee, in strategy meeting, sees no early solution to payment of reparations to WW2 evacuees with fiscally conservative Reagan administration and budget-conscious Congress.

Nov. 24—LA. Board of Education selects first Asian appointee, Anthony Trias, Philippine born businessman, to board vacancy.

DECEMBER, 1980

Dec. 1—Calif. Gov. Brown names ex-Assemblyman Floyd Mori director of new State Office of International Trade; names Sansei (Thomas Ino, Los Angeles) to state board of accountancy; Los Angeles municipal judge Hiroshi Fujisaki elevated to superior court.

Dec. 2—Honda Motors of Japan breaks ground in Marysville, Ohio, to build auto assembly plant; first Japan auto firm to build in U.S.

Dec. 5—Seven candidates applying for JACL national directorship.

Dec. 8—Fresno probation officers (Cory Susuki, Tom Charnok), victims in a reverse discrimination case when two women are promoted, then fired, may win jobs back as court orders

injunction hearing.

Dec. 9—Asian-white hostility flares at Portland's Roosevelt High School; straight-A Vietnamese refugee student, confronted by three white students, retaliates by stabbing one.

Dec. 9—John Lennon, of Beatle fame, killed in front of his New York apartment by Mark Chapman, unemployed security guard from Honolulu; both married to wives of Japanese ancestry.

Dec. 10—L.A. County Civil Service Commission finds Dr. Carole Fujita victim of sex and race discrimination in her job at Harbor/UCLA Medical Center since October, 1978.

Dec. 13—Over 400 attend Asian-Pacific American conference on immigration at USC campus, coordinated by UCLA Prof. Don Nakanishi.

Dec. 16—Congress passes \$1 million appropriation for redress study commission.

Dec. 18—Federal Judge Bob Takasugi bans police use of choke hold that has killed several suspects in Los Angeles.

Dec. 23—San Francisco city planning director Rai Okamoto resigns under fire of Mayor Weinstein, ends five year at post.

Dec. 31—PSWDC JACL-Terminal Island Film Project campaign receives \$5,000 gift from June Fujita, just under deadline to successfully earn matching grant of \$25,000 from Calif. Council for Humanities in Public Policy; Academy Award-winning filmmaker in documentaries Trevor Greenwood to produce 45-minute film on prewar fishing town.

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Dec. 22—Sgt. Bill Ishida, Brigham City, Utah, belatedly awarded Silver Star for heroism during battle liberating Manila; citation made upon receiving discharge papers.

Dec. 22—Canada proceeding with plans to deport renunciants and repatriates to Japan; New Canadian asks for lifting of war-imposed restrictions on Canadian Japanese.

Dec. 23—Hond GIs host Christmas party for thousand Italian war orphans in Leghorn.

Dec. 31—WRA reports 22,500 Nisei served in U.S. Army July 1941-June 1945; most were volunteers, small number of Issei aliens accepted in 1945.

Jan. 1—Four Hawaiian Nisei (M/Sgt. Arthur Komori, M/Sgt. Richard Sakakida, Lt. Yoshikazu Yamada, Capt. Clarence Yamagata) engaged in military intelligence in Philippines prior to Pearl Harbor, two flown out to Australia after fall of Bataan, Honolulu press reveals.

Jan. 2—Fire destroys Tri-State high school gym at Tule Lake center.

Jan. 7—Justice Dept. initiates hearings for 3,000 renunciants at Tule Lake who do not want to go to Japan ... 7:00 at Tule Lake Jan. 1.

Jan. 7—Enemy aliens no longer required to carry special U.S. identity cards, Justice Dept. announces.

Jan. 8—Japanese American (loyalty, bloc voting) issue raised at Congressional hearing on Hawaiian statehood in Honolulu.

Jan. 8—Southern Pacific assigns Japanese American section crew to work in Palo Alto area.

Jan. 12—PC columnist Bill Hosokawa converting "The Frying Pan" column to peacetime purposes.

Business

Gary Tsukuno of Fountain Valley, Ca., was promoted Vice President of the Costa Mesa-based Berman-Gravley Co. audio division. He joined the firm in March, 1976, as salesman in Orange and San Diego counties, and honored last year as a distinguished salesman by the Sales & Marketing Executives Assn.

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Twin Cities: Its Pleasing Pace & People

Minneapolis, Minn.

Come to think of it, it's understandable that a sizable group of Japanese Americans have chosen to make their permanent homes in the Minneapolis-St. Paul Twin Cities area. Some of them became acquainted with this part of the country while studying at the Military Intelligence Service Language School at Camp Savage and Fort Snelling and came back when the war ended. They liked the easy pace of life and the friendliness of the predominantly Scandinavian-American society.

Most of them found economic opportunity, a surpris-

ing number of them as researchers, chemists, engineers in the high technology firms that abound. They found that such opportunities were interesting enough to make the harsh winters and muggy summers tolerable, and they took readily to the region's vigorous way of life. My brother Rube, who has spent a goodly part of life in these parts, complains about the cold and snow; he left twice for warmer latitudes but each time he came back to take job offers he couldn't turn down.

So it is not entirely surprising that there is a Twin Cities chapter of the JAACL here with something like 180 members, and a struggling youth group with all of eight paid-up members. The Nisei and Sansei live in widely

scattered parts of the metropolitan area, go about their business without much occasion to think about their ethnic backgrounds, but make their infrequent JAACL gatherings happy affairs.

The 1981 installation banquet at David Fong's restaurant attracted some 130 members, an impressive percentage of the total, and gave them an opportunity to meet old friends and down some Chinese chow. Tom Hara, a Sansei attorney who specializes in tax matters, must be doing something right since he was re-elected chapter president.

Tom Hara comes by his credentials legitimately. He is the son of Sam and Kimi Hara, former Seattleites who have been longtime chapter stalwarts. Kimi, whose maiden name was Taguchi, left Seattle just before the Evacuation freeze with two friends to take jobs at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. She recently retired after 40 years of devoted service to the nursing profession.

Oddly enough, a good number of other Pacific Northwesters have made their homes here. Among the first to arrive during the war were Earl Tanbara and his wife, Ruth Nomura Tanbara. Earl was from the San Francisco area but Ruth was a Portlander. They were joined in time by Ruth's brother, Howard Nomura and his wife Emi Somekawa Nomura, and after that Carl Somekawa came along. Dr. Henry Tsuchiya, formerly of the Seattle area, a microbiologist and, if I recall correctly, a chemist as well, was here before the war. His brother Tak settled here, too. So did Charles Tatsuda, attorney, formerly from Ketchikan, Alaska, and Seattle. Likewise Tom Kanno, a Seattle area farm lad who holds a key job as a chemist with 3M. Then there's Tom Oye of Salem, Ore., and his wife, the former Martha Inouye of Seattle, and Stami Kumagai, another Seattleite. No doubt there are others.

Those folks have sunk their roots deep into the Minnesota soil. Ruth Tanbara, widowed, purchased a condominium recently in anticipation of remaining in the community that has been her home for nearly 40 years. The Nomuras have lived in St. Paul for 38 or their 46 years of married life, have granddaughters in high school and have no intention of moving anywhere.

Sam and Kimi Hara have a home on a lakeshore at a suburb called Maple Plain. Their neighbor thinks they are the world's finest people. They've become deeply committed to their community, its schools and its people. They know no other home.

Just how completely they have become part of the Minnesota scene is illustrated by one of Sam's hobbies. He has some hard maple trees on his property. In the spring he taps them for the sap and boils it down to make maple syrup which he shares with friends... First Nisei I've ever encountered who makes maple syrup. Next Sunday we're planning pancakes for breakfast with Sam Hara's syrup. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



The Amish

Philadelphia

A FEW YEARS ago while driving back to Philadelphia from the western part of Pennsylvania, we—a number of Filipino friends and myself—made a rest stop along the Pennsylvania turnpike. As it turned out, it was in the so-called "Pennsylvania Dutch" country

where the hard-working and somewhat ascetic Amish folks reside. As we were finishing our coffee and pie, I became conscious of two bearded gentlemen standing nearby, attired in simple black outfits, including the broad-brimmed, round-top hats customary to Amish men. They stood nearby in quite an ingenuous manner, and as I gave an imperceptible nod, a twinkle of a smile crossed their faces. It became readily apparent that these two gentlemen were overcome with curiosity, this obviously being the first time they had ever seen Orientals in the flesh, close up.

UPON MY SMILING BACK, their apparent hesitancy dissolved and they approached closer and we struck up a conversation. With eager interest they inquired about our backgrounds, where we came from, of what race we were, and so on. And matter-of-factly, but in a sociable manner, we responded. Unlike some other encounters that we Orientals experience, there was nothing challenging, domineering or patronizing about their manners or inquiries. They were just plain curious, in a very friendly way. And we responded accordingly.

WE DID NOT, in turn, make inquiries about them, probably because we already had considerable knowledge about the Amish, albeit very superficial knowledge. Such as: they ride in horse-drawn, covered carriages rather than motor-driven vehicles; they dress in plain attire free of buttons; their women-folk are not given to cosmetics, thus presenting the naturalness of plain beauty; their children attend their own parochial schools up to, as I recall, no more than the eighth grade after which further schooling is deemed unnecessary to pursue the plain farm life that each pursues. Nor do they believe in social security, insurance, or any other form of "hand outs." I am led to understand, although I've not checked it out, that they shun many modern facilities, such as electrification of their homes. They are, indeed, plain people of the plains. And in the energy crunch, and the other crunches that the others of us are experiencing who are addicted to "modern conveniences," these plain people are probably hardly feeling the pressure.

IN SOME WAYS these Amish people remind me of our Issei: independent, self-sufficient, not given to ostentation - although with the Issei it may have been largely due to absence of material resources, whereas with the Amish it is a dedicated way of life. While I have absolutely no facts, - the Amish are very private, - I understand they are excellent farmers enjoying generous yields from their crops, and many have farm spreads that would be the envy of any agriculturist.

FOR SOME YEARS now, I've wished to be able to establish a close, personal relationship with some Amish so that my superficial knowledge of them may be replaced with information of substance: to understand their philosophy, their manners, their approach to existence; in short to learn "what makes them tick." I have no doubt that my respect of them would deepen.

MOSHI—MOSHI: by Jin Konomi



The Battle of Nagashino

When Kurosawa, the Japanese movie director, was offered the job of directing the TV serialization of *Shogun*, he declined it out of hand. "I cannot involve myself," he declared, "with a project that has so little to do with either actual facts or the spirit of Japanese history."

Factual inaccuracies and instances of mis- and non-understanding of Japanese history, as well as other grave faults, fill the 800 pages of this novel. The early chapter in which Yabu fantasizes a grandiose future for himself as the overlord of Japan at the sight of the 500 muskets and 20 cannons in the hold of the *Erasmus* seems to indicate that Mr. Clavell overlooked the state of Japanese warfare of the time. While not making an explicit statement, by implication he suggests that 500 muskets would have been an overwhelming factor for any daimyo to achieve hegemony over the war-torn country. Owen Bentsen of the Gannett Syndicate, obviously taking his cue from Clavell, in an article "Where the *Shogun* Story Originated" states:

".....the Battle of Sekiganara is considered a watershed in Japanese history. European firearms and tactics were used for the first time in Japan, and it is not far-fetched to assume that Adams played a role in the training of the troops."

Far fetched indeed is such an assumption. Let textbook history of Japan disabuse Mr. Bentsen, but to speak of "European tactics" is pure nonsense, and I want to set the record straight.

Bookshelf

● Learning from *Shogun*

Santa Barbara JAACLer Henry D. Smith II, associate professor who teaches Japanese history at UC Santa Barbara, has edited *LEARNING FROM SHOGUN: Japanese History and Western Fantasy* (Distrib. by Japan Society of New York, 333 E. 47th St., New York, N.Y. 10017, soft, 163-pp, \$4) on the topic of James Clavell's "Shogun"—a subject which has been interpreted by many PC readers over the past months.

Contributors to this timely cri-

tique for those concerned about the educational value of Clavell's best-seller include Cneko Mulhern, associate professor of Japanese language and literature at Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, who points out the historical Will Adams never met Gracia Hosokawa—the model for Mariko in the TV-film.

As Professor Smith states well in his preface, "this book is intended for those who have read James Clavell's *Shogun* and who are curious about its educational significance as a novel of Japan." Apart from its wealth of factual information—"information which is probably new to the majority of its readers"—Smith hopes his book of 12 essays will be of special interest to those who "like ourselves, are professional teachers of Japanese history and culture". For PC readers, too, we listen to add.—H.H.

After the Turkish invasion of Hungary under Suleiman the Magnificent early in the 16th century, there had not been any major battles in Europe up to this time. The Turks and Europeans fought strictly according to the standard tactics of the day. The only advances in European tactics had been the increased proportion of muskets to crossbows and hand weapons, replacement of catapults with cannons, and the growing tactical importance of engineering operations. But general hand-to-hand melees decided the final outcome of a battle, and the role of the musket had remained supportive rather than decisive.

Except the manufacture of the cannon, there was nothing the Japanese could learn from the Europeans in the way of military science. Adams had nothing to do with the training of troops.

It was Oda Nobunaga (Goroda of *Shogun*), who made the musket the ultimate, decisive weapon. He conceived the daring idea of dealing the enemy crushing blows for quick victory by concentrated fusillades fired in rapid relays. Such was the devastating effect of this new tactic that the army of Takeda Katsuyori was all but annihilated in the Battle of Nagashino.

As Oda's army marched to battle each foot soldier carried, in addition to his weapon and rations, a wooden post and a bundle of rope. At Nagashino Oda had built a long stockade as the front line, and stationed 3,000 musketeers (out of his total musketeer corps of 10,000) behind it, ranged in three ranks of 1,000 each. As the vaunted cavalry of the Takeda forces made the expected charge and came within range, the first rank fired a volley and stepped back to reload. The second rank followed immediately with another volley and stepped back to reload, to be followed by the third rank. By this time the first rank was ready for another volley. Completely baffled, the only thing the enemy could do was to repeat the futile charges, noping in vain for the break between the fusillades that never came. Like so many birds in a turkey snoot half the veteran warriors of the Takeda army were slaughtered in this battle. It was the beginning of the end of the Takeda clan, the most feared war machine of the age.

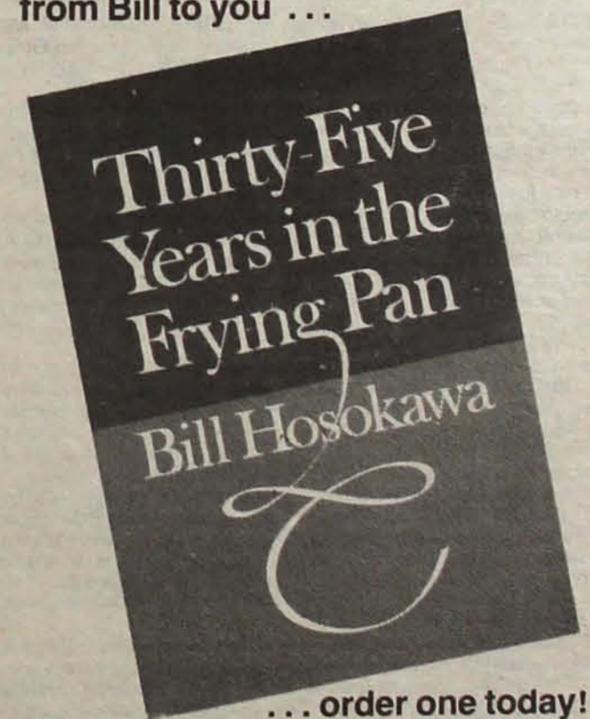
Though outnumbering the enemy 30,000 to 12,000, Oda's army had the dubious distinction of being reputed the weakest in the realm. Oda proved once for all future that a weak army with many muskets could defeat a strong army without muskets. Yabu's 500 muskets would not have been nearly enough, and they happened a generation too late.

Where did Oda get all his muskets? It is certain some of them had been purchased from the traders of Sakai. But good many of them were domestic products. By this time there had developed many gun manufacturing centers throughout the country.

This happened in 1575, 29 years before Sekiganara, and 200 years before Bunker Hill.

By the way, the Battle of Nagashino is the final episode of Kurosawa's latest epic, *Kagemusha*.

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—Blaise Pascal.



FROM PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: by John Saito

San Luis Obispo

It's a long drive from Los Angeles to Morro Bay but seemingly longer and lonelier when you drive by yourself.

San Luis Obispo Chapter President Masaji Eto had contacted me earlier to be their guest at their installation dinner on a week-day night.

District Governor Dennis Kunisaki and other District Board Members had also indicated a desire to attend the event but their work schedule would not allow that much time off.

It was about a four hour trip including a gas stop and a sandwich in Santa Barbara. I saved a little time by using the San Marcos Pass instead of going by the coastline and arrived at Morro Bay at nightfall.

San Luis Obispo Chapter is PSWDC's most northern Chapter and I guess by L.A. standards, San Luis Obispo, can be considered to be a quiet rural community. San Luis Obispo like many chapters is having a struggle getting younger people to join and take over the leadership, which is becoming heavy for the aging Nisei. Masaji had asked me to give some kind of energy instilling speech to those at the installation but I told Masaji that that was a tall request and that I wished I had the magic words to excite people about JACL.

Many of our younger people see very little need for an ethnic organization such as JACL and seek social and professional growth through local and international non-ethnic organizations.

Recent articles in the PC indicate a diffusion of Nikkei into the mainstream of American society but adjoining articles also indicate that Nikkei are fighting discrimination complaints. This dichotomy exists and as long as it exists there will be a need for an organization such as the JACL.

No organization can speak for the entire community, but it can take on some of the action.

An organization that is to survive and grow needs at least two ingredients: watchdog and protect, and to educate and promote its community.

When we have no need to do neither then maybe it's time to call it quits.

Nat'l JACL youth confab set for June 22-27 at UC Irvine

IRVINE, Ca.—The 1981 National JACL Youth Conference, which is anticipating attendance of some 200 Asian Americans from across the country, will held the week of June 22-27 at the sprawling and new Univ. of California campus at Irvine; it was announced by Ron Tajii, NYCC chair.

Tajii, a student at UCI, recently led a group of PSWDC officials and youth conference committee members on a tour of the campus during one of the many pre-conference meetings held in recent months.

An important aspect of the conference are the many workshops on culture and career conducted by prominent Southland Nikkei.

JACL-Carleton College scholars to earn 4-year award

NORTHFIELD, Minn. — As many as four students will have their full financial needs for college met—thanks to a new cooperative project in which JACL members can nominate promising youth for admission to Carleton College here, starting the fall of 1981.

Students designated JACL-Carleton Scholars will receive four-year scholarships from the college as part of a program designed to meet their full demonstrated financial need while attending Carleton, known as one of the 25 most selective liberal arts colleges nationally. It ranks 12th in the nation in the number of National Merit Scholars it enrolls.

Carleton was founded in 1866 as a private, co-educational and residential liberal arts college, situated some 40 miles south of Minneapolis-St. Paul. It offers 18 major academic programs as well as special studies in Latin America, computers, science & technology, and public policy. Its present student body of 1,700 finds 30% from the Midwest, 25% from within Minnesota, 20% from the East, 10% from the West and South, with the remainder coming from abroad.

"As far as I know, nothing quite like this cooperative project has ever been attempted in the United States or any other country," said Richard Steele, dean of admissions here at Carleton. "By working together, we think we can do something to provide better opportunities for deserving Japanese American students while simultaneously meeting some critical national needs for leadership in the professions, industry and business."

To be eligible for the new scholarship, students must be nominated by JACL members (call toll-free 800-533-0466 for nomination cards), apply to Carleton College (high school seniors are urged to write to Carleton Admissions Office as soon as possible and not later than Feb. 28) and be accepted for admission. Written inquiries should be addressed to:

The JACL-Carleton Scholarship Program; Office of Admissions, Carleton College, Northfield, Mn 55057.

All JACL nominees not selected as one of the four scholars for 1981 will be automatically considered for a second scholarship program at Carleton—the Cowling Scholarships for Third World Students, annually awarded to 10 freshmen who show "high qualities of scholarship, character, and promise of achievement" and further meet the full financial needs of students for the four years they study at the college.

Steele noted Carleton has traditionally prepared a large number of its graduates to the professions "and with great success". The recent edition of *The Comparative Guide to Education* (Cass and Birbaum) reported Carleton is among the "100 most productive institutions in developing business executives". Its rate of success in placing students in medical has been twice the national average and nearly 75% of all Carleton graduates interested in law have been admitted to more than one law school, Steele pointed out.

Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.—St. Augustine.

Golden Gate JACL re-elects cabinet

SAN FRANCISCO—Golden Gate JACL, the second JACL chapter based in San Francisco, unanimously re-elected its present chapter officers to continue through 1981. President is Sumi Honnami. The annual meeting was held Jan. 18 at the Mill Valley home of Dr. Morgan Yamanaka.

Formed in February, 1980, the chapter has members from around the Bay area and even out-of-state. It was organized with a view of being primarily an issue-oriented group with advocacy for the rights of Japanese Americans as well as full civil rights for all Americans as its primary on-going project. It was also felt that formation of this chapter here would give an option to those who desire to work primarily in this aspect of JACL functions.

1981 Officers

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Ken Date, pres; Henry Hattori, vp; Kiyoshi Hase, treas; Edna Takuma, sec.

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Keith Yamanaka, pres; Gerald Takehara, vp; Ruth Shimomura, vp; Judy Nonaka, sec; Warren Kashiwagi, treas; Percy T. Masaki, memb; Joey Ishihara, 1000 Club; Lorraine Mizutani, nwsltr; Kathy Shiroi, Treasurie Terauchi, dels.

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Hisashi Takiguchi, pres; Jean Nakashima, vp (program); Yo Hironaka, vp (memb); Jan Yanehiro, vp (pub); Matt Matsumoto, treas; Louise Koike, cor sec; Vicky Mihara, rec sec; Yasuo Wm Abiko, del; Steve Terakawa, alt del; new bd—Allen Okamoto, Susan Tsuji, Cressy Nakagawa, V. Mihara, L. Koike, Y. Abiko; holdover bd—Claire Sanpei, Donna Takatsuka, Rich Kiwata, Alan Aikawa, J. Yanehiro, Y. Hironaka, Russell Matsumoto, H. Takiguchi, Nobuo Mihara, Bob Teshima.

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oriented Employment Opportunity Center as interim executive director for several months in 1978, he donated his pay back to EOC.

A native of Seattle, he is graduate of Roosevelt High, Univ. of Washington in economics, earned his master's in public administration in 1964, and is currently a doctoral candidate. His public service record includes a stint with the Interior Dept.'s regional office here, the METRO office, a Lt. colonelcy in the Army Reserves, and once worked on the state legislature's legislative budget committee.

He and his wife Sheryn with their three children live in the Queen Anne area. Sheryn is professionally involved with child development and problems facing the gifted children.

Pro Nimura heads Imperial Valley

WESTMORELAND, Ca. — Pro Nimura, who served as Imperial Valley JACL president in 1970, 1978, and 1979, was sworn in Jan. 17 to his fourth term at the annual installation dinner held here at the Town Pump Restaurant.

Vernon Yoshioka of San Diego, national vice president for membership and services, was installing officer and guest speaker. He reminded the chapter that JACL has traditionally had a strong agricultural base and the need still exists, such as Imperial Valley's which can trace its beginnings to the Brawley JACL, a founding member of National JACL 50 years ago.

Preston Hill was the 1980 chapter president, who is associated with Bank of America.

Contra Costa JACL

Jack Imada of El Cerrito will take the helm of Contra Costa JACL for 1981 during the installation dinner at Spenger's Fish Grotto in Berkeley Saturday, Jan. 31 6:30 p.m. no host cocktail and dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Superior Court Judge Ken Kawachi will be guest speaker. Immediate past district governor, Ben Takeshita, will swear in the new cabinet.

Dinner reservation may be purchased through board members or Yoshiro Tokiwa (223-5463). Cost of dinner including tax and tip is \$12.50, choice of either broiled baby lobster or New York steak.

Florin JACL

Chuck Kubokawa, NC-WNPDC chair on redress, will be guest speaker at a community meeting on redress-reparation co-sponsored by the Florin JACL and the local Buddhist church on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m., at the Florin Buddhist Church. Kern Kono, Florin JACL, will preside, it was announced by chapter president William Kashiwagi.

Las Vegas

Don Frazier was installed as 1981 Las Vegas JACL president at the annual dinner held Jan. 11 at Minnie Woo's Latitude 20 Restaurant. He succeeds George Goto.

Lodi JACL

Lodi JACL will hold its installation dinner Jan. 30, 6 p.m., at the New Yorker, 110 N. Cherokee Lane. George Kondo, regional director, will be guest speaker. George Kishida Jr. and Dr. Chris Iwata are co-chairing the dinner. Kazuto Daijogo is the 1981 president.

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Addendum: Weglyn Letter

Ed. Note—As noted in the PC Jan 23 Letterbox, copy of the 5-page errata sheet submitted by Michi Weglyn was reset to fit the PC columns. It appears nearly 80% of the copy is a major portion of the bibliography in Michi Weglyn's "Years of Infamy".

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Succeeding Nobunaga as one of the unifying triad was Toyotomi Hideyoshi, son of a foot soldier (ashigaru) serving under Oda Nobunade, Nobunaga's father. Hideyoshi later distinguished himself in numerous battles and became Nobunaga's right-hand man. Hideyoshi's story dovetails into Ieyasu's rise to a dominant position from which he wielded power to unify Japan and establish the long-lasting Tokugawa Shogunate.

After Nobunaga's death in 1582, Hideyoshi (1536-1598) became one of the four regents who were to serve as guardians of a youthful grandson and successor to Nobunaga. As one of the four, Hideyoshi was charged with the responsibility of protecting the capital. By 1584, however, he had eliminated the other three regents and took control of Kyoto. In the meantime, he built his formidable castle headquarters at Osaka. By 1585, after concluding alliances with Tokugawa Ieyasu and another powerful daimyo—Uesugi Kagekatsu

—he was ready to take up where Nobunaga had left off. Simultaneously and to give legitimacy to his takeover, he assumed the title of Kampaku (Imperial Regent). A year later he received the title of Dajō-Daijin (Grand Minister of State). Both of these titles enabled him to assume a position of power.

He was surrounded by nine important daimyo leagues. Three of them—Tokugawa, Uesugi and Mōri—were already allies, and his task was to reduce the others in order to achieve military and political hegemony. In 1585 he marched with 200,000 men into Suikoku to secure the capitulation of the Chosakabe and with 280,000 men two years later, he entered Kyushu to bend the Otomo, Ryūzōji (who were already in a weakened state) and Shimazu to their knees. His most formidable enemy was to the north, the Hōjō of Odawara. With 200,000 men in 1590, he conquered the Hōjō domains in Kanto. After a two month siege, the Hōjō surrendered. The few remaining adversaries pledged their support with alacrity. The fall of the Hōjō completed the military unification of Japan. All territory fell to Hideyoshi or to his vassals. Hideyoshi was now the head of a daimyo coalition of his own and the paramount power in the country.

Hideyoshi's hegemony was based on conquest and feudal ties. All daimyo had to swear to fealty to him and they demonstrated their loyalty by giving him hostages who were at first housed in Osaka castle. Later Hideyoshi required the daimyo to build residences around his sumptuous palace at Fushimi (in Kyoto) where they and their wives and children were within easy reach. Hideyoshi, as with Nobunaga, used the alliance-through-marriage method to cement feudal ties. He also employed the method of granting his name, either his surname or an ideogram out of his given name, which was a great honor, binding as it was, for the recipients.

Neither Hideyoshi nor Nobunaga proclaimed themselves Shōgun. It was as Kampaku that Hideyoshi wielded power and laid claim to total civil and military authority as though he were delegated by the emperor. When he retired in 1591 and handed the reins over to his adopted son, Hidetsugu, he assumed the title of Taiko (retired Kampaku). Like many of his predecessors, Hideyoshi used the power and prestige of the throne for his own purposes. In 1588 he required all his vassals to reiterate their oath of fealty to him in the presence of the emperor, who also attended the lavish entertainment provided by Hideyoshi at his mansion in Fushimi, and to swear to uphold the imperial institution. In this manner, he ostensibly based the lord-vassal ties on sanctions emanating from the throne.

His measure to resurvey the land (kenchi) had profound repercussions on the social order of Japan. It provided a new basis for the separation between the peasants and the bushi. Kenchi gave the daimyo and the overall ruler proprietary rights over the land, although

the fields were recorded in the name of the cultivators (nyakusho) whose families were grouped into villages (mura). The trend of the samurai to move off the land, which they had administered, to gather at the daimyo's castle had already begun in Nobunaga's time, but Hideyoshi's measure of instituting kenchi drew the line unequivocally between the farming populace and the bushi. His efforts to limit arms-bearing to bushi through such steps as "katana-gari" (sword hunts), begun nationwide in 1588, was aimed at disarming the peasants who, at one time, were part-time farmers

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Genealogy: Nikaido Bros. really know their roots

By NAOMI KASHIWABARA

Some Nikkei know very little of their family backgrounds in Japan. This is not the case for George Hiroshi Nikaido of Burbank, Calif., and Clarence Sakae Nikaido of Gardena, Calif., who are Nisei brothers in their early sixties.

The Nikaido brothers can trace their ancestry back to Fujiwara Yukimasa, a government official who came to Kamakura at the bidding of Minamoto Yoritomo and became the first Nikaido. Six generations later in 1293 a descendant Nikaido went to Kagoshima (then Satsuma) and established the southern branch of the Nikaido family.

Ko Sameshima of Sunnyvale, Calif., another son of Satsuma, suggested that this Nikaido may have gone south to help repel Kublai Khan's Mongols and then, taking a liking to Kyushu, stayed. The encyclopedia tells us however that Kublai Khan attempted to invade Japan in 1274 and 1281.

For loyal service, the 16th generation Lord Shimazu of Satsuma gave in 1584 a later Nikaido today's Nikaido estate, which is in Kimotsuki Gun, Koyama Cho, Kagoshima.

In 1740 a gateway was built; it still stands. The present two houses, big by Japanese standards, were built in 1810. There is a family cemetery with 30-plus graves on the estate. There is also a bamboo grove with 20,000 trees, some of which are more than one foot in diameter.

On June 23, 1975, the Nikaido estate was declared a Japanese National Cultural Monument by the Japanese government.

The present occupant of the Nikaido estate is Susumu Nikaido, 71, majority party leader in the Japanese Diet and George and Clarence's cousin. He recently consulted in Washington with American leaders about Japanese self-defense. Because Susumu Nikaido is a USC graduate, he is a Japanese political leader who does without an interpreter.

George and Clarence Nikaido grew up in Highland Park, a Los Angeles suburb towards Pasadena. They graduated in 1937 and 1938 from Franklin High School, where they stood out in academics, athletics, and student activities.

Mr. Kashiwabara, of San Diego, visited the Nikaido Estate last April.

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and part-time soldiers in time of need. Hideyoshi laid the basis of the four-class system by giving separate legal identities to the samurai, peasants, artisans and merchants.

In 1591 Hideyoshi, an individual of the 16th century who was equally interested in trade and overseas ventures and inheriting Nobunaga's unrealized policy of unlimited conquest, embarked on an abortive attempt to conquer Korea and China. The first invasion force numbered about 200,000 men who quickly pushed their way to the Yalu River, only to be met by a large Ming army which forced them to pull back and evacuate the peninsula. The Chinese refusal in 1597 to grant Hideyoshi's demands to split Korea equally between the Chinese and Japanese, for free trade between China and Japan, for placing a Japanese governor general in Korea and for a Chinese princess to be offered to the Japanese emperor as a consort prompted Hideyoshi to launch a second invasion with 140,000 men. But with Hideyoshi's death in 1598 the invasion died of its own accord.

Calendar

- JAN. 30 (Friday)
Lodi—Inst dnr, New Yorker, 6pm; George Kondo, reg dir, spkr.
- JAN. 31 (Saturday)
Contra Costa—Inst dnr, Spenger's Fish Grotto, Berkeley, 6:30pm; Judge Ken Kawauchi, spkr.
- Washington, DC—35th Inaugural dnr, Ft Myers Officers Club, 6:30pm; Steve Bell, ABC-TV newsman, spkr, "Forecast for the '80s".
- * Montebello—42nd Vet Assn of So Ca inst dnr-dance, Quiet Cannon Rest, 901 N Via San Clemente; Joanne Ishimine, KABC-TV reporter, spkr.
- FEB. 2 (Monday)
Marin County—Mtg, Bank of Marin, Larkspur, 7:30pm (Every first Monday).
- FEB. 4 (Wednesday)
* Gardena—UCLA-Little Tokyo sv Ctr 6-wk class on JA history, Gardena Vly Baptist Church, 1630 W 158th St, 7pm; Yuji Ichioka, spkr.
- FEB. 6 (Friday)
Nat'l JACL—Nat'l Bd mtg (adj Sun noon), Hq, 1 p.m.
- * Los Angeles—"Hito Hata" benefit (one wk), Kokusai Theater.
- * Pullman, Wa—"Swords of Samurai" exhib (to Mar 3), WSU Museum of Art. Film "Samurai Trilogy - Musashi"—Feb 9, 16, 23, 7:30pm. Lectures at Fine Arts Auditorium, 8pm—Feb 18, Dr Thos Kennedy, WSU, "Military Tradition"; Feb 25, Dr Sam Saunders, WSU, "Art & Science of Japanese Sword Construction"; Mar 2, Dr Peter Duus, Stanford, "Shogun and 16th c. Samurai".
- FEB. 7 (Saturday)
Marin County—Potluck dnr, Marin Buddhist Church, 6pm.
- Orange County—Inst dnr, Buena Park Hotel Conv Cntr, 7:30pm; comedian Pat Morita, spkr.
- Salinas Valley—Inst dnr-dance, Quality Inn Townhouse, 6pm.

Hideyoshi and Nobunaga were men with forceful personalities. No pact ruler could compare with the personal charisma, hegemonic power and tremendous wealth these men commanded. They were individualistic men who were their own masters.

It is interesting to note that these men were almost mavericks in terms of the lengthy history of Japan, but it is equally interesting to consider the fact that the century of civil war preceding them had not failed to call forth such men to assume leadership over the country when they were needed most.

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- Philadelphia—Gen mtg.
- FEB. 10 (Tuesday)
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* Los Angeles—East West Players Kyogen, Loyola Marymount Univ St Robert's Aud, 8:30pm.
- FEB. 15 (Sunday)
Reno—Potluck dnr, Ctr of Religion & Life, 1101 N Virginia, 6-9pm.
- FEB. 19 (Thursday)
* Los Angeles—New Prod: Yashiro's "Hokusai Sketchbooks", tr by Ted Takaya, East West Players, Th-F-Sa 8pm, su 7:30pm.
- * San Francisco—SFCJAS mtg, Pine United Meth Ch, 8pm, Prof Ron Takaki, spkr, "Pau Hana: Ethnicity and Class in Hawaii".
- FEB. 21 (Saturday)
Gardena Valley—Inst dnr, Mishima Rest, Torrance, 6:30pm; Frank Chuman, spkr, "Future of JACL".
- FEB. 22 (Sunday)
Seattle—Inst dnr, Rep Mike Lowry, spkr. (Details TBA.)
- FEB. 28 (Saturday)
Stockton—50th Annry dnr, Buddhist Temple social hall, 5:30pm.
- Riverside—Inst dnr, UC Riverside Fac Dng Rm, 7pm.
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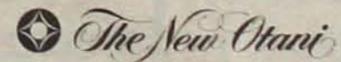
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