

Stockton JACLers 30 years ago...



Stockton JACL is celebrating its golden jubilee this year. The 1951 photo (above) is the oldest group picture of the chapter leadership on file. Pictured are: seated—Kayo Takechi, Virginia Inouye, Yoshimi Terashita '51 pres; Yuki Shinoda, Nori Endow; standing—Hiroshi Morita '52 pres; Mas Matsuo, Fred Dobana, Tad Akaba; and Jack Matsumoto, '49-'50 pres.

KKK in Texas joins fray against Viet fishermen

All along the Gulf coast from Florida to Mexico, the bays and waters of the coast for centuries have been very productive fishing grounds. In recent years because of heavy commercial fishing, pressure has been to reduce the production. The sports fishermen, for instance, were able to get more stringent legislation passed in Texas restricting the fishing season and the commercial catch. With the arrival of the Vietnamese fishermen, more pressure is being applied — the latest including involvement of the Ku Klux Klan.

—PC Correspondent Herb Ogawa in Texas.

AUSTIN, Tex.—Following a Ku Klux Klan rally Feb. 14 at Santa Fe, near Houston, to show support for American fishermen's grievances, Allen Clark, an aide to Texas Gov. Bill Clements,

Wells Fargo fires Nikkei br. mgr. linked to MAPS

Los Angeles

National attention to the biggest bank heist to date of \$21 million from the Wells Fargo Bank of San Francisco bloomed when confidential court documents were made public Feb. 11.

The bizarre story was headlined by TIME magazine "The Wells Fargo Stickup" in its economy & business section. It involved the Muhammad Ali Professional Sports (MAPS), headed by sports promoter Harold Smith, 37. Muhammad Ali, though his name is on the firm's front door, is not involved in the case.

The Japanese American press picked up the story when the bank announced Gene Kawakami, 32, manager of bank's Miracle Mile branch, was relieved of his duties pending investigation, and linked his name with boxing promoter Smith in the alleged fraud. A week later (Feb. 18), he was fired "essentially as a result of our continuing investigation into the embezzlement".

442 dinner to fete Gold Star Mothers

SAN FRANCISCO—Gold Star Mothers of men who were killed while serving with the "Go For Broke" 100th Infantry Battalion or the 442nd Central Postal Directory Team during World War II will be honored at the March 7 banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel.

Nisei veterans organizations are assisting in locating the Gold Star Mothers of the 100th/442nd, but the listing is incomplete. Banquet chairman Harry Iwafuchi made a public request for the names of Gold Star Mothers who plan to attend so that the committee can present complementary tickets and recognize them at the banquet.

zlement", George Caulfield, vice president for public affairs at Wells Fargo headquarters at San Francisco, declared.

Kawakami, upon advice of his attorney, has not met with the media. Kawakami's name first came when Smith told his version to the media: "I appeal to the media to go to the Miracle Mile Branch ... and question the manager, Gene Kawakami. It is there that you will find the beginning of what I guarantee is one of the biggest cases of fraud, embezzlement, illegal loans and kickbacks involving numerous branches and personnel within the Wells Fargo system".

The Rafu Shimpō was asked by Caulfield if the name of "Koda, Kotow or Koga" whom Smith had characterized in one of his cassettes as "a leader in the Japanese mafia" was familiar. Caulfield explained Smith's story blames Kawakami's action was motivated by his owning money to a person named Koda, Kotow or Koga. (Cassettes were also delivered to the media.)

Caulfield said Kawakami joined Wells Fargo about 10 years ago and had been branch manager at Miracle Mile (5950 Wilshire Blvd. —near the La Brea Tar Pits) for the past three years. He attended L.A. City College where he studied to be a dental technologist, according to Caulfield. He is married and lives in Palos Verdes Estates. Neighbors remember having last seen him on Saturday (Feb. 7) before the story broke.

According to the L.A. Times, Kawakami may have been linked with a local gambler, George A. Fisher, who was being sued by his estranged wife Wilma over community property. At the trial, however, Kawakami testified he did not know Fisher to be a gambler.

All 9 picked to hear EO 9066 redress

WASHINGTON—The House of Representatives this past week (Feb. 17) announced its appointments to the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians following President Ronald Reagan's signing (Feb. 10) of S.253, amending Public Law 96-317 to expand the commission from seven to nine members, the Washington JACL Office reported.

S.253, introduced by Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), allows the Senate and House to appoint a total of three commissioners each, matching the number selected by President Jimmy Carter.

The House appointees, announced by Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill (D-Mass.), were:

Arthur J. Goldberg, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, former U.S. Supreme Court justice, and Secretary of Labor under President Kennedy; Rep. Daniel Lundgren (R-Long Beach, Ca.); and the Rev. Robert F. Drinan, SJ, Georgetown Univ. Law School, former congressman (D-Mass., 1970-80).

The Senate was expected to name as its third appointee, a Russian Orthodox priest and an Aleut, Fr. Ishmael Vincent Ormoff, who was one of the approximately 1,000 Aleut residents of Pribilof Islands incarcerated under directives of Executive Order 9066. The other two Senate appointees were members of the Senate: Edward W. Brooke (R-Mass., 1966-78) and Hugh B. Mitchell (D-Wash., 1945-46; followed by one term in House, 1946-52).

The three White House appointees are Philadelphia Judge William M. Marutani, Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; and Joan Z. Bernstein, former

counsel general, Dept. of Health and Human Services.

The commission members were expected to meet to select its chair. (The Seattle Times reported the commissioners, excluding the two priests, had already met and elected Bernstein acting chair.)

The commission has a year and \$1.5 million to hear from those affected by Executive Order 9066, the 1942 presidential proclamation which authorized military removal and detention of some 110,000 Japanese Americans from the west coast states, a group from Hawaii and the Aleuts near Dutch Harbor and Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea. The commission will determine whether wartime internment of civilians was just and, if not, what the Congress should do to compensate internees.

(The JACL National Committee for Redress, under interim care of the national JACL 2nd vice president, Floyd Shimomura of Sacramento, following the resignation of John Tateishi as chair earlier this month, will assist individuals wishing to appear before the Commission with either oral or written testimony by attempting to have them listed on the witness agenda at appropriate hearing sites, it was reminded by JACL Headquarters.)

Optimism expressed over appointments

SEATTLE, Wa.—Prof. Gordon Hirabayashi, co-chair of the JACL redress committee here, speaking recently with Seattle Times reporter Carey Gelernter, admitted he was puzzled at the appointment of former Senator Mitchell who was regarded as having never shown particular interest in the issue. However, Hirabayashi said, since being selected, Mitchell has shown sympathy and interest.

Now owner of Mitchell Moving & Storage, Mitchell told Gelernter that anyone who was in Congress during the war has a concern about the issue. He said he was opposed to the relocation at the time and still is. "Everyone realizes a wrong was done at the time, and some constitutional questions must be looked at."

Hirabayashi said the appointments are believed to be generally sympathetic, although there is some worry that "a lot were for friends who didn't get elected" and who might not have the kind of clout needed with Congress.

Mitchell indicated the commission members, except for the two priests, have already met to organize the commission staff and hearings schedule. Hearing sites discussed include Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Fresno, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, Denver, New York, Washington and some Alaskan cities. (The Rafu Shimpō learned Marutani has suggested a hearing in Japan, ostensibly to hear from Nisei expatriates.)

(In San Diego and San Jose, there are petitions being circulated to have a commission hearing in their respective communities. Fresno is also gathering signatures to assure against a change.)

(JACL chapters in Central California were reminded March 20 is the deadline to submit to the CCDC Regional Office the names of individuals seeking to testify, in writing or orally, before the redress commission.)

\$3,200 raised for redress...



Photo by John Saito

Pacific Southwest District Council governor Dennis Kunisaki receives \$1,000 toward the JACL Redress Campaign from Mrs. Misao Hirohata, who is carrying on her late husband's Little Tokyo insurance business. She had won it as the first prize in the PSWDC fund-raiser and contributed the prize to the campaign, which thus netted \$3,200.

Merit S&L pays record high of interest

LOS ANGELES—Because of an all-time high in the savings balance (\$86,952,000), Merit Savings & Loan paid a record amount of interest (\$6,595,000) to savers last year, it was announced by Merit president and chairman of the board Bruce T. Kaji.

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Rep. Matsui low-key on redress by Congress

By JOE OYAMA

BERKELEY, Ca.—Congressman Robert Matsui of Sacramento, who is a dynamic speaker, gave an unusually low-keyed speech to a packed audience of JACL members and friends at the annual Berkeley JACL Installation Banquet at Spenger's Fish Grotto Jan. 16.

Acknowledging Nikkei who contributed to his difficult 1978 and 1980 campaigns by walking precincts and coming to Sacramento, he said, "These things mean a lot when you are a candidate running as an underdog. To be an underdog can be lonely."

Reporting on the progress of the redress effort, Matsui said, "Congress appropriated 1.4 million dollars for the commission to hold seven hearings in different cities across the country to determine the causes, reasons for internment, and consequences during the World War II period."

He said everything seemed to be going well on the redress effort, except that on Nov. 4, 1980, "We probably elected the most conservative House and Senate in many years. The interesting thing is that the 96th Congress was considered to be most conservative; the 97th will be more conservative."

Not to Raise Expectations on Redress

Although many Nikkei in this state and in other states across the country had spent time in the camps and should be entitled to monetary redress, Matsui said, "I hope those of you who have leadership positions will not raise expectations. I find it difficult to believe this Congress will reimburse those who were interned. I cannot see individual redress happening."

Matsui said that he did not want to be totally negative, but he said, "Think about what happened twelve months ago when the junior Senator from California in Jan. 1980 called for putting Iranians into camps as hostages."

"The conservatism of the new Congress is a definite shift to the right. Many people say to the far right. Now we are beginning a new decade. Nineteen eighty is the end of the seventies."

Shifting to a more positive stance, Matsui said that our redress effort should give us new opportunities and lend credibility to the Japanese Americans. He said, "My grandparents came 6,000 miles to settle in this country. In spite of discrimination, racial

prejudice, and being unable to own property, they gave their children an education.

He also reminded us that the new chairman of the House Judiciary committee who took over from Ted Kennedy, Strom Thurmond "eliminated the consumer interest anti-trust committee and instituted another committee, the anti-subversive and terrorist (Security and Terrorism) committee."

Back in 1940's during the anti-Japanese period, when the Nisei were coming out of camps and their Nisei brothers were fighting overseas in Europe and in the Pacific for the United States Army, "The Japanese American Citizens League was called before the House Un-American Activities Committee and suffered contempt of Congress."

A National Holiday Not Declared

Matsui continued, "Two days ago was the birthday of Martin Luther King. The very first bill that I was asked to co-sponsor and with a great deal of pride was to declare Jan. 15th Martin Luther King's birthday a national holiday. I saw Coretta King sitting in the gallery."

An electronic vote was taken and the bill was defeated by a margin in excess of 75 votes. Dismayed and surprised, Matsui said, "The reason I bring up the election issue is: the great achievement he (Martin Luther King) made to his country and the world. The fact that the national press, TV, radio stations did not make that day a holiday shows that this country has lost some of its ideals. That is the danger that I see."

"We're going to have to stand up and speak out for those not fortunate as us. There are many areas in Berkeley where people are afraid to walk at midnight and unemployment is the highest in California. I don't think that poverty is eradicated. These are exactly the things to be concerned about."

(In Berkeley, aside from the Black unemployed, according to the Independent and Gazette, most of the recent migrants to this city are now young white dropouts from the northeastern United States without sufficient skills and education, competing for jobs and giving rise for racism in the job market.)

(Thanks to William Nakatani for the use of his tape. Without which, it would have been like piecing a difficult jigsaw together.—JO.)

Awards

Mayumi Nagaoka, a third year UCLA architecture student from West Los Angeles, was awarded the Tommy Grant, a \$2000 scholarship established by Thomas H. Landau, AIA, president of the Landau Partnership, Inc. in the UCLA School of Architecture and Urban Planning.

Deaths

Fusae Ichikawa, 87, of Tokyo, leader of Japan's feminist movement, and oldest member of the Parliament, died Feb.

11. She fought throughout her life for political and social equality and against corruption in government. Her involvement in the women's movement in Japan dates from 1920. She also spent two years in the U.S. and returned to Japan in 1924, inspired by the League of Women Voters and founded the Women's Suffrage Union which fought for the right to vote.

Rev. Ryuei Masuoka, 73, former rinban (1962-76) of Nishi Hongwanji, Los Angeles, died Feb. 18 of heart attack. He was naturalized a U.S. citizen in 1954, decorated with the Fifth Order of the Sacred Treasure in 1980.

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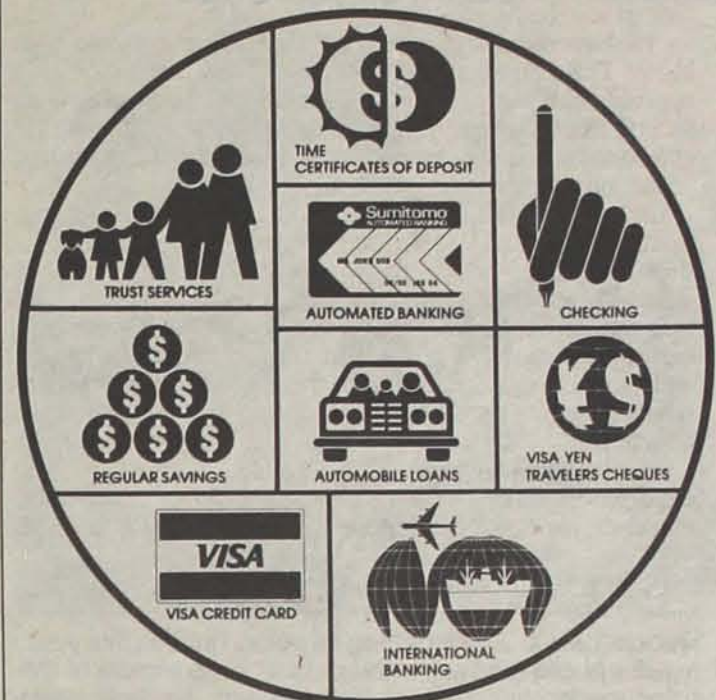
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The Spawns of War

Los Angeles

Since Feb. 19 was a day of remembrance, here is an item to think about:

There is, perhaps, no greater human fault than mankind's ability to wage war. Even after all the death and destruction have passed, there are still by-products that linger on, in the form of misguided perceptions and bitter memories.

Last December, a Los Angeles telecast of the KNXT program "Interface" featured a debate concerning the issue of reparation for the Evacuation internees. On the pro side was a panel consisting of Phil Shigekuni, and James and Dr. Mary Oda. On the opposing side was columnist Lillian Baker, who gained notoriety among many Japanese Americans for her incessant pursuit of establishing a distinction between a "relocation center" and a "concentration camp".

Undoubtedly, Baker had done a lot of research regarding the matter of relocation, constantly referring to her "documentation" which defended the U.S. Government's decision to evacuate and relocate the West Coast Japanese Americans. She also said that she had plenty of detailed evidence to show that the camps were necessary for national security and public safety, as well as pointing out that many Japanese Americans gained some advantages as a result of the Evacuation (such as, better education).

In rebuttal, Shigekuni and the Odas told of their own personal experiences in the centers. Nevertheless, Baker dismissed their evidence, claiming that her documentation told the "real" story.

IN ALL FAIRNESS to Baker, she has the right to her views, even if they strike sensitive chords. However, her perspective and sensitivity are disturbing, as exemplified by some of the questions she posed to the panel:

—"Why don't you more properly ask your parents why they chose to remain at the relocation centers when they could have left?"

—"If you knew your parents and the rest of your family were in 'concentration camps' (quotation hers), why would you (to Shigekuni) have offered to fight for a nation that would do such a thing?"

Unfortunately, the program ran out of time before the panel could respond. A little earlier in the show, Baker asked the most ironic question:

"Where do you begin to pay for the penalty of war?"

Obviously, many Japanese Americans have very strong responses to Baker's questions and many persons have, in the past, debated with her over issues concerning the Evacuation through various letters and articles. So to avoid redundancy, suffice it to say that it tragically appears that Baker is paying her own penalty from the Second World War, by relentlessly engulfing herself in "documentation"; overreacting each time the term "concentration camp" is used in reference to "relocation"; and her obsession with "historical accuracy".

Many Americans would like to forget about past wars, and in particular, the Japanese Americans would like to forget about the climate of hatred and fear that once existed, of which Baker reminds them through her views. The spawns of war do not include Lillian Baker herself, rather, they involve the hostile atmosphere and attitudes that shaped her perspective. Baker is entitled to seek "historical accuracy" regarding the tragic period of the Evacuation, if she must. However, no one should deny all the victims of those grievous days the right to set the record straight as well.

■ In every kind of adversity, the bitterest part of a man's affliction is to remember that he once was happy—Boethius.

JACL Tri-District Conference registration opens

LOS ANGELES—All JACLers, friends, sponsors and "any other warm bodies" were issued an urgent welcome by Dennis Kunisaki, governor of the host Pacific Southwest District Council over the April 3-5 weekend at the Los Angeles Hilton.

Staging of the biennial conference of the JACL chapters is rotated within the three southwestern states of California-Nevada-Arizona in the odd-numbered years with the PSWDC, East Los Angeles and Pan Asian chapters as hosts.

Registration has been set for \$30, but those pre-registering by March 13, an early-bird price of \$20 per person is being offered. The package includes admission to the Friday night mixer, Saturday luncheon, continental breakfasts Saturday and Sunday, and registration for all workshops.

Each district council will stage a workshop. The Pacific Citizen Board is also planning a special workshop.

Los Angeles Hilton has reserved a number of rooms for conference participants on a first come, first serve basis. Rates were announced as \$44 per night, double or single occupancy. However, the room must be reserved directly with the Hilton no later than March 13 at the special rate. Their address is Los Angeles Hilton, 930 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90017. And mention that you will be attending the JACL Tri-District Conference. The Los Angeles Hilton offers direct bus service to and from the airport at a nominal fee.

"LA's the Place....so bring the family," Kunisaki added. District committee is planning to schedule a bus to Disneyland on Saturday and the Los Angeles Hilton is only a stone's throw away from Little Tokyo, Chinatown, Los Angeles Children's Museum, and Olvera Street.

Asians picket racist film

LOS ANGELES—A line of picketers was organized in front of a Hollywood theater which opened the film, "Charlie Chan and the Curse of the Dragon Queen," to protest the racial stereotypes claimed to be presented in the film.

The Feb. 13 demonstration was planned by the Coalition of Asians to Nix Charlie Chan (CAN Charlie Chan) which had also planned demonstrations in San Francisco and New York. CAN Charlie Chan had already claimed some success in persuading TV stations to refuse commercials for the movie, with the exception of one San Francisco station and KNBC in Los Angeles.

The American Cinema production, which stars Peter Ustinov and Angie Dickinson in the title roles, opened in 755 theaters throughout the country on the weekend of Feb. 13.

Here in Los Angeles, coalition spokesman Steve Tatsukawa said that members have seen the movie and read the script. He added, "The image of Charlie Chan himself is antiquated. It was created 50 years ago and resurrected recently. We consider the film an insensitive perpetuation of stereotype."

Tatsukawa said that the coalition was not protesting Ustinov himself. "He is an actor who was offered a professional job and he took it. Our quarrel is with the producer and writers of the film for reviving a racial caricature."

The coalition did note in the handouts they passed out, that the film did not feature any Asians in leading roles, because, in the film industry's opinion, Asians are "not bankable."

Early reviews indicate that the protesters could have ignored the

film. Daily Variety said that Ustinov "belittles his own distinguished career" and the Los Angeles Herald Examiner said the movie has "no real plot" and added "there's little in this frenetic comedy that in all honesty can be seen as an attack on anyone." #

'Hito Hata' week in L.A. a success

LOS ANGELES—The Feb. 6-13 benefit screening of Visual Communication's "Hito Hata: Raise the Banner" closed with a full house. A favorable review in the Los Angeles Times spurred interest in the film as Kevin Thomas observed, "Hito Hata...is a work of love rather than of polished craftsmanship... It (nevertheless) leaves you with a moist eye."

Duane Kubo, co-director of the film, said, "We appreciate all the support and interest shown to 'Hito Hata' and Visual Communications."

Film is scheduled for screening in Washington, D.C., March 22 at Gaston Hall, Georgetown University; and in New York City's Japan House March 28.

Nora Sterry school

LOS ANGELES—Spring classes in conversational Japanese and English as a Second Language are among subjects offered at Nora Sterry Community Lighted School, 1730 Corinth Ave., as a community education project of the L.A. Unified School District. Also planned are field trips to Calico, Death Valley, Las Vegas and Manzanar. For information, call Christine Kitashima, advisory council president (390-1895), or director Sid Yamazaki (477-5729).

"While more information will be announced don't wait to make your reservation," Kunisaki said in conclusion. Be sure you are a part of this fun-filled Tri-District Conference."

Registration is payable to:

East Los Angeles JACL Chapter, Attention: (Mr.) Fuji Yamamoto, treasurer, c/o California First Bank, 850 N. Wilcox Ave., Montebello, CA 90640.

For more information, contact the PSW-JACL Regional Office at (213) 626-4471.

Pan Asian to roast Yuki Shimoda at TDC

LOS ANGELES—Another Pan Asian JACL "roast"—this time for Nisei actor Yuki Shimoda—is being planned in conjunction with the Tri-District Conference (TDC) at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel for Saturday, April 4.

Shimoda, while attending Northwestern University majoring in business, discovered his talents were in the performing arts and launched into dancing with the Chicago Opera Co., then appeared on the Broadway stage in "Teahouse of the August Moon" and "Auntie Mame". Coming to Hollywood, he worked in over 25 films, including "Midway", "MacArthur", "Tamiko" and "Hito Hata"; countless TV appearances in shows such as "Kung Fu", "Police Woman", "Sanford & Son", "Ironside" and "M*A*S*H".

His face has graced many TV commercials including a recent one for Sizzler as an eskimo eating crab legs "like his mother used to make".

Among the star-studded line-up of roasters will be Nobu McCarthy, Pat Morita, Ernest Harada and Sumi Haru.

Tickets are \$30 per person. Checks are payable to Pan Asian JACL, P.O. Box 189, Monterey Park, Ca 91754. For information, call Kathy Chono (213) 261-2969.

Xylophonist Hiraoka recovers

TOKYO—After recovering from a year-and-a-half long battle with cancer, xylophonist Yoichi Hiraoka, 73, will hold a recital to commemorate his 55-year career in May. He will have the support of the Society to Fight Against Cancer of Japan.

Hiraoka's life has been difficult. He had to return to Japan from the U.S. because of World War II, and after the war he went back to the U.S. He discovered he had stomach cancer in late August 1979. (Now a naturalized citizen, he was at one time a San Fernando Valley JACL board member.)

He was operated on in September and after a month in the hospital he started playing the xylophone again.

Hiraoka is looking forward to his recital on May 27 at the Shinjuku Bunka Center.

The doctors warned him that he would die if he did not give up playing the instrument until he was fully recovered, but Hiraoka did not stop. He held a 90-minute recital soon after he left the hospital.

Optimist marathon

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese American Optimist Club is co-sponsor of the "Lite" Marathon Mar. 21 from the Police Academy in Elysian Park to Griffith Park. Get entry forms from Foot Locker stores or Municipal Sports Office, City Hall East (213) 246-5613.

Teenage suspects charged with murder

LOS ANGELES—Two juveniles charged with the murder of Joe Miyoshi of Gardena at his Los Angeles business Jan. 29 were to face trial Feb. 25.

Miyoshi, 66, was shot as he was leaving his auto parts store at Avalon Blvd. and 104th St. He was dead at the scene.

The suspects are each 13 years old and Los Angeles residents, according to police investigators. Detective Jerry Johnson said that the motive was robbery and that the shooting was "gang related." The amount taken is not known, he said.

Witnesses' statements led to the arrests, the police detective said. One of the suspects was arrested the day after the murder and the other on Feb. 2.

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Death Valley

It's the many years here at the PC editor's desk that trains one to look automatically for a Nisei angle in a story, a similar vein for a column, etc., and of late the Asian American connection. Going to Death Valley National Monument over the President Washington

holiday weekend was no different, even though the experience was aimed to be a needed change of pace. The famed Scotty's Castle at the northend of the 200-mile torrid trough was the lure though we also long-nursed a yen to coast down to the lowest elevation in the U.S., 282 ft. below-sea-level at a place called Badwater. (Getting there at 8:30 a.m. was a visual wonder.)

Rather than driving a steady 310 miles from here, we rested overnight in Barstow, 100 miles from Los Angeles and better remembered as a railroad junction. The Mojave River Valley Museum publication, "Barstow: Depots and Harvey Houses" (1980) which we bought in Death Valley, interestingly enough, features on the inside cover a 1911 photograph of the Santa Fe shop crew at Barstow perched on an engine. Of the 40 men in the picture, half of them are Japanese. "Beginning in the late 1890s," the caption reads, "these immigrants served Santa Fe railroad for many years at all its Southern California facilities throughout the Mojave Desert. At Barstow they resided immediately south of the roundhouse in company quarters which later were occupied by a southwestern Indian force from New Mexico and Arizona." Could it be that the Issei population of San Bernardino County in 1910 was greater in the desert rather than in the city and orange fruitbelt of San Bernardino? And if one is to wonder what these Issei railroad shop workers thought about the great expanse of the Mojave Desert, one was tempted to ask the many from Japan sightseeing as we were in Death Valley. (I bet the Hondas were the only family of Japanese ancestry not using Nihongo.)

During the two-hour stay inside the museum at the Death Valley Visitor Center maintained by the National Park Service, it was a pleasant surprise to note a familiar name on the wall as among citizens instrumental in placing the care of perhaps the hottest and driest place in North America (if not the world) in 1930 with NPS: Ralph P. Merritt, who later became the project director at Manzanar. (This might be the Nisei angle.)

Stephen Mather, a borax salesman who was to become the first director of the National Park Service under Pres. Wilson, in 1890 copyrighted the trademark, "Twenty Mule Team" for the Pacific Coast Borax Co., San Francisco. The name and borax are still linked to this day in many a mind. The road needed to get the borax out of Furnace Creek to Mojave (165 miles away) was constructed by almost superhuman (make that read, Chinese) efforts as eighteen mule and two lead horse teams hauled their 36-ton loads. The slick Death Valley brochures assert the effort to be "superhuman", but perusing the heavier history books of Death Valley, one finds the Chinese literally picked out the ruts through craggy saltbeds in the valley for the huge steel-rimmed wagon wheels, scraped and smoothed the roadbed for the teams. When it rained (which, admittedly was not often), the road had to be reconstituted as the water had dissolved the saltbeds.

On the west side of the valley in the snow-covered mountains are the best preserved man-made relics: ten charcoal kilns built in 1877 at the 7,000-foot elevation in midst of the pinion pines and juniper. Folklore has it the Chinese built these beehive-looking structures. But a Death Valley historian observes it was unlikely unskilled labor was employed. The kilns are in perfect alignment, all alike to the naked eye in height and shape. The base is thick and the wall narrows toward the top forming two parabolic curves—a precise mathematical figure which has some startling properties. It was a steady climb of six miles (the last two over dirt road) to the kilns to discover what these properties were: the wave-concentrating marvel of a parabola, which is best detected by standing inside the kiln in the middle and then saying a few words. It's a 360-degree stereo echo. What would have Patty's flute music sounded like inside the kiln, we now wonder.

There's a personal aside to Scotty's Castle we can add—since nothing inside suggests a Nisei angle. Its designer-builder, C.A. MacNeille (1924-1931), had offices at 627 S. Carondelet, Los Angeles. That was around the corner and across the street from where my uncle ran a dry cleaning establishment about that time. The area west of Westlake Park was remembered as a haven for artists and bohemians.

One final aside: weather inside Death Valley was superb—no wind, temperature at 83 was the warmest for 1981, dipping into the 40s by dawn. By comparison, Los Angeles was having a heat wave in the high 80s. For a change, it was cooler in Death Valley than in Ellay ... This was a real change of pace, despite those links that keep PC together. #

● Hohri's letter

Editor:

My attention has been called to William Hohri's letter (PC, Jan. 16, 1981) in which I am listed as a "victim" of alleged JACL plagiarism in connection with prepared statements for Congressional hearings. I do not feel victimized.

I have never been regarded as bashful or timid and if my work had been appropriated for someone's personal profit or for a cause which I opposed I would have screamed to high heaven, but since I not only publicly supported the Commission bill but also the long overdue tangible redress which I hope results from it, I have no objection whatsoever to the use of my work.

In fact, I would have been unhappy if it hadn't been used.

ROGER DANIELS

Seattle

Professor Daniels was visiting Seattle at the time he wrote this letter. He is chairman of the Univ. of Cincinnati Dept. of History and author of several books, including "Concentration Camps, U.S.A.: Japanese Americans and World War II" (1971) and "The Decision to Relocate the Japanese Americans" (Philadelphia: Lippincott, \$3.25, 1975), the latter being one of the handiest references we have encountered on the subject with narrative, analysis and source documents galore.—Ed.

● 'Asian Images'

Editor:

The "Black Japanese" article (Feb. 6 PC "Asian Images") was wonderful, full of expression by the children of an interracial marriage. (Christine Hall) also wrote about her parents in a sensitive and understanding way of their problems with society. Reading that one article was worth a year's subscription to the PC.

I agree with Dr. Hall in that serious and professional presentation of articles of this nature is a must.

VICKY MIKESSELL
Dayton JACL

● Holiday Issue

Editor:

The magnificent 1980 PC Holiday Issue was packed full with gems and ingeniously topped by the Biography of Kyutaro Abiko and the Saga of Will Adams.

I am a 65-year-old Nisei, an alumna of Tanforan and Topaz. Each week I read the PC with much interest, sharing it with my husband. Our 21-year-old son is just beginning to show interest in Nikkei affairs.

Thank you for the great job you are doing and for your part in stimulating us to carry our responsibilities towards achieving better understanding.

YONE KENNEDY
Yonkers, N.Y.

● On Being Somebody

Editor:

"A Point Of View" by Judge Bill Marutani, (PC, Feb. 13), was indeed timely.

At this particular time when "Redress" is going full steam ahead, it is well for some of us to remember that "white citizens of our country are not the only Americans".

Although I left my beloved Hawaii 30 years ago, I thank God that my parents settled in Hawaii. Growing up in Hawaii has left me relatively free of hang-ups. We knew early on that we could pursue our dreams...that is, if we walked the straight and narrow standards set up by our parents.



REDRESS PHASE 3: by John Tateishi



San Francisco

Taking leave of anything to which you have a strong attachment or strong commitment is always difficult, but circumstances sometimes necessitate and even dictate certain actions. Because this is true in my own case, I have resigned my position as Chairman of the National Committee for Redress.

I do so because of personal considerations and because I face a rather unknown future. Because I must now devote my energies to seeking a new career, I can no longer give commitment of time which I've been able to give for the past 2½ years, and chairing the Redress Committee, heading up the campaign, takes an enormous amount of time to do the issue justice.

From my vantage point, I have come to understand this as an extremely complex issue with varying degrees of implications and subtleties, and with very difficult and

Our goal was not to emulate the whites, but to be somebody. Some made it, some didn't. But, what the heck, not everyone's perfect.

We saw the whites as "good haoles" or "pupule haoles". It was as simple as that.

We grew up knowing "what we were" and "who we were". So, dear friend, learn to like yourself, and you will never again think of yourself as a second-class citizen.

Once you have learned to genuinely like yourself—you will have the world by its tail.

M. YAMANAKA ISEKE
Palo Alto, Ca.

Letting Go!

complex emotions. What it needs is someone who can harness all of the diverse factors, to shape and develop the campaign and nurture it to its fruition. I had envisioned a very thorough, intricate and professional presentation by the JACL at the Commission hearings, which would reveal facts that would assure our case, and I feel that we have gotten so close to approaching that. But it's still going to take great devotion and time to complete the work. Because I feel so strongly about this particular issue, my conscience would not rest easy were I not able to devote to it what is necessary.

Admittedly, my tenure as the chair has had its difficult moments but I have never faltered in my belief in the principles of the issue. I'm convinced and have been all along that we will succeed in our efforts, just as I have always been convinced that we have not digressed from the principle and moral integrity of the issue. I reject those who

would criticize us for our decision to accept the Commission, and I reject those within our own ranks who feel the need to be apologists. Their views are simplistic and naive and do not comprehend the broader complexities of the issue. It is not our individual egos that are at stake here, but a moral principle, and a damned important one. And it's because I've believed so strongly in that principle that I have given myself to this issue. But circumstances now necessitate that I bring my tenure to a close.

Consequently, I have chosen to step down. I leave regretting only that I will not have the opportunity to participate in the final act of a drama in which I have been so much a part, and which has been so much a part of me. But I am proud of what we were able to accomplish and, I'm sure, would have been even prouder to witness the denouement of the drama that is ours.

We have been given the opportunity to tell our story to America. Let us not fail in this. #

35 Years Ago

February 23, 1946

Feb. 1—442nd RCT marks third anniversary pulling guard duty in Leghorn, Italy.

Feb. 11—U.S. court in Seattle reinstates citizenship of Miyoko Fujioka (first person to regain status in Seattle since 1941), a Nisei who had married her Issei husband in 1921, thus losing citizenship.

Feb. 12—Wyoming U.S. judge orders release of seven Heart Mountain draft evaders as case is dismissed.

Feb. 16—War Dept. investigating Honolulu Star Bulletin report charging Nisei Army volunteer discriminated in assignment of duties at Camp Beale, Ca.; had enlisted for Army Air Force but transferred to Quartermaster Corps.

in the Pacific Citizen

Feb. 16—Nisei war veteran (Karl Yoneda) wins long fight for San Francisco waterfront job as longshoreman.

Feb. 18—Gen. Eisenhower touring Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, Denver, chatting with 442nd Nisei wounded vet (T-4 Saige Nishioka, Hood River, Ore.), remarks he and his buddies had "charged too many machine guns in Italy instead of sneaking up on them".

Feb. 22—Nisei scientist Otto Uyehara credited with co-discovery in Diesel research (measuring rapidly changing temperatures in operating cylinder) at Univ. of Wisconsin mechanical engineering department.

Feb. 23—Ickes resignation as Sec. of Interior recalls his blistering battle against West Coast bigots in staunch defense of Nisei.

WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ron Ikejiri

Welcome Aboard... Best Regards



ment of a national agenda of issues.

In my past dealings with the new executive director, I have observed that Ron's strength centers around his ability to work with various groups of people and pull together their finest strengths. As JACL seeks a redefinition and refocus of its goals and programs, this particular leadership trait will be a most welcome and tested commodity. Welcome aboard, Ron!

Washington

With the announcement of Ron Wakabayashi as the newly appointed National Director of JACL, the organization will be able to focus, in earnest, on its internal affairs and thereby set the stage for an extensive community outreach program and the development of a national agenda of issues.

DURING THIS transition period, it would be appropriate to express to the acting national director, J.D. Hokoyama, a note of appreciation and thankfulness for his personal leadership and commitment in managing the day-to-day affairs of the organization for the past eight months.

Under difficult and sometimes trying situations, J.D. has consistently shown an even-handed and fair attitude toward the administration of JACL operations. Best regards to J.D. to his future endeavors.

FOR THE JACL membership, now is the time to pull out all of our positive strengths to become active and to participate in the issues program which will face JACL and the Japanese American community in the months ahead. Let us begin to work together now.... #

Stockton JACL to celebrate its 50th Anniversary

Celebrating its fiftieth year, the Stockton chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League is one of 111 chapters and carries out its activities at the local level. In addition, the chapter is devoted to carrying out the functions and duties of the National JACL, which works to promote human and civil rights for all Americans, as well as to promote the interests of Japanese Americans and preserve their heritage.

With a membership of over 400, the Stockton chapter's activities include:

—Seven annual scholarships to deserving high school graduates and a Delta College Foreign student.

—Sponsorship of two high school representatives to the presidential classroom in Washington D.C.

—Future sponsorship of two high school students to a Youth Leadership Seminar.

—Sponsorship of annual athletic events.

—Outings, picnics and parties for members and senior citizens.

—In cooperation with the Japanese community of San

Joaquin County, the chapter was instrumental in raising funds for the Mickle Grove Japanese Garden, Pixie Woods Japanese Garden and beautification of Lake McCleod's seawall with cherry trees as a contribution to the Bicentennial.

The Golden Anniversary celebration for the Stockton chapter will be held Feb. 28 at the Stockton Buddhist Church. #

'Record' early backer for Issei naturalization

The Stockton "Record" was among the early supporters of JACL's efforts for Issei naturalization in California, when it editorially backed the 1947 Judd Bill.

The Stockton newspaper noted that the Judd measure was in keeping with previous naturalization legislation approved by Congress in 1943 and 1946 in which citizenship was granted to the Chinese, Filipinos and East Indians and said that the "consistency calls for the elimination of all discrimination" in immigration and naturalization laws. It emphasized that there need be no fear of a flood of immigration from the Orient as a result of the Judd measure.

"Aside from the fact that the United States remains the only major power which still indulges in the anachronism of racial discrimination as regards citizenship, there are two important reasons why the bill should become law," the Record declared. "In addition to the loss of Federal rights of citizenship, these people are victims of related alien land in 12 states. Because of the status of their parents, native-born Americans find their rights and privileges clouded."

"The second reason involves the prestige and influence of the United States abroad. During the war the Japanese enemy used the American discrimination policy as a powerful propaganda weapon. The policy continues to be a sore spot which anti-democratic governments are probing successfully in psychological cold warfare which seeks to discredit the United States."

"Democracy in the United States," the editorial concluded, "will take on a new meaning to millions of persons when they no longer are prevented at least from aspiring to American citizenship."

DANIEL A. O'BRIEN
MAYOR

'Someplace Special'

Japanese American Citizens League
Stockton, California

Greetings:

I am pleased to send greetings on behalf of the Stockton City Council and myself for your "Golden" Anniversary.

Stockton is a proud community, rich in culture and the Japanese citizens are an important part of the community. For fifty years JACL has helped to make Stockton, and communities like ours, to be a better place to live and work. Together, we can continue to make "Stockton . . . Someplace Special" and I look forward to many, many more years of prosperity.

Best wishes for a memorable "Golden" Anniversary.

Daniel A. O'Brien

Elizabeth Humbargar honored at county fete

Among the 11 San Joaquin County women who were honored at the Sixth Annual Susan B. Anthony Banquet (Feb. 14) was Elizabeth M. Humbargar, the retired Delta College and Stockton High School teacher. She was nominated by the Stockton JACL in the area of Community Services.

Miss Humbargar has dedicated her life to helping minority students and to combating racial prejudice, especially against that which was directed against persons of Japanese ancestry.

After graduating from the University of Kansas at Lawrence, Ks., Miss Humbargar taught at the old Stockton High School in 1923. She became interested in assisting some Kibei students in learning English and in 1930 organized a Japanese club at Stockton High School, advising minority students and encouraging them to finish high school and continue on to college.

When World War II broke out, Miss Humbargar vigorously protested the Evacuation both vocally and through letters of protest to many influential people; so much so that the FBI started to investigate her. She continued to counsel and assist students in the Stockton Assembly Center, doing whatever she could to help, while maintaining her job as a teacher at Stockton High School.

During the difficult period of relocation, she organized a committee of local citizens to greet and help the returning Japanese Americans to the Stockton area. Miss Humbargar aided the resettlers in finding jobs and housing, despite some criticism and even threats from many Cali-

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CLIFF'S CORNER: by Dr. Clifford Uyeda

Anniversaries

San Francisco

In this issue there is a PC first—a chapter anniversary special. The idea originated with our editor, Harry Honda. The Stockton chapter is the first to implement the idea.

Many chapters will be celebrating anniversaries in the months and years ahead. Pages devoted to specific chapter will be an excellent opportunity for the national membership to learn more in detail about the history and functions of certain chapters.

Printing of these extra pages (approximately \$7 per M for additional four pages—Ed.) will be covered by support of local advertisers—Stockton in this issue. The contents in these anniversary specials will depend on the articles submitted by the chapters. JACL chapter histories are varied and fascinating. Interest among PC readers, we believe, will be high. Chapter highlights will recognize those who are the key to the effectiveness of our organization—our grassroots leaders.

We hope that the anniversary specials will become a popular feature in the PC.

While PC finance will be helped by the ad revenue, an attractive arrangement can be offered by the PC to the chapters. Those interested in utilizing the new PC feature should contact our editor for details. #



Pacific Citizen Archives

25 YEARS AGO (1956)—Newly-installed Stockton JACL president Richard Yoshikawa (now a San Joaquin County supervisor, seated with the women officers while the men officers stand behind them) is a photographer by trade. Over the years, he has contributed most of the Stockton JACL photographs to the PC. This, however, was taken by his friend Schmidt in Tracy. Pictured are (from left): standing—Yoichi Agari, Tad Yanagi, Frank Shinoda, Dr David Fujishige '58, Ed Yoshikawa '61, George Baba '54, '59, '77-'79, Ted Ishihara; seated—Mary Yamashiro, Toyo Ijuin, Richard Yoshikawa, Mitsuye Kamimura, Alice Tsunekawa and Terry Yamaguchi. (The years after some of the names indicate when they were Stockton JACL president.)

Those who led the chapter . . .

STOCKTON JACL

29-32—Records missing
33—Dr Roy S Morimoto
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36—James Okino
37—Stewart Nakano
38—Dr. Roy S. Morimoto
39—Ted Murikitani
40—Dr Charles Ishizu
41—Al Kawasaki
42—Stewart Nakano
Reactivated Sept. 22, 1946
47—Joe Omachi
48—Jun Agari

49-50—Jack Matsumoto
51—Yoshimi Terashita
52—Hiroshi Morita
53—Sam Itaya
54—George Baba
55—Henry Kusama
56—Richard Yoshikawa
57—Lou Tsunekawa
58—Dr David Fujishige
59—George Baba
60—Ted Kamibayashi
61—Ed Yoshikawa
62—Dr Ken Fujii
63—Bill Shima
64-65—Dr Kengo Terashita

66—Sam Itaya
67—George Y Matsumoto
68—Gary Hagio
69-70—Tsugio Kubota
71—Dr James M Tanaka
72-74—Ted Yoneda
75-76—Mabel Okubo
77-79—George Baba
80-81—Ruby Dobana
AUXILIARY
(Organized in 1964)
64—Sumi Murashima
65—Mitzie Baba
66—Ruby Dobana
67—Yone Nakashima

68—May Saiki
69—Mary Kusama
70—Mabel Okubo
71—Marion Masada
72—Ruth Oda
73-75—Mitzie Baba
JR. JACL-JAYS
(Organized in 1965)
65-66—Russell Kusama
67—Aeko Yoshikawa
68—Gary Fujino
69—Phillip Gotanda
70—Carol R Yamada
71—Susan Nitta
72—George Watanabe

STOCKTON CHAPTER CHRONOLOGY

Stockton JACL's chronology through its first 20 years is sketchy, basically consisting of the names of chapter presidents and the reactivation date of Sept. 22, 1946, after being inactive during World War II. Highlights since 1953 are noted from the chapter minutes. Many programs are traditional (*) because of the season and listed once marked with an asterisk.

1953

Issei citizenship graduation. First chapter newsletter. Presentation of the book, *Americans: the Story of the 442nd Combat Team*, to public libraries. Hosting NC-WNDC Convention, Nov. 7-8, at Civic Auditorium. *Children's Christmas party.

1954

*Installation. *Benefit movie. *Community picnic. *Nisei Olympics team. *Operation Voters". Muir Beach outing.

1955

New Issei citizens honored during installation banquet. *Basketball, bowling teams. *Japan Night & Pageant of Nations program at County Fair. *New Year's dance.

1956

Susan Shiba crowned Stockton JACL queen. Group insurance. Group ballroom dance class.

1957-59

*Nisei War Memorial services. Sister City Shimizu ceremony ('57). Fund drive for Japanese garden at Mickle Grove. First JACL Silver Pin awardees: Harry Hayashino and Mitzie Baba ('59).

1960

"Japan Night" at State Fair televised (Ch. 6).

1961

Silver Pin awardee: George Baba.

1962

*Japanese History Project un-

derway. *First JACL local scholarship in memory of Shokichi Ishimaru awarded to Kiyo Akabe.

1963

Auxiliary organized. Silver Pin awardee: Fred Dobana.

1964

First Auxiliary president: Sumi Murashima.

1965-66

Jr. JACL elects Russell Kusama first president ('66). Sapphire Pin awardee: George Baba.

1967-69

First meeting of Elizabeth Humbargar Scholarship fund drive ('69). Wakamatsu Colony Centennial celebrations.

1970

Testimonial dinner for Miss Humbargar and surprise gift of a trip to Japan; first Humbargar scholarship awarded to Julia Yamaoka. *San Joaquin County Spring Festival at Mickle Grove. Stockton Jr. JACLers attending Nat'l JACL Convention at Chicago assaulted by unknown assailant inside hotel; Evelyn Okubo was murdered, Carol Ranko Yamada was severely injured.

1971-72

Boy Scout Troop 136 organized. *JACL chapter golf tournament.

1973

"Nippon no Yoru" benefit for Pixie Wood. Silver Pin awardee: Ruby Dobana.

1974

JACLer Richard Yoshikawa becomes first Nisei county supervisor in California. *Presidential Classroom for Young Americans.

1975

San Joaquin Delta Community College dedicates science-agriculture building as George Shima Center, named for the Issei farmer who was the "Potato King" during the first World War.

1976

First JACL-Hayashi Law Scholarship won by Derrick Takeuchi. U.S. Bicentennial project: Sakura Matsuri for the beautification of McCleod Lake. Assisted senior citizen I.D. card drive. Silver pin awardees: George Matsumoto, Mary Kusama.

1977

City Recreation Dept.'s recognition of chapter contributions.

1978

Reception for Elizabeth Humbargar, conferred the 4th Order of Sacred Treasure from Japan.

1979

JACL-Hayashi Law Scholarship goes to Kevin Takeuchi. Book, *Yankee Samurai*, donated to public libraries.

1980

Okubo-Yamada incident settled with hotel; families donate \$5,000 to Nat'l JACL Assist Univ. of Pacific host Japan girl's volleyball team. *1000 Club whing ding. Silver pin awardees: Henry Kusama, Mabel Okubo, Bill Shima.

1981

First JACL chapter nationally to initiate PC's Chapter Anniversary Specials.

All-out hustle

From the Oct. 1947 Reports Column by Masao Satow, Acting National Secretary: The Stockton chapter has demonstrated what all-out support to JACL means. Under president Joe Omachi, the members not only hustled generous financial support, but went out after a PC-in-every-home and signed up every Nisei 18 years and over to increase membership to 254. As in prewar days, we find that our strongest numerical strength is in Northern California with the most chapters and one third of our total National Membership.



Pacific Citizen Archives

1967 CHAPTER HONOREE—Stockton JACL Certificate of Appreciation is presented during the 1967 installation to Elizabeth Humbargar by George Matsumoto, '67 pres; Ruby Dobana '80, and Yone Nakashima, Auxiliary pres. Three years later, Nat'l JACL conferred its own Certificate of Recognition to Humbargar, school teacher; and Japanese Government in 1978 conferred its 4th Class Order of the Sacred Treasure for her many years of friendship and assistance in the Japanese people.

SCHOLARS

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fornians who wanted to keep the Japanese out.

She helped reactivate the Stockton Chapter of the JACL and helped to repeal the Alien Land Law and other unfair deportation laws as well. Miss

Humbargar also worked to put into effect laws that would mean citizenship for the Issei and claims from the evacuation.

In 1978, she was awarded the Fourth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure of Japan. Miss Humbargar is indeed a true friend of Japanese American citizens. #

Stockton JACL Scholarship Recipients

(Boldface Names Won National JACL Awards)

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|---|--|
| 1961
Rodney Omachi (Edison)-Masaka Memorial | 1975
Robert Tokunaga (Stagg)-E. Humbargar |
| 1967
Elizabeth Shima (Stagg)-James Michener | Debra L. Matsuo (Stagg)-E. Humbargar |
| 1968
Nelson Nagai (Edison)-Sumitomo Bank | Yoriko Yamada (Delta)-E. Humbargar |
| Donna Sato (Franklin)-JACL local | Naotoshi Goto (Delta)-E. Humbargar |
| Carol Tsunekawa (Edison)-JACL local | Kenneth Tokunaga (E. Union)-Sumitomo |
| 1969
Wendy Dobana (Edison)-JACL local | Judy K. Okita (Edison)-JACL local |
| Nancy Baba (Edison)-JACL local | Linda Higashi (Edison)-JACL local |
| 1970
Bruce Watanabe-Nobe Memorial (Graduate) | 1976
Frank Fukuhara (Franklin)-E. Humbargar |
| Julia Yamaoka (Franklin)-Kenji Kasai/E. Humbargar | James Nakashima (Lodi)-E. Humbargar |
| Mathew Shiroma (Lodi)-JACL local | Keiko Kurakazu (Stagg)-E. Humbargar |
| Kenny Nishikawa (Stagg)-JACL local | Alice Chuw (Delta)-E. Humbargar |
| 1971
Ann Omachi (Stagg)-E. Humbargar | Bobby Okazaki (Tracy)-Sumitomo Bank |
| Nobuyuki Fukumoto (Delta)-E. Humbargar | Ralph Ono (Edison)-JACL local |
| Alice Pollock (Franklin)-JACL local | Merriann Muroka (Edison)-JACL local |
| Susan Kasa (Franklin)-Gongoro Nakamura | 1977
David Ota (E. Union)-E. Humbargar |
| Wendy Kobayashi (Edison)-JACL local | Kenji Armstrong (Stagg)-E. Humbargar |
| Susan Fujihara (Edison)-JACL local | Janice Higashi (Edison)-Sumitomo Bank |
| 1972
Steve Suzuki (Stagg)-E. Humbargar | Russell Aoyama (Edison)-Fred Dobana |
| Thanh Ky Luw (Delta)-E. Humbargar | Grace Saito (Edison)-JACL local |
| Kathleen Takahashi (Franklin)-JACL local | Todd Murakami (Stagg)-JACL local |
| Gail Tanabe (Lodi)-JACL local | Reiko Kurakazu (Stagg)-JACL local |
| 1973
Laurie Dobana (Edison)-E. Humbargar | Alice Chiu (Delta)-E. Humbargar |
| Anthony Wan (Delta)-E. Humbargar | 1978
Brenda Nakayama (Tokay)-E. Humbargar |
| Susan Kasa (Franklin)-Gongoro Nakamura | Michael Masada (Edison)-E. Humbargar |
| Curtis Endow (Edison)-JACL local | David Fukuhara (Franklin)-Sumitomo Bank |
| Stephanie Oka (Stagg)-JACL local | Michael Morodomi (Stagg)-F. Dobana Mem. |
| 1974
Linda Kato (St. Mary)-E. Humbargar/PCYA | Nancy Takemoto (Stagg)-F. Dobana Mem. |
| Deborah Saiki (Edison)-E. Humbargar | Alan Fuji (Stagg)-JACL local |
| Lucia Cheung (Delta)-E. Humbargar | Bruce Saitow (Franklin)-JACL local |
| Norio Watanabe (Edison)-JACL local | Chan Kam-Hung (Delta)-E. Humbargar |
| Emi Nozuka (Stagg)-JACL local | 1979
Julie Sakai (Stagg)-E. Humbargar |
| Robert Kenmotsu (Stagg)-JACL local | Kathryn Kitagawa (Edison)-E. Humbargar |
| Candice Kamibayashi (Stagg)-JACL local | Kathryn Fujii (Lincoln)-F. Dobana Mem. |
| Patti Hiramoto (Lodi)-JACL local | Suzette Takahashi (Franklin)-Sumitomo Bank |
| | Curterina McGee (Edison)-JACL local |
| | Susan Murakami (Edison)-JACL local |
| | Lance Matsune (Stagg)-JACL local |
| | Caryn Shimada (Stagg)-JACL local/PCYA |
| | Shari Kurita (Edison)-JACL local/PCYA |
| | Ryne Kamibayashi (Edison)-JACL local |



ELIZABETH HUMBARGAR AWARD—Stockton JACL honors a longtime friend and counselor, Elizabeth Humbargar (right), by naming the chapter's top scholarship in recognition of her dedication to help minorities, especially the Issei-Nisei during WW2. She had protested the 1942 Evacuation as well assisting evacuees during the wartime and postwar years. Julia Yamaoka (left) was the first recipient in 1970.

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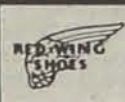
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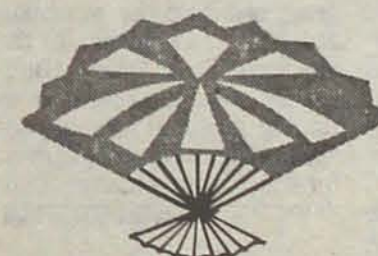
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1959 SILVER PIN AWARDEES—Being congratulated by Akiji Yoshimura (left) of Marysville JACL, nat'l 1st v.p., and Nat'l Director Mas Satow are Issei leader Harry Hayashino, Girl Scouts organizer Mitzie Baba who were awarded the Nat'l JACL Silver Pin; and Ruby Dobana, a gold pin for faithful service to the chapter.



1969 PAST PRESIDENT—Nat'l Director Mas Satow pins the JACL Past President's Pin upon Stockton JACL's 1968 president Dr. Dave Fujishige at the '69 installation emceed by Kats Nagai (seated). Those who completed additional years in office were given other suitable awards.



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History of the Stockton, Calif., Issei - 1890 to 1935

Then a practicing attorney and member of the Stockton JACL, Congressman Norman D. Shumway (R-Cal.) is the author of this piece, "History of the Stockton, Calif., Issei", which appeared in the 1969 Holiday Issue. The Stockton chapter celebrating its 50th year has through the years honored the Issei in their midst. One of them, Kinji Ushijima of Fukuoka-ken, was a prominent Issei personality who is remembered in Japanese American history as George Shima, the "Potato King". (The PC would appreciate hearing from anyone who can lead us to a comprehensive biography on this man for publication in a future Holiday Issue.—Ed.)

By NORMAN D. SHUMWAY
(Member, Stockton JACL)

STOCKTON—The Japanese population of the City of Stockton and its immediate vicinity has, as its humble beginning, the encampment of a handful of Issei settlers in the early 1890s. There had been, as early as 1888, a settlement of Issei in the town of Valley Springs, situated some 30 miles from Stockton. There were even earlier settlements elsewhere in California. But Stockton, eventually to become a major stopping place, was not among the earliest sites to attract Japanese immigrants.

From the few original inhabitants, Stockton's Issei population, made up primarily of male adults, increased rapidly. According to later accounts, the first Japanese woman resident of Stockton did not settle there until 1903. It is most likely, however, that the area surrounding Stockton, being devoted entirely to agriculture, attracted the greater number of Japanese, and, among them, many female Issei.

In any event, by the year 1903 Stockton purportedly had one of the major Japanese communities on the western seaboard. In 1912 there were 4,322 Japan-born persons in the general area; in 1922 Issei numbered 3,300; and in 1935 the total was approximately 3,000.

At the outbreak of World War II, Stockton, with 1,725 foreign-born and 2,759 local-born Japanese in its vicinity, was ninth among the cities of the United States in its Japanese population.

Delta Farming

The early settlers came, in large part, from Japan's Aichi-ken. They had been farmers in their own country and migrated to America seeking opportunities to use their skills in taming and developing the soils here.

The Stockton area was surrounded on three sides by fertile farms and orchards, most of which were already owned and cultivated by local farmers. But on its western periphery was situated an immense delta formed by the confluence of the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers. This delta was subject to tidal flow and consisted almost entirely of tules and reeds.

Yet it contained some of the richest peat soil to be found anywhere in the world and offered unlimited possibilities in agriculture. Stockton's delta was therefore most attractive to the Issei who already knew how to farm, and who were, by birthright, industrious and hard-working.

Believing they would eventually return to their native land, only few of the early settlers sought to purchase the property which they farmed. They were content to rent or lease their farm lands, and many who achieved rapid success did, in fact, return to Japan. However, many of the offspring of the original settlers, or Nisei, had less desire to journey to Japan, and commencing about 1910, bought their farm lands.

The Alien Land Law, prohibiting most Japanese ownership of land, was not enacted until 1923. By this time, the Japanese had thoroughly established themselves as successful farmers, raising primarily potatoes, onions and rice.

'Potato King'

Noteworthy among these early inhabitants of the delta was Kinji Ushijima, better known as George Shima.



1970 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS—NC-WNDC Gov. Dr. Kengo Terashita ('64-'65 pres.) hands awards to the 1970 chapter scholarship winners at the Graduates' Luncheon. They are Kenny Nishikawa (left) of Stagg High and Matthew Shiroma, Lodi High.



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George Shima (c. 1925)

George Shima, from Fukuoka-ken, arrived in the United States in 1889. Starting out as a laborer, and becoming a labor contractor, Shima eventually leased 15 acres of reclaimed land in the delta. He was most successful and rapidly added to his holdings, so that by 1909 he was widely known as "The Potato King."

In subsequent years he dredged out marsh waters and reclaimed his own farmland in the delta, and at various times operated on 19 islands consisting of over 62,000 acres. Most of the produce from the Shima farms was transported by barge to Stockton where it had a wide distribution.

When he died in 1926, Shima's estate was estimated to be in excess of \$15,000,000 although he was still an alien ineligible for citizenship. His success in developing great portions of the delta by building dikes and draining off nearly stagnant waters, and later plowing by means of a steam engine, has to rank among one of the most significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of the Stockton area. As a memorial to him, a prominent island in the delta still bears the name "Shima Tract".

First Issei Merchants

Not all the early settlers were farmers. In 1894 Stockton had its first Japanese merchants, a retailer of bamboo wares. By 1912 it was estimated that there were 200 stores or business enterprises owned and operated by Japanese in the area.

Among these businesses were listed barbers, laundry operators, food and dry goods merchants, hotel and restaurant proprietors, medical doctors, cooks, and financiers. In large part, they were located in the area bounded by South Center Street, East Lafayette Street, South San Joaquin Street, and East Market Street.

The Stockton Japanese established in 1900 a Nihonjin Kai or Japanese People's Association. This organization was followed in later years by associations representing each of the geographical areas in Japan from which the early settlers came. Schools were established at an early date for the training of Japanese children. The purpose of the Issei in associating themselves and setting up schools was to preserve the language and culture of their native land inasmuch as most of them did intend to return.

In 1895 a Japanese Christian church was founded in Stockton, with a Christian Mission being established in 1897. In 1906 a Buddhist church was organized with 29 charter members. It obtained its first permanent building in 1910.

In 1908 an amateur theatre group was organized which produced a Japanese-style play in the spring and fall of each year, no doubt for primarily Japanese audiences.

Issei Air Pilot

An example of the adventuresome spirit of the early settlers was the operation by a young Issei in early 1918 of a bi-wing, pusher-type airplane. The airplane had been flown over the Panama Canal and brought to Stockton by two Japanese pilots. Its local operator, however, crashed and lost his life while attempting to qualify for a pilot's license. Nevertheless, at that early year and at a time when other obstacles were almost insurmountable, the young pilot displayed the courage and ingenuity which was an earmark of the Japanese immigrants.

Stockton and its general area owes much to the Japanese settlers and appreciates this opportunity to recognize their achievements and to commend their heritage and culture. Their story is one of great significance in the history of Stockton and their efforts have contributed to the abundant growth and prosperous economy of Stockton and its delta area.

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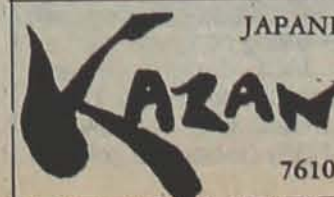
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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Of Stamps, Hayakawa and Aliens in Japan

Denver, Colo.

It seems my friend Zeke Scher was barking up the wrong war with his Japanese postage stamps. You may recall that a couple of weeks ago in this space I told how Scher, then an 18-year-old GI, had been assigned to Tokyo a few weeks after the end of World War II. One day a postal official who apparently mistook Scher for an important Occupation official gave him some Japanese stamps. Scher put the stamps away and found them again just recently.

A friend said the Japanese characters printed on the stamps read "Teki Koku Kofuku," which translates to "Enemy Country Surrenders." We wondered if the stamps had been printed in anticipation of victory in World War II, and had been hidden away when Japan was defeated.

Editor Harry Honda sent a proof of that story to Jin Konomi, whose Moshi-Moshi column in this newspaper has been a treasury of Japanese history. That was the right thing to do because the stamps proved to be no mystery to the erudite Mr. Konomi.

It seems that Japan's 90th emperor, Kameyama (1259-1274), produced 37 tablets, writing with gold paint on

dark blue paper, which were preserved at the Hakozaeki Hachiman shrine near Fukuoka where Jin Konomi spent much of his boyhood. One of the tablets was reproduced on the stamps Scher was given. The original probably was created in connection with the threatened Mongol invasion of Japan seven centuries ago and Konomi says the four characters seem to be an imperative rather than an indicative sentence. "Enemy Country, Surrender!" would seem to be a more accurate translation.

So now you know, and until a better interpretation comes along, we'll accept Jin Konomi's explanation as authentic.

CONGRESSIONAL INSIGHT, a weekly Washington newsletter published by Congressional Quarterly Inc., reported recently that "they're lining up to run for S.I. Hayakawa's seat in the Senate." The newsletter says:

"The California Republican hasn't said he's retiring in 1982 after one term in the Senate, but many California politicians seem to think he will. He is 73 and is plagued by news reports of dozing off in the Senate at times. Many think President Reagan will offer Hayakawa an ambassadorship to clear the way for a more vigorous GOP candidate. That list includes Reagan's daughter, Maureen. Reagan's successor, Gov. Jerry Brown (D), also may run."

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

Ethnic 'Hara-Kiri'

Philadelphia



IN YEARS PAST I've had occasion to work with, and within, a number of ethnic groups. (I say "within" because in a number of instances, I would be the only one who was not of the same race or ethnicity of the particular group.) From these experiences I'd observed, on more than one occasion, a phenomenon that left me both puzzled and frustrated: it was the proclivity of the ethnic group to engage in internecine squabbling, almost at the outset, while the common goal was left unattended. On at least two instances that I now recall, I attempted to intercede as a peacemaker to bring the two factions together so that we could get started on the reason for our being. In both instances, I conferred separately with the factions, spoke somewhat bluntly to each, and then was heartened to see that the factions would back off and be willing to speak to one another and work together. But only for a while.

TO THIS DAY I personally do not comprehend this phenomenon. Why is it, what is there about minorities, that they do not seem to be able to focus upon the greater common goal so that they would be willing to set aside petty differences and achieve that common goal? Why do they have, or seem to have, this propensity for self-suicide, for ethnic *hara-kiri*? Why are they so hyper-critical of one of their own, while seemingly ignoring the depredations of others? Perhaps some socio-psychologist can provide the reason, but then that is inadequate because the reason alone does not lead to a solution. It is the solution that is important, not simply the reason.

I GUESS WE Nisei are sufficiently sophisticated and wise not to permit ourselves to get side-tracked into internecine sniping and squabbling while our common problems continue to be left unattended to grow even larger. Surely we have seen, heard and experienced enough in our lifetimes, we have sufficiently grown, that we would not be given to petty bickering, intent upon seeking to destroy the other. I sincerely hope so.

BUT IF THERE be those cynics bent upon engaging in sniping, squabbling and sabotaging—one would be well-advised to simply apply his/her energies toward getting the work done to achieve the major goal, and not get drawn into skirmishes. This is not to suggest, of course, that constructive criticism is to be ignored; but I've seen just enough of this ethnic *hara-kiri* to recognize it when I see it. And it's always sadly tragic whenever I see it. I choose not to participate in such. #

Letterbox

Redress Hearings

Editor:

Many Americans prefer to think that the 111,000 Japanese Americans were incarcerated during WWII for self-protection and humane treatment, and that the Nisei went to fight in appreciation. This seems to be the official line taught in public school history classes. In one case that I know of, a Yonsei student who stubbornly took exception to this line of interpretation and dared to describe camp life as explained by her mother was told to report to the principals' office for reprimand.

As I talk to more and more white Americans, I realize we have a huge task before us: the task of molding public opinion. We have remained silent too long. The pub-

lic has forgotten or many are too young to know. Meanwhile written history is twisted and distorted.

We must now reach out to tell our story to sincere Americans through all available media. (I noticed that Carol A. Usui of Orange and Eiji Suyama, co-chairpersons of the Redress Committee for New England JACL presented our view excellently in the Feb. 15 Los Angeles Times letters section.) We must prepare ourselves for the time when the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians starts holding hearings in major cities.

JAMES ODA
Fontana, Ca.

Tell Them You Saw
It in the PC

MOSHI—MOSHI: by Jin Konomi



The Gourmet Gardener

What had begun as a bull session turned into a symposium when a common focus was found to the random talks: perquisitism. Everybody had seen the recent rash of stories in the news revealing highly placed public figures dipping their sticky fingers into public tills—for petty cash, for shame! The spectacles of the ex-president of the United States charging a \$4.00 car wash to government, and a senator putting a \$2.00 comic book on his expense account, were just too, too despicably shabby. "Would you call \$1,300 petty cash?" one man asked rhetorically. "That's what this senator got the government to pay for preparing his tax returns. And he's one of the staunchest exponents of law and order and fiscal restraint and all that!" He was referring to a certain ethnic solon.

A thinker type philosophized: "As fleas are to dogs, and round worms to the human intestine, so are perk takers to social organizations—political, bureaucratic, business, labor, or whatever. Parasitism and perquisitism are in the very nature of life process." One man, who'd had round worms in childhood, said the metaphor was too revolting, even for those scoundrels, but others did not know what they are, and so let the matter pass. So the consensus was that we will have forever with us scratchy dogs and organizations infested by perk takers.

The opinions polarized. One group said there was little that could be done. The other group insisted something should be done. Both groups waxed angrier and angrier. Then a man, who had been quiet, raised his hand and got the floor.

"My grandfather came to America from France early in the Century," he began his story. This is the gist. There were too many interruptions and questions to report verbatim. "He settled in San Francisco and took up gardening. He'd been a gardener in the old country. He loaded his tools on a banged up buggy, made the rounds cloppety-clop, cloppety-clop over the cobble-stone streets. The first thing he did on a job was to make

THE JAPANESE government and Japanese Americans kicked up a pretty good fuss in earlier times against injustices faced by Japanese immigrants in the United States simply because they were aliens. Their status as aliens denied them many rights enjoyed by citizens, and discriminatory laws denied them citizenship because of race.

Now we learn that Japan itself has been guilty of discriminating against aliens who have been given permanent residence in that country. Last month the government took a long step toward ending that injustice when the cabinet approved an amendment to the national pension system (comparable to Social Security) enabling foreign residents to enjoy its benefits.

Among those who now will be able to enroll are some 700,000 Koreans and a small number of Indochinese refugees admitted for permanent residence. All foreign residents 20 years or older will now be accepted in the pension system. After contributing for at least 25 years they will be eligible for pensions at age 65.

By providing foreign residents with welfare benefits equal to those guaranteed Japanese citizens, Japan will be qualified to ratify the United Nations Convention on Refugees. #

an inspection tour of the whole garden, with a tin pail in hand, to gather mushrooms and snails. San Francisco's climate in those days was cooler than it is today. Ideal for the year round growth of the *Agaricus campestris*. That's the wild prototype of the cultivated mushrooms. As for snails you could find them even in the dead of winter if you knew where to look for them. It was only after he finished this little preliminary that he got down to his proper business. There were no power tools in those days, so he had to perform all his chores with hand tools. Lots of sweat and hard work. And on his buggy drawn by a tired nag, the best he could do was five or six stops on a day's route. Gardening was not the lucrative trade that it is today. Still he made a good living. What's most wonderful, he ate well. Why, he could dine on *escargots* and champignons every night—if he wished, that is. What, you say garden snails are not the eating kind? Well, let me tell you. *Helix aspersa*, the California kind is every bit as tasty as *Helix pomatia*, the kind the French and Italians eat, only a bit smaller. Did you know that the French are importing lots of snails from California lately? Anyway, the old man used to brag: 'I bet nobody in San Francisco ate as well as I did,' and he used to laugh heartily. 'As a gardener, I was the world's greatest gourmet!'

Some one did not see the story's connection with the theme of the symposium.

"As we agreed, perquisitism is a universal phenomenon," he explained, "it is just as prevalent in the lower walks of society as in higher. Snails and mushrooms were my grandfather's perks, and he took full advantage of them." Then he chuckled, and added: "The old boy was smart. He never exterminated the snails in a garden. He was careful to leave a few mollusks as seeds for the next crop. He was using his customers' gardens as his private *escargotoires*!"

We all laughed, but wanly. We were still angry at the perk takers in high places. #

SPEAKING OUT:

Redress: a Matter of Accountability

By M. M. SUMIDA

San Francisco

Charles Evans Hughes, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, told Justice William Douglas, who wrote the majority opinion in the *Ex Parte Endo* case, something "shattering" that he later discovered to be true. "Justice Douglas," said Hughes, "you must remember one thing. At the constitutional level where we work, ninety per cent of any decision is emotional. The rational part of us supplies the reasons for supporting our predilections."

Justice Hugo Black, who wrote the majority opinion in the *Korematsu* case, had always advised both the other Justices and his own clerks to "go for the jugular." ... He meant that cases weren't won or lost, nor was the law decided, on legal niceties. Judges might say that they were, but that was never the real reason. In each case there was always a crucial issue to locate. The issue might be hard to find, but once found it must be addressed.

Traditionally, the court did not meddle in matters of foreign policy, war powers, and national security. The Constitution had given the Congress the power to declare war and the president the power to conduct it. It gave the court no role in that area.

The court, during World War II, had ceded to the president and military virtual autonomy in war related matters. It was Black who said, "You can't fight a war with the courts in control, ..."

Change in the lower court after hostilities ended

In April 1948 after hostilities ended, Judge Louis E. Goodman

made a far reaching decision declaring unconstitutional the Concentration Camp episode of the Japanese American renunciants, Judge Goodman in his legal decision indirectly touched upon the Constitutional question of detention of United States Citizens in the Tule Lake Concentration Camp.

"In view of the admissions contained in affidavits in this case, I have no doubt that there was a complete lack of Constitutional authority for administrative, executive, or military officers to detain or imprison American Citizens not criminally charged or subject to martial law ... even expediency cannot remove the taint of unfairness with which the renunciants subsequently executed were clothed."

Unfortunately, the Court of Appeals reversed Judge Goodman; the United States Supreme Court refused to grant "cert" and did not review the case. The signing of the Peace Treaty in 1952 with Japan stopped the deportation of the renunciants who in effect were "stateless".

It was not until 1958 that the Department of Justice declined to prosecute any further cases of the renunciants.

Withholding a material fact

Reasons involved in the decision making process on the executive level should be differentiated from the rationale used in the judicial to legalize the actions taken. In the wartime cases, the reasons for the decision to evacuate and detain Japanese Americans dictated by the gravity of the military situation facing the west coast are far different from the rationale used to legalize such action when the cases were brought to trial.

For the layman without a background in politics or constitu-

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BY THE BOARD: by Vernon Yoshioka

Membership

San Diego

Every JACL chapter has now received the 1981 membership material. This includes a nine-page package (Nov. 10, 1980, Memorandum to Chapter Membership Chairpersons) of suggestions on how to conduct a successful campaign. Every active JACLer ought to become familiar with these suggestions and comment to us on their applicability. Here are some of them:

SOME GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

1. Begin the campaign by signing up the easy ones—the usual standbys who are sure to join. This also includes chapter officers and members of their families. On several occasions, in looking up the addresses of officers-elect, we have found that some had forgotten to renew their memberships.
 2. Some of the renewals will join simply by giving them a phone call or dropping them a note in the mail.
 3. Be sure to go after renewals. Each year we lose hundreds of members nationally because no one follows up on them.
 4. There is no substitute for personally contacting potential members. People do not ordinarily become members voluntarily. They have to be approached. For many people, membership depends on whether or not they are approached to join, and their usual answer, which also may be their excuse for not joining, is "No one asked me to join, we've been waiting for someone to sign us up."
 5. Many chapters hold elaborate banquets to install new officers at the beginning of each year which may be the only chapter affair some members attend. Collect their membership dues at these functions, or at least remind them to renew.
 6. Hold a special membership campaign activity—a party, dance, barbecue, potluck, or other social activity, and specify it as a membership drive. Ask each member to bring a friend and approach them to join JACL.
 7. Do a mass mailing in your local community to all Japanese Americans and others who may be interested in joining. Follow this up with a personal visit or phone call encouraging them to support JACL.
 8. Set up a JACL membership table at your community or church gatherings. Have people to circulate among the group passing out brochures and telling people about chapter activities.
 9. Select a representative from each local high school and college in your area, and have each one prepare a list of youth attending their schools who might be interested in joining JACL. Then, either contact them in person, by phone, or send a letter and brochure to them, inviting them to attend a meeting and join.
 10. Post the JACL brochure at schools, churches and clubs, leaving extra copies for those who are interested in JACL. Your chapter membership Chairperson's name & address are listed inside the brochure.
 11. Publicize your chapter's activities in your local newspaper, on radio and television through public service announcements, which are offered free of charge to non-profit community organizations.
 12. Ask your friends and relatives to join JACL at the next social gathering. Be positive and tell them why you're a member and why you support JACL programs and goals. Tell them about the current Redress campaign and if they are interested, they should join JACL just to receive the Pacific Citizen and be kept up-to-date on all developments.
 13. Encourage regular members to upgrade their membership to the 1000 Club.
 14. Form a special committee to approach corporations and large businesses in the area to become members of the Corporate Club.
 15. Try to make the membership campaign fun for all who are involved.
- FOLLOW UP:** The most important point in any membership campaign or drive is to follow up the activity or contact with a phone call or visit. We all enjoy being given the personal treatment, which is often lacking in a mass campaign. Try to make interested people feel part of the group.

Make comments on their applicability.

The new black and white picture brochure has been printed and is now available to be passed on to a non-member friend or relative. I believe that many Japanese Americans will join us if we just ask. The brochure can be used to initiate a conversation about JACL. And extra copies of the brochure can be left in community meeting places and restaurants to publicize JACL.

Now is the time to renew your JACL membership. It would be a real boost to our organization if each of you could bring in a new member. Ask a friend or relative to join. Increase your support by encouraging your spouse to join JACL.

We only have one major source of income to run our organization and that is our membership dues.

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tional law, this difference can cause confusion and misunderstanding. In the cases, the true accounts of the military dangers facing the west coast were not entered into the court records and the Army never presented to the courts any factual evidence of such danger. The courts made an "assumption" about the actual dangers. This fact has not been judicially reviewed and is lost in the court records, until another case arises where such a legal precedent becomes important.

It is only through the efforts of academic scholars or investigative reporting that the whole episode will be examined from many different perspectives. Not only what was actually done, but the failures of the check and balance system or what should have been done. The facts are there and on record somewhere. In order that they may become a part for any future legal action or history, pertinent information must be extracted from the mountain of records in government archives and private papers and libraries.

Future expectations from the government

Thirty-nine years have elapsed and the Japanese Americans have waited a long time to correct the miscarriage of justice. Things written to date leave many legal questions and questions of fact unanswered.

In 1981, Chief Justice Warren Burger commenting before the American Bar Association in his concerns for the future of American society said:

JACL Blue Shield open to Midwest DC

CHICAGO—The Midwest JACL District Council received approval Feb. 15 from JACL-California Blue Shield to participate in its group health plans.

During the first week of February, questionnaire surveys were sent to each Midwest JACLer to determine interest inasmuch as a minimum number was required in order for the MDC to actually participate.

Quarterly premiums for the plan are:

\$134.80/single individual,
\$261.30/couple,
\$337.90/family.

Survey forms and a summary of benefits for Midwest JACL members and other interested individuals in the Midwest are available by writing to the JACL Midwest Office, 5415 N. Clark St., Chicago, Ill 60640.

Berkeley JACL

The 24th annual Berkeley JACL invitational high school basketball tournament will be staged Mar. 27-29, featuring the top Sansei cagers of Northern and Central California from eight JACL chapters, it was announced by Jim Furuichi, tournament chair.

The eight chapters being represented are Contra Costa, Eden Township, Parlier, Sacramento, San Francisco, Stockton, San Jose and the host team, Berkeley.

Contra Costa JACL

Proceeds of the Contra Costa JACL's Monte Carlo night at San Pablo's Maple Hall, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m., will go to the East Bay Issei Housing Project, it was announced by John Shinagawa (222-0141) who has tickets at \$10 which can be redeemed at the door for a stake of play money to start everyone off on a night of fun & games. Tickets are also available from other chapter board members.

The board is indebted to Caesars Tahoe vice president E.D. Montano and Jack Kono, west coast representative, for their donation of the grand prize, a complimentary room for two for 3 days and 2 nights.

New Age JACL

Former California State Assembly Member S. Floyd Mori will be the guest speaker at the 1981 New Age JACL installation dinner, to be held Saturday, Mar. 14 at the Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 3210 W. Sepulveda, Torrance. Mori has been the director of the Office of International Trade (Dept. of Economic and Business Development) since his appointment last year by Governor Brown.

Dinner will begin at 7 p.m. preceded by a no-host cocktail hour. Tickets are \$15 per person and may be reserved by calling Glen Higuchi (213) 515-1915 or Gerald Tanaka (213) 284-3371 no later than Mar. 6.

St. Louis JACL

Robert Mitori was installed as 1981 president of the St. Louis JACL at the inaugural dinner Jan. 24. Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Cal.) was the guest speaker and installation officer.

"The idealistic search for perfect justice has led us on to a course found nowhere else in the world. A true miscarriage of justice whether 20, 30, or 40 years old, should always be open to judicial review, . . ."

In the case of the American Indians, over a hundred years have elapsed since the tragedy that befell them. The Japanese Americans may be required to persevere four more years or a little longer. Last year, a law was passed to convene a Congressional Commission to investigate the whole incident. Indications have been received from Washington D.C. that the new administration and Congress may not be as receptive to the efforts of the Japanese Americans as the former one, since many sympathetic members are no longer in Washington D.C.

Be that as it may, the vagaries of politics, time has already run out for the Issei; the Nisei will soon join them. The Sansei, Yonsei, Gosei, etc. will carry on. They have a legacy to fulfill . . . for what their parents, grandparents, or great grandparents went through.

"Go for Broke . . . is still the battle cry!"

The precedent set in World War II must never be repeated again. The President's duty to fight and take all measures necessary to win a war does not carry with it a "license" to run roughshod over the civil rights of American Citizens. The founding fathers of this great nation mandated that the military shall be subordinate to civilian government. The courts are obligated to enforce this mandate, and hold any government official including the military accountable for any violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Washington, D.C. installs Pat Okura

WASHINGTON—In the same month that Ronald Reagan at age 69 was inaugurated as the oldest person to become U.S. President, JACLers here said they were not being outdone with installation of another Californian in K. Patrick Okura as chapter president. Both were born in 1911.

Washington, D.C.'s 35th inaugural dinner Jan. 31 at Ft. Myers Officers Club at Arlington featured ABC newscaster Steve Bell who described the double-barrel news blast from his vantage point of Jan. 20-21 when Reagan was being sworn into office and the American hostages in Teheran were being released. In a city where government dignitaries are in overwhelming numbers, having a media person at the dinner rostrum was a pleasant and welcome change, dinner co-chair Lily Okura later recalled. The Okuras and the Bells also knew each other from Omaha days.

Dinner co-chair Toshiro Hoshide was toastmaster. EDC Gov. Cherry Tsutsumida sworn in Patrick Okura as chapter president, and Dana Watada as JAYS president with their respective boards. Rev. Henry Fukui gave the invocation-benediction.

Awards were presented to Seiko Wakabayashi, former EDC governor, (sapphire pin) and to Doris Hoshide (silver pin).

San Mateo JACL

A gala affair to install the 1981 San Mateo JACL officers will see the newly appointed National Executive Director Ron Wakabayashi as guest speaker at Shadow's Restaurant tomorrow (Feb. 28), it was announced by Richard Nakanishi (348-4240), Ernie Takahashi (349-6417) and Kiyo Okita (344-8621), co-chairpersons. Tickets at \$12.50 per person may be obtained through the JACL Community Center (343-2793).

Former chapter president Terry Terauchi will be installing officer. Other guests from the community include:

Harry Sakai, pres, San Mateo Gardeners Assn; Roy Shin, pres, S.M. Buddhist Church; Rev. Junjo Tsumura, S.M. Buddhist Church; Rev. Kent Ikeda, Sturge Presbyterian Church; Mitsue Kikawada, Calif First Bank; Keizo Shiota, Sumitomo Bank of Calif; Yo Mizono, Church & Society of Sturge Presbyterian Church.

West Los Angeles JACL

Applications for academic and vocational scholarships are available to June graduates from Beverly Hills, Hamilton, Palisades, Santa Monica or University High School or children of West L.A. JACL members, according to Toy Kanegai (826-9448) and Sid Yamazaki (391-4048), chapter scholarship co-chairs.

Students should see their scholarship counselor or call the committee co-chair. Awards will be presented in June at Bullock's Westwood.

Last year, over \$3,000 in three categories were presented including academic, Sawtelle Japanese Language School and Presidential Classroom for Young Americans.

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1981 Officers

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Eugene Crothers, pres; Jim Kise, vp (prog); Lil Yamasaki, sec; Rob Martin, treas; May Kimura, memb; Sachiko Carpenter, hist, librarian; Mits Murakami, Mas Yamasaki, memb at lg; Vicki Mikesell, ex-officio; Marie Toshiko Smith, Fujinkai rep; Dan Kimura, JAYS rep; Mas Yamasaki, Bob McMullen, World A'Fair Festival; Lea Nakauchi, telephone coord; Lil Yamasaki, Hi Lites.

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Mike Hide, chmn; John Suzuki, vc; Ikei Kakimoto, treas; Jane Uyesaka, sec; Reiko Uyesaka, memb.

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San Luis Obispo: 10-Ken Kobara.

San Mateo: 6-Miles Oto, 3-Robert Shoda, 21-William A Takahashi.

Santa Maria: 13-Leonard Ueki.

Seattle: 19-George S Fugami, 12-Cherry T Kinoshita, 14-Masahisa Tanaka, 8-Tom Tsubota*, 8-Takako Yoda.

Sequoia: 3-Yasuko Kariya, 1-Mary Ann Masaoka.

Snake River: 23-Joe Komoto, 17-Bob S Uru.

Sonoma County: 4-Hitoshi R Kobayashi, 4-Thomas K Yokoi.

South Bay: 8-Mas Odoi.

Stockton: 27-Ruby T Dobana, 17-Tetsuo Kato, 4-Yutaka Watanabe, 9-T Ted Yoneda.

Tri-Valley: 4-Hiroshi Morodomi.

Twin Cities: 8-Charlie L Chatman, 13-Nobu Harada.

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West Valley: 12-Taketsugu Takei.

Wilshire: 28-Tatsuo Tut Yata.

National: 9-Mike Torii.

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● **Education**
William H. "Mo" Marumoto, president of The Interface Group, Inc. and former Special Assistant to the Nixon Administration, was featured in the Feb. 1981 issue of "Case Currents", a journal for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. The executive recruiter discussed, in an interview with Currents' managing editor Anne Bailey, the finer points of job hunting and career advancement. Marumoto also offered suggestions on how to compose a better job resume as well as tips on impressing employers.

● **Health**
SACRAMENTO, CA—Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. has reappointed **Dr. Kenneth H. Ozawa** of Sacramento and **Dr. Craig Hisaka** of Stockton to the District Medical Quality Review Committee of the Board of Medical Quality Assurance, it was announced Feb. 6. Dr. Ozawa, 49, is a general practitioner in private practice who also serves as chief of staff at Mercy General Hospital and is an assistant clinical professor at the UC Davis. Hisaka, 34, is a private practitioner and is also associate clinical professor at UC Berkeley.

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Elaine Abe
Sansei calendar art wins spot

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Elaine Abe, now a San Jose State freshman, has her prize-winning pen & ink line sketch of the McCullagh House in Los Gatos on the page facing May, 1981, of the Art Scholarship Calendar for Fidelity Savings.

Over 1,600 applied last spring in the fifth year of this unique art program for secondary students in Northern and Central California. Final judging in San Francisco dispersed \$9,900 in scholarships shared by 14 recipients and their respective schools.

Elaine's parents are the Hideo Abes, longtime San Jose JACLers. Ruth Asawa, noted sculptor and San Francisco art commissioner, was among the final judges this past year.

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TEXAS

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At Beaumont, Dr. Nguyen Van Chau, a member of Gov. Clements' task force assigned to deal with the quarrel between shrimpers along the Texas coast and executive director of the Resettlement Office, Inc., repeated violence would not resolve anything. "It's true, fishermen along the Texas gulf coast are facing real disaster in the next year or two. But the problem is due to factors such as inflation, the cost of fuel (to operate the boats), not being able to fish in Mexican waters and a reported depletion of the shrimp population in the Gulf," Chau said.

Inside the state legislature here, State Sen. J.E. Buster Brown (R-Lake Jackson) feared the situation is getting worse

Poston III reunion slated April 17-19

FRESNO, Ca.—Former Poston III residents will have their third reunion April 17-19 here at the Hacienda Inn. Some from New York have indicated to the reunion committee they would attend. Highlight will be the Saturday dinner-dance and Sunday brunch. The group first met in 1975 at San Jose, then in 1978 at San Diego. For details, write to:

Co-chairmen Kenji Osaki, 4938 N Tisha Ave, Fresno 93711; Sam Nakagawa, 21349 E Adams Ave, Reedley 93654; or Minnie Yamamura, 2642 N Maple, Fresno 93703.

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as competition for increasingly scarce shrimp and fish "coupled with the clash of two cultures, one long established and the other recently transplanted, have combined to create an extremely delicate situation in the area". He urged the Texas congressional delegation to aid him in stopping the relocation of more Indo-chinese refugees along the gulf coast before a "range war" breaks open.

The trouble spots among American and Vietnamese fishermen have been Kemah-Seabrook and Seadrift-Rockport areas.

Brown added the less attention paid to the KKK rally the better. He also asked Texas congressmen to sponsor a proposal to raise the penalty for those who do not obtain licenses for boats displacing more than five tons from \$30 to \$3,000.

'Nation Builders'
LOS ANGELES—Visual Communications was awarded a \$30,000 supplemental budget grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to complete segments of the "Nation Builders II" TV series, it was announced by VC executive director Steve Tatsukawa. The three-part series, projected for \$400,000, focuses on three Asian Pacific themes, the Samoans, Filipinos and women in the West Coast canneries.

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Tokugawa Ieyasu

Space does not permit a lengthy, in-depth treatment of the accomplishments of Tokugawa Ieyasu, the last of the three unifiers of Japan. What is covered here is the road to hegemony that Ieyasu followed. It resulted in the battle at Sekigahara in 1600 between the Ieyasu and Ishida Mitsunari forces.

Tokugawa Ieyasu (1542-1616) was born the first son of Matsu-daira Hirofusa, a sengoku daimyo and overseer of the Okazaki castle in Mikawa. Ieyasu's father had by 1500 taken over at least half of Mikawa, but submitted to the overlordship of the Imagawa whose territory adjoined his. Ieyasu had a difficult time growing up as the hostage of the Oda family and later the Imagawa. When Imagawa Yoshimoto was defeated by Oda Nobunaga in 1560, he joined forces as the head of his house with the latter. In time he absorbed all of the province of Mikawa. As he was engaged in defeating the Asakura and Takeda houses, he took over much of the territories of the Imagawa and later occupied Suruga. After Oda Nobunaga's death at Honnoji, he made peace with the Hōjō, his erstwhile enemy, and assumed control of much of Kai and Shinano.

In 1584 Ieyasu pitted his forces against Hideyoshi but later made peace with him and took Hideyoshi's younger sister as his wife. In turn he gave his son, Hideyasu, to Hideyoshi as an adopted son. In 1590, after the fall of the Hōjō, he was transferred to Kanto and occupied Edo castle. With Hideyoshi's death, he was at the top of the list to head the Gotairo, the lords of the Regency, that Hideyoshi had created before he died to hold the balance of power in Hideyoshi's favor. Private ambitions

among the lords to succeed Hideyoshi created conflict and friction. It was at that time that Ishida Mitsunari, mistrustful of Ieyasu, started to muster a coalition against him. When Maeda Toshiie died in 1599, the balance of power tilted toward Ieyasu and the Maeda house rallied to his support, even to the extent of sending hostages to him. Other daimyo pledged their support, and toward the end of 1599, Ieyasu entered Osaka castle to become Lord of the Land (Tenka Dono). Many of the other daimyo belonging to the Toyotomi Hideyoshi league joined Ieyasu and submitted hostages.

On October 21, 1600 the battle of Sekigahara took place. Just before the fighting started, the eastern army under Ieyasu numbered 76,000 while the western army led by Ishida Mitsunari commanded only 35,000 because of defections among its ranks. Many of the defectors just remained idle and watched the tide of the battle to decide which side to join while others defected to the eastern army in the midst of fighting. But the western army fought well and desperately despite the handicap of being able to muster only about half the strength of the Ieyasu forces. It was a see-saw battle for three hours.

But at one crucial point one of the generals of the western army by the name of Kobayakawa Hideaki led his men, 15,000 strong, down Matsuoyama, a vantage point he maintained to watch the course of fighting, and attacked the ranks of a western army general called Otani Yoshitsugu. The eastern army led by Ieyasu swelled to 93,000, more than three times the strength of his opponent. The contest for the ultimate power over the land was over in about four and a half hours and resulted in Ieyasu's total victory. Ten days later Ieyasu marched to Osaka, the supreme military hegemon of the country.

But Ieyasu's conquest was not complete yet. His influence was not paramount west of Osaka in the provinces which had pledged their support to the Toyotomi house. Ieyasu was still compelled to display loyalty to Hideyoshi and outwardly supported Hideyoshi's successor, Hideyori. Ieyasu patiently began gathering more support and took measures to rise as the single and only hegemon of Japan. In 1603 he assumed the title of Shogun and as such received the pledges of all daimyo including their hostages at Edo castle where he was situated.

After relinquishing the post of Shogun to his son Hidetada in 1605, Ieyasu took the title of Ogoshō (Retired Shogun) and moved to the family castle of Sumpu. He remained behind-the-scenes and manipulated opportunities to bring down in a final fashion the Toyotomi house. In 1614 he attacked Osaka castle with a combined force of 180,000 men as compared to the 90,000 the Toyotomi's could gather to pit against him. The carnage was worse than the battle of Sekigahara—the Tokugawa side sustained the loss of 35,000 men. Finally in the summer of 1615, Ieyasu succeeded in bringing about the fall of the house of Toyotomi and exterminated every last one of the defenders of the castle. Ieyasu died the following year after establishing a regime that was to last 250 years.

W. Sac'to, Broderick reunion set Sept. 5

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Pre-Evacuation residents of Broderick and West Sacramento are planning their first reunion for Saturday, Sept. 5, in Sacramento. Committee, chaired by Koki Abe, is seeking to identify and locate such residents who may write to: Sandra (Morita) Kaita, 2221 Evergreen Ave., West Sacramento, Ca. 95691, (916) 371-7128; or Mrs. June (Abe) Kawamura, 3410-67th St., Sacramento, Ca. 94820.

Law internship

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Nakazareba koroshite shimae hotogisu (If the cuckoo doesn't cry, kill it)—Oda Nobunaga

Naka zareba nakashite miyo hotogisu (If the cuckoo doesn't cry, let's try to make it cry)—Toyotomi Hideyoshi

Naka zareba naku made matō Hotogisu (If the cuckoo doesn't cry, let's wait till it does)—Tokugawa Ieyasu

The poems reveal the character and personality of the unifiers well. Nobunaga was seen to be the short-tempered type, Hideyoshi the strong-willed type given to exerting tremendous effort, and Ieyasu the extremely patient type.

In any event, these strong-willed men responded to the call of history and the times to bring about the unification of Japan and an era of peace and stability that was to last up to Japan's modern era beginning in 1868.

Nisei balloonist's quest ends in mud

MILAKPUR, India—The quest to circle the globe came to a muddy end for Americans Maxie L. Anderson and Donald Ida on Feb. 15.

The two balloonists were attempting to complete the first non-stop, manned balloon flight around the world in eight to ten days but were forced to put their craft down Feb. 14 in a muddy field 120 miles northwest of New Delhi. Their leaking helium balloon, named the "Jules Verne", could not achieve enough altitude to float over the world's highest peaks, the Himalayas.

Anderson, 46, and his Nisei copilot Ida, 47, began their journey on Feb. 12 from Luxor, Egypt, and were hoping to accomplish it in eight to ten days.

"The balloon is finished," a dejected Anderson told UPI, announcing the quest was over. #

Travel agents

SAN FRANCISCO—Japanese American Society of Travel Agents, headed by Richard H. Yamada of Chicago, held its seventh general meeting here Feb. 20-22. Northwest Airlines official Mike Watabe of New York, guest speaker, urged the travel industry to formulate a strategy to combat the problems brought on by airline deregulation.

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