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Mineta bill to seek aid for GIs exposed at U.S. nuclear tests

WASHINGTON—A bill introduced by Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-San Jose, Ca.) would provide relief for the thousands of veterans suffering the effects of exposure to nuclear testing while they were in the service.

HR 1733 would establish a presumption of causality between a veteran's service at an atomic or nuclear test site and any subsequent disability or disease attributable to radiation. Under current law and Veterans Administration regulations, in order for a veteran to claim compensation, the disability or disease must manifest itself within one year from the date of separation of service.

In introducing the bill, Mineta said, "Our veterans responded quickly and honorably when their country called upon them for assistance. It is now our country's turn to respond in a similar manner to their pleas for help."

Mineta said he was alerted to the need for this legislation when he met last year with members of the Northern California chapter of the National Association of Atomic Veterans and heard them discuss their inability to gain compensation for health problems they attribute to their exposure to testing.

The nature of the effects of exposure to low-level ionizing radiation are only now being fully evaluated. Evidence indicates, however, that the exposure that thousands of veterans experienced during the atomic and nuclear testing after World War II and ending in 1962, can precipitate leukemia, and bone cancer.

A study by the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta found that veterans present at the SMOKY nuclear test site in Nevada in 1957 had a significantly higher proportion of instances of leukemia than in the general population.

Pan American Nikkei Conference July 22-29

Here is the concluding portion to highlights of the 1980 JACL international relations workshop at the National Convention, which gave impetus to the first Pan-American Nikkei Conference in Mexico City July 22-29. The gathering, titled "I Convencion Panamericana Nisei" in Spanish, will be held at the Liceo Mexicano Japonés and the Asociación Mexicana Japonesa (Nichi-Boku Kaikan). Enrique Shibayama is the committee chair.

By HARRY HONDA

The upcoming Pan American Nikkei Conference will have something for everyone attending, assures Chuck Kubokawa, JACL international relations committee chair who has been the leading U.S. exponent for the Mexico City meeting. Before publicity, he had 40 people indicating definite interest. The hosts in Mexico City have assured him at least 100 seats for the U.S. delegation. They anticipate 500 people from 11 different countries.

Kubokawa credits Peruvian Nisei Luis Yamakawa, naturalized U.S. citizen and organizer of the new Latin American Nisei JACL chapter based in Los Angeles, for expanding the conference to Nikkei in other countries.

The full-scale program includes special workshops as well as activities for the women and youth. Future of the Nikkei in social, political, economic and athletic spheres will be aired at the general sessions July 24-26. There will be tournaments in golf, bowling, basketball and volleyball July 23 preceding the conference. July 27-28 is being reserved by the hosts for shopping and tours.

As part of the cultural exchange, visitors will be invited to homes of the Nikkei in Mexico for dinner, socializing and getting to know each other. All lunches during the conference, the welcome social and Sayonara dinner-dance will be hosted by the Mexico Nikkei. "There will be no conference package fee," explained Kubokawa. "That's the way it is

with the Nikkei in Mexico."

In order to make this first Pan American venture a success, everyone attending can play an active role. Kubokawa added, by presentation of a 10-12 minute paper at any of the workshop panel sessions: (1) Business, land development; (2) science, technology, medicine; (3) education, ethnic preservation; (4) politics, law; (5) agriculture, fishing; (6) industrial manufacturing, energy, patents.

To insure proper presentation, Kubokawa requests a 350-word abstract be sent to him: 3365 Stockton PL, Palo Alto, Ca. 94303.

Carlos Kasuga and Enrique Shibayama, addressing the JACL Convention workshop last summer in English and sometimes in Nihongo, related the plight of the Japanese in Mexico after Pearl Harbor. Most of them were living in Baja California in 1942 and told to move to Mexico City at their own expense. As a result, almost 90% of the Mexican Japanese population lives in the City. It was estimated there are 8,000 Japanese in Mexico.

Most of the Japanese settled in Mexico after the 1910 Revolution, hence the average age of Nisei is under 50. The older Nisei remember the Japanese families who farmed in Imperial Valley prewar.

While many Nisei are in the professions and in the upper-middle class, there are no attorneys because of the requirement that both parents must be Mexican. "Otherwise, the Nikkei in Mexico suffers

The bill would cover all veterans present at the Nevada Test Site, Bikini Atoll, Eniwetok Atoll, the Johnston Island area, the Christmas Island area, and the general Pacific Ocean area in which testing occurred. As an additional safeguard, the bill allows for consideration of the time period of which the testing took place. The number of veterans and civilians present at these sites is unknown, but estimates run as high as 400,000.

HR 1733 has been referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Army dedicates 'Go for Broke' exhibit; over 2,000 attend

SAN FRANCISCO—Over 2,000 were assembled at the Presidio of San Francisco Saturday (Mar. 7) to dedicate the Army's "Go For Broke" Exhibit and there were nearly 1,200 jammed into the Fairmont Hotel ballroom for the banquet in what was the U.S. Army's first major public salute to the men and heroism of the 100th Infantry and 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Sen. Dan Inouye, a 442nd infantryman who won a battlefield commission, declared the 442nd Rescue of the Texas Lost Battalion will go down into U.S. military history as one of the ten major battles. A diorama of this event is one of the highlights of the exhibit on display for a year at the Presidio Army Museum.

Of the formation of the all-Nisei combat team during World War II, Sen. Inouye said, "If all of us had not volunteered, perhaps Hawaii would still be a territory."

Sen. Spark Matsunaga, an original 100th Infantry officer, noted most of the 131 million Americans born since the war do not know about the 442nd. "This story is not merely of war and glory; it's a vital message to the youth of America and to other minority groups."

At the unveiling ceremony, Col. F. Whitney Hall, Jr., Presidio commandant, commented it was high time that the Army paid special tribute to the men of the 100th Infantry. "We hope the story of the 'Go For Broke' soldiers will inspire others to have the same courage and devotion to their country."

A touching, tear-jerking moment came when Taps were rendered in echo form at the dedication. A number of Gold Star Mothers were present as were veterans from across the country, about 50 from Hawaii.

Mike Masaoka, the first Nisei to volunteer for the 442nd, was emcee at the dedication ceremonies.

Hibakusha support continues

LOS ANGELES—Much has occurred since last summer when the national JACL convention reaffirmed support of the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors (CABS) and especially efforts to move the legislation HR 1022, submitted by Rep. George Danielson (D-Ca.), according to Paul Tsuneishi, in a Mar. 1 status report. CABS also has been very active in enlisting support in behalf of the survivors in a research project funded by the Department of Energy, and conducted by Dr. Takashi Makinodan of the Veterans Administration Wadsworth Medical Center, Los Angeles. This project has involved survivors in Hawaii, Los Angeles, and Seattle.

JACLers Ken Nakano of Seattle and Patsy Saiki of Hawaii have been particularly helpful, Tsuneishi added. The JACL liaison committee, chaired by Tsuneishi, supported and has raised front-end monies for the Survivor's Film Project (Steven Okazaki, Project Director

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BCA names first U.S. Nisei Bishop

PHOENIX, Az.—The Rev. Haruo Yamaoka of the Stockton Buddhist Temple was elected bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America on the weekend of Feb. 20-22. The action took place at the BCA national council meeting at the Hyatt Regency hotel.

Rev. Yamaoka's five-year term will start May 1. An investiture service will be held April 25 at the San Francisco Buddhist Church with a banquet following at the Miyako hotel.

A native of Fresno, the Rev. Yamaoka will be the first U.S.-born Nisei to serve as BCA bishop. He will succeed Bishop Kenryu Takashi Tsuji, a Canadian-born Nisei.

Asian Pacific Awareness Month observed

LONG BEACH, Ca.—March has been designated Asian-Pacific Awareness Month at Long Beach Community Hospital. Mary Arimoto, executive director of the Asian-Pacific Family Outreach, Inc., is scheduled to address the hospital staff Mar. 18, 1 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. She will discuss aspects of Asian culture including eating habits, health practices and the role of the family in recovery from illness.

Tomonokai: kinship for widows/widowers met

Seattle
Three months after the death of her husband, Dr. Minoru Masuda, diminutive Hana Masuda invited three other widows—Hide Shimomura, Massie Tomita and Kay Nakasone—to her home to talk about forming a supportive kinship group.

When Mrs. Masuda was widowed after more than 40 years of a happy marriage, she was fortunate that prior to the death of her husband, who was a professor at the University of Washington, they had discussed together many of the problems she would face. When the Widows' Supportive Group of the University Faculty Wives contacted her and offered help and a checklist of things that she would need to take care of, she was impressed with their concern and appreciative of such assistance.

Feeling that others who were widowed would welcome similar assistance and companionship, Mrs. Masuda explored the idea with a minister who offered his support, and with JACler Don Kazama, who also offered to assist under the aegis of the Seattle JACL. Being an arm of the JACL would provide an organizational structure that would permit non-profit status and solve the incorporation problems.

From that initial meeting last September in her home, Mrs. Masuda discovered that when a need exists, word-of-mouth communication works very effectively. Currently the membership list includes over 60 single widows—and four widowers.

The second meeting at Blaine Methodist Church brought out 12 members, followed by an October potluck social enjoyed by more than 35 people at the Japanese Baptist Church. The group meets at a different church each time to draw in as wide a representation as possible. Merely socializing is not the main theme, however.

In January the meeting was held at the Buddhist Church, and last month's meeting at St. Peter's Episcopal Church found 40 members participating in the program. With three Sansei as resource

persons—Patti Shimomura, Chiz Norton and Joanne Fujita—the group was separated into three categories depending on the length of widowhood: recent to 3 years, 4 to 8 years, 9 years and over.

Topics explored in the buzz sessions were titled, "Coping with Myself", "Getting to Know Myself", and "Discovering Myself." Anger, frustration, grief—how does one cope? How long does it last? The emotional impact was too great for some, the sensitivities too tender as yet to explore fully. Some said, "Next time, maybe." Others wished not to discuss it openly.

On a lighter note, regarding the

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Reagan won't ax U.S.-Japan fund

WASHINGTON—Secretary of State Alexander Haig obtained a promise Feb. 18 from David Stockman, director of the Office of Management and Budget, not to abolish the U.S.-Japan Friendship Fund, as was planned in order to slash the budget.

The fund aims at promoting mutual understanding between the U.S. and Japan with its interest helping to finance scholarly, cultural and artistic activities. (JACL had attempted to have a Japanese American named to the Friendship Commission which directs where the help should be placed.)

JACL named in Chiz Satow estate

SAN FRANCISCO—The estate of the late Chizuko U. Satow has bequeathed to the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) a gift totaling \$5,544.80, it was announced by Tom Shimasaki, chairman of the national JACL ways & means committee. She is remembered as the wife of the late National JACL Director Mas Satow (1946-72) and the untiring national staff member. (Chiz Satow passed away in 1978; Mas in 1976. They had no children.)

The committee encourages others to name the JACL in their wills so that the work of the organization will have the funds to continue, Shimasaki said. The ways & means committee is concerned with methods to raise operational funds for Headquarters.

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Rohwer, Jerome experiences recalled in new half-hour film

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—"A Place Called Rohwer", a half-hour videotape program produced by E. Jay Friedlander, associate professor of journalism at the Univ. of Arkansas, is now scheduled for broadcast in mid-April over the state educational TV network. (It is also available on free loan from the Arkansas Endowment for the Humanities, University Tower Bldg., Suite 1018, Little Rock, Ark. 72204; 501-663-3451; Anthony Dube, exec. dir.)

Many of the photographs used in the story are the work of Carl Iwasaki, now of Denver, who was interned in Heart Mountain, Wyo., before joining the War Relocation Authority staff. These and other material were collected by Dr. Friedlander from the National Archives. He also visited and photographed what remains of the once-extensive communities of Rohwer and Jerome, where nearly 16,000 Americans of Japanese descent were incarcerated during 1942-45.

Concerned about the lack of interest shown in the sites and the history of these internment camps, Friedlander initiated the project which would refresh and perpetuate Arkansas's memory of this peculiar and telling period of state history.

The documentary unfolds a narrative by Sam Yada, relocated from California to Rohwer in 1942, and the Rev. Joseph Boone Hunter, who had been assistant director at Rohwer. Their recollections, captive and captor, recount the grim stories of violated civil liberties. Friedlander commented.

JACL-Hayashi law scholarship application deadline July 15

WASHINGTON — Applications for the JACL Thomas T. Hayashi Law Scholarship are now being accepted from qualified college students, according to Mike Masaoka, chairman of the Eastern District Council's Law Scholarship Committee.

The Washington JACL Office will again serve as a clearinghouse for communications relating to the Law Scholarship. Students who expect to enter an accredited law school this fall may obtain scholarship applications and pertinent information by writing to:

JACL Thomas T. Hayashi Law Scholarship, c/o Washington JACL Office, 1730 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Applications must be postmarked on or before July 15, 1981.

Applicants will be given consideration based on the following order of priority: (1) Member of JACL or JAYS, or child of a JACL member; (2) Any person of Japanese ancestry residing in the U.S.; (3) Any Asian-American residing in the U.S.

As was the case last year, a single \$700 scholarship will be awarded,

based on the applicant's academic record and extra-curricular activities, plus financial need, if any. This scholarship will actually amount to a total grant of \$2,100, since \$700 will be paid annually for three years, provided the recipient maintains a satisfactory average in law school.

Masaoka emphasized that the filing deadline of July 15 will be strictly observed, in order to give the Selections Committee, chaired by Dr. Tom Tanaka of Philadelphia, adequate opportunity to review the applications and announce the scholarship winner by Sept. 1, 1981.

Renew JACL Membership

New San Diego scholarship started

SAN DIEGO, Ca.—Collegians who are local area high school graduates and in need are eligible for a new Dr. Roy K. Tanaka Memorial continuing education scholarship, it was announced by Mrs. Kiyo Ochi, JCC Scholarship Committee, 945 Nacion St., Chula Vista, Ca 92011, who has application forms. Filing deadline is April 10; award will be announced April 26 at the JCC Keiro-kai, April 26, at the VFW Hall, National City.

The award is named after a longtime Nisei physician here who established the fund while he was still living. The initial award to the college student who, because of lack of adequate financing, may otherwise be pressed to delay their education is expected to be around \$500.



SANSEI DESIGNER—Cheryl Lynn Kobayashi is one of five fashion designers featured in the "Clothes Encounter of the Third Generation" benefit luncheon fashion March 29 at the L.A. Biltmore Hotel. Born in Kauai, Hawaii, she is currently a designer for Roberta Jrs. in Los Angeles.

High school literary contest sponsored

SAN FRANCISCO—Deadline for the Japantown Art and Media Writers' Workshop literary contest for high school students is May 1. There will be three prizes in both the poetry and short story categories: \$100, \$75, and \$50 in each category.

One or more poems and/or short stories may be submitted that deal with some aspect of Asian American-Pacific Islander life. With each entry name, address, grade level, name of high school and a self-addressed stamped envelope should be included. Address Manuscript to: AAPI High School Contest, PO Box 1250, San Francisco, CA 94101.

Pac/Asian population workshop planned

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—The Pacific/Asian American Mental Health Research Center and the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research will sponsor a research methods workshop at the Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor to provide training in quantitative research on Pacific/Asian American populations.

Fifteen to twenty qualified applicants will be selected from two target groups: PhDs who seek retraining in specific quantitative skills; and advanced graduate students who have completed research courses and are currently engaged in research.

Qualified students should apply before April 15 through Dr. Alice Murata, P/AAMHRC, 1640 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, Ill. 60608. (312) 226-0117.

'Hito Hata'

NEW YORK—"Hito Hata: Raise the Banner" will be shown on Saturday, Mar. 28, 7:30 p.m. at the Japan House. A reception follows for the stars and producers who will be on hand. The 1000 Cranes Resource Workshop will set up an art exhibit. For tickets (\$25): East Coast Friends of Visual Communication, c/o Asian Cine-Vision, 32 E. Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10002; or call Rene Tajima (212) 925-8685.

Chon inaugural

WASHINGTON—At the request of President Reagan, S.I. Hayakawa (R-Calif.) represented the United States at the inaugural ceremonies for Korean President Chon Too Hwan Mar. 3 at Seoul. Other members of the official U.S. delegation included Sen. Charles Percy, Reps. Zablocki and Derwinski and representatives of the military and the State Department.

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South Bay Keiro fund nears \$60,000

GARDENA, Ca.—An impressive total of \$58,570 in committed pledges has been raised so far in the South Bay Keiro's Nursing Home fund drive which opened Feb. 22 at the Japanese Cultural Institute. The goal of the fund drive is \$1 million.

The development fund drive is now being coordinated into various divisions, teams and leaders.

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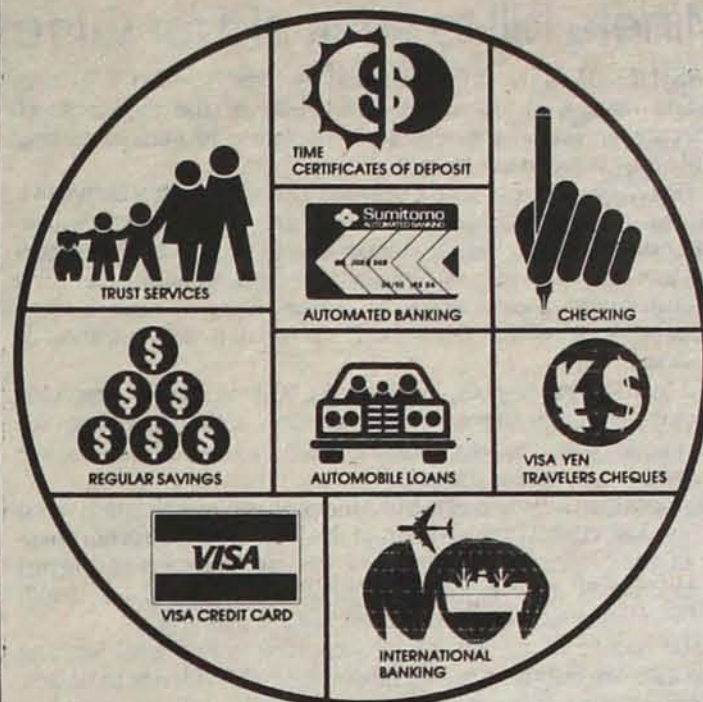
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State of Siege

The high crime rate in California, particularly Los Angeles, has filled its residents with fear, anger and a stronger sense of caution. The tragic murders of Robert Sakane last year and businessman Joe Miyoshi in January are foreboding indications that members of the Japanese American community are among the victims on the rising statistics lists.

The news media has recently turned its attention to people who are "fighting back" at crime, in different ways.

Individuals have attempted to take the law into their own hands through acts of revenge and vigilantism—often with tragic results. Innocent bystanders and even the person seeking vengeance are often killed.

Unfortunately, the growing attitude of reprisal has given rise to "survivalists" who teach and arm citizens in preparation for the coming "Armageddon". Then there is the Ku Klux Klan, whose members recently appeared before a city council meeting in Paramount, Ca., to offer their "non-violent assistance" in reducing the crime problem, since current law enforcement agencies are unable to. A frightening premonition is that they are waiting for—or perhaps encouraging—a "race war" to develop.

However, the most desirable method of combatting crime has been through citizens' organizations, who work together with law enforcement agencies in crime prevention.

The Seinan Center in Southwest Los Angeles has a program which may be one little stone against the goliath of criminal activity. Southwest L.A. is plagued with drug trafficking, burglary and robbery. The Center organizes "neighborhood watch" systems—people looking out for each other—in an attempt to prevent crime and assist in the apprehension of criminals. It certainly isn't new and it may not be the most effective system, but it is, perhaps, one of the few methods of crime-fighting that city residents have.

Helen Okamoto of the Seinan Center sadly commented that many of the Asians in the Southwest district tended to lose interest in the anti-crime program, which she feels is highly unfortunate, since such a program works best when more people get involved.

Crime prevention is one aspect, but there is always the possibility of being confronted. The safest action would be "avoidance and running," but self-defense classes are offered, such as those which will be sponsored by the West L.A. JACL Auxiliary.

There are no simple solutions to L.A.'s complex crime problems; there's no question that the criminal justice system needs improvements. And changing laws will affect everyone's rights—guilty and innocent—so the legislation and courts have a wobbly tightrope on which to walk.

The Asian American community, as well as all residents of Los Angeles, will need to express more concern for this issue, since the solutions will come from people who, rather than turning their heads away from the problem, are willing to look at it straight in the eyes.

■ In doubtful cases the more liberal interpretation must always be preferred.—Justinian Code.

J.A. National Museum plans announced

LOS ANGELES—Designs for the proposed National Japanese American Museum will be discussed at a public meeting on March 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Japanese Cultural and Community Center, announced Bruce T. Kaji, President of Merit Savings and Loan Association.

The museum will be the first of its kind in the U.S. and will serve as the repository of the Japanese American experience in this country. Included will be the immigration of the Issei pioneers, the dark days of the World War II Evacuation and the heroic exploits of the Nisei servicemen. Also, notable achievements of the Japanese Americans in the fields of agriculture, education, business and politics will be highlighted.

The National Japanese American Museum will be located in the four-acre Merit Court Plaza development in Little Tokyo. The complex will be master-planned by world-famous architect Minoru Yamasaki, designer of the New York World Trade Center.

Kaji said that the designing firm of Neuhart, Donges, Neuhart will make a presentation during the public meeting. Merit Service Corp., a subsidiary of Merit Savings, will oversee the syndications of the development, which will include commercial offices and high rise condominiums.

The project earned the support of the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council, which recommended to the National JACL Board, that the funding of the museum "be included as part of reparations... and maintain such a facility for perpetuity" as a reminder that Evacuation should never happen again to any of its own citizens.

Persons interested in attending the meeting should call Renee Toriumi at (213) 624-7434 ext. 16 by March 13.

Koreisha to celebrate 5th anniversary

LOS ANGELES, Ca.—The Koreisha Chushoku Kai will hold its Fifth Anniversary and Appreciation Luncheon on March 22 at 1 p.m. at the Golden Ballroom, New Otani Hotel and Garden, 120 South Los Angeles St., Los Angeles, Ca. A donation of \$12 per person is requested. For information call (213) 680-9173 or 9177.

Lowry addresses Seattle installation

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)

SEATTLE, Wa.—Congressman Mike Lowry of the 7th District presented a new image when he appeared as keynote speaker at the Seattle JACL Installation and Awards Banquet on Feb. 15 wearing a distinguished Van Dyke beard and mustache. His steadfast commitment to the redress effort, however, remained unchanged.

Before a crowd of over 200 in the Butcher's Atrium, Lowry assured that he would continue to work toward monetary redress compensation for interned Japanese Americans and would continue efforts to assure that such denial of constitutional rights would never recur again.

On the national worldwide scene, Lowry deplored the proliferation of nuclear arms and urged that the single most important priority for all citizens was to push for de-escalation and the prevention of a nuclear catastrophe.

Mayor Charles Royer, King County Executive Ron Dunlap, and Japanese Consul H. Sasaki extended greetings.

Seattle City Treasurer, Lloyd Hara, succeeding past president Chuck Kato, was installed with his new cabinet and board by Tomio Moriguchi, former national JACL treasurer. Guiding the evening's program as emcee was television personality Lori Matsukawa, KOMO-TV.

Chapter Cites First Issei Woman

The emphasis was on the Issei, as four community leaders were presented with appreciation awards from the Seattle JACL. When petite Mrs. Kiyo Motoda was honored with a certificate of appreciation for her lifetime of duty, devotion, and concern for the Nikkei community, to her church, and to all persons of Japanese ancestry, it marked the first time an Issei woman was so honored by the chapter. As an immigrant to the U.S. widowed early in life, she overcame personal adversity to become a highly successful businesswoman in the apartment/hotel field. A civic minded leader known for her involvement and

generous donations to community organizations, and an activist for U.S.-Japan friendship, she has been awarded the 6th Order of the Sacred Crown by the Japanese government. Mrs. Motoda has been a staunch supporter of JACL, completing her 25th year as 1000 Club member.

Also recognized by the Japanese government with the 5th Degree Order of the Sacred Treasure for promotion of international relations between the U.S. and Japan, Mr. Masato Uyeda was awarded a JACL certificate of appreciation for his dedication to community affairs and for his contributions to the community in resources, time, and energy over the past 35 years as one of the few remaining pioneer leaders of the Issei generation.

A resolution from the Mayor's Office naming him "First Citizen of Seattle" was presented to Mr. Yuhachi Tamesa for his generosity in providing funds to assist Japanese American high school students desiring to attend college. The establishment of the Minoru Tamesa scholarship, in memory of his son, was matched by additional donations for a similar scholarship in his ancestral prefecture of Yamaguchi-ken. Hale and hearty in his 90's, Tamesa has been a long-time supporter of JACL.

Harry Kadoshima, Nisei community leader, and current president of Nikkei Concerns (Keiro Nursing Home), was honored for his dedication and hundreds of hours devoted to JACL and community service.

Sapphire and Silver Pin Awardees

John Matsumoto, 1976 chapter president and currently vice governor of PNWDC, and Cherry Kinoshita, chapter president in 1977 and active on district and national committees, were awarded sapphire pins. Currently recording secretary of the PNWDC and a past chapter president, Ted Taniguchi was the sole silver pin recipient. Immediate past president Chuck Kato was presented with the pearl president's pin.

Helen Akita was chairperson of the banquet, which was held at the Butcher's Atrium in Benaroya Park.

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March meeting, Mrs. Masuda said, "We're having a dinner meeting at the Hungry Turtle. A group is getting together for a Reno trip at the end of this month." In May there will be a one-day trip to the picturesque town of Leavenworth, and this summer a visit to one of the member's summer home on Hood Canal is planned.

Mrs. Masuda, who has been co-chairing the program with Aki Wataoka, said no one was willing to take on the task of the chair, so they solved that problem by rotating that position on a three-months' term. Temporary chairperson at the outset was Kay Nakasone. For February through April, Teresa Takayoshi is carrying the responsibilities, followed by Hana Masuda, Hide Shimomura and Kay Nakasone, each for three months up through January of next year. Massie Tomita serves as secretary and a brave widower, Kiyo Yabuki, handles the treasurer's duties. Mrs. Masuda took on the task of permanent liaison with the Seattle JACL Board.

The group picked its name "Tomonokai" from among a list of suggestions, "because it has a nice sound and meaning to it," Mrs. Masuda said, "so much warmer than the translation, 'Friendship Club'."

Goals of the group have been formulated as: (1) to be a supportive and companionship group for widows and widowers; (2) provide educational forums (e.g., classes on coping with loneliness, singleness, practical matters and



IN APPRECIATION—Honorees and guests at the Seattle JACL Installation and Awards Banquet (l. to r.): Congressman Mike Lowry; Mrs. Charles Royer; Mrs. Kiyo Motoda, award recipient; Mayor Charles Royer; Lloyd Hara, 1981 chapter pres.; John Matsumoto, sapphire pin recipient; Yuhachi Tamesa and Masao Uyeda, award recipients; and Ted Taniguchi, silver pin.

assertiveness training); (3) sponsor community education (e.g., wills, financial planning, death and dying, etc.); (4) develop and disseminate resource materials; and (5) social activities.

Committees which have been established are: program, service and sunshine, membership, hobby and activities, travel, telephone, refreshments and a car pool.

"We are learning," Mrs. Masuda remarked, "that each month there are brand new widows." People hear about the group through members and others just come

with friends. Many of those who come back are people who had long maintained that they were self-sufficient, that they did not need to associate in a structured group with others in similar circumstances.

Requests have come from singles, such as divorced or unmarried persons, but for the present the membership has been limited to widows and widowers based on the feeling that those who have lost their spouse share unique problems and the special kinship of these feelings enables

them to help each other.

Mrs. Masuda felt a deep satisfaction that many who have joined have expressed their happiness in having found a group that they can relate to. Her voice revealing her enthusiasm, she said, "After a meeting everyone doesn't want to leave—it's so gratifying to see a beautiful companionship!"

(Dr. Minoru Masuda was named the Japanese American of the Biennium in the Field of Humanities at the 1980 National JACL Convention in San Francisco.)

Pacific Northwest D.C. gears for visit of redress commission

SEATTLE, Wa.—Pacific Northwest redress activities, like those around the country, have intensified with the recent appointments of all nine members of the Commission on the Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

Sen. Hugh B. Mitchell of Seattle, appointed by Sen. Warren G. Magnuson in one of his last acts before leaving office, has met several times with the Seattle JACL redress committee and with the newly-formed Community Committee on Redress/Reparations (CCRR), comprised of representatives from local area church and community groups. Currently, the CCRR is focusing its energy on preparing the community for the Commission hearings, one of which is expected to be held in Seattle.

More than 700 Nikkei responded to a CCRR survey regarding their camp experiences and attitudes toward redress, and several dozen persons have come forward to submit possible testimony before the Commission. CCRR workshops are also being held to help persons structure their testimony effectively.

The Pacific Northwest will be able to take advantage of two solid years of work in their media campaign, dating from November, 1978, when the first and largest Day of Remembrance program was observed at Puyallup Fairgrounds, a former temporary detention center. Since then, most newspapers, radio talk shows and TV stations have carried on-going feature stories about redress.

CCRR members expect that the hearings will generate "saturation coverage" of the redress campaign. Meantime, they are training community leaders in giving interviews to reporters and preparing press packets for the media.

Thus far, Portland, site of an extremely successful Day of Remembrance two years ago, has raised more money than any other Northwest community for the redress campaign. Under leadership of redress committee chair Sho Dozono, the Portland JACL is sponsoring an education forum Mar. 14 at Lewis and Clark College. As Dr. James K. Tsujimura, National JACL President, writes in the Portland newsletter, the significance of the forum "is attested to and underscored by" the participation of Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, Rep. Norman Mineta and Dr. Arthur Flemming, former chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and recently appointed by President Carter to the redress commission. Prof. Hirabayashi, Seattle chapter redress chair, brought his historic challenge of the expulsion order to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1943.

Later this month, the PNWDC is devoting an evening to a discussion on redress. Tsujimura, newly appointed executive director Ron Wakabayashi (formerly on the National JACL redress committee), and PNWDC redress committee chair George Hara will speak at Kiyoji's Restaurant, Moses Lake, on Saturday, Mar. 28, 7:30 p.m.

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no discrimination," Shibayama said. "Further there is no derogatory term in Spanish against the Japanese."

During the slide presentation of the new Japanese cultural center and school (liceo) from K-6 plus high school attended by nearly 1,000 students, it was pointed out the school was built by the Mexican government as a form of redress to Japanese for their WW2 losses.

Kasuga broke down the student body to 30% from Japan, 50% local area Nikkei, and 20% Mexicano. Study includes two hours of Nihongo as well as meeting the educational curriculum in Spanish.

Final panelist at the IRC workshop was Japanese Consul General Hiroshi Kitamura of San Francisco, whose manner of speaking was typically Nisei. He assured that Japan does not want to take any action that would adversely affect the Japanese in the U.S. as

was the case in the 1930s and during World War II. Ideally, U.S.-Japan affairs should not affect Japanese Americans, he noted.

But as trade relations become more complicated, the need to increase understanding and cooperation between both countries is compelling. JACL, he thinks, can play an important role along cultural lines in the U.S. since this nation is becoming more multi-racial and multi-cultural. The JACL can also develop understanding among people who read the scare trade-war headlines since it is also a U.S. problem.

Kitamura added the people in Japan are beginning to understand the derogatory nature of the racial epithet which offends the Issei-Nisei. #

(A simple application form will be printed in the PC next week for those planning to attend the Pan American Nikkei Conference. It was stressed that the JACL group is open to members only.)

CHIAROSCURO:

Reserved for Chapter Presidents

Reagan and EEOC

By LLOYD HARA
(Seattle JACL)

The landslide victory for President Ronald Reagan may mark a change of emphasis and direction on affirmative action. President Reagan's transition team had recommended that much of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's activism be curtailed. For example, it has been said that the Agency's affirmative action quotas has created a new racism in America.

The Wall Street Journal summarized the transition team report as follows:

- Impose a one year freeze on lawsuits and new guidelines introduced by the Commission.
- Make it easier for employers to defend themselves by requiring plaintiffs to present proof that the employers intended to discriminate. Numbers alone shouldn't be considered "proof" of pattern of discrimination.
- Reduce the Commission's budget by cutting expenses for grants, equipment, travel and personnel.
- Remove restrictions on the pre-employment use of testing and biographical histories. For example, under current EEOC guidelines, employers may be considered to have engaged in racial discrimination for considering an applicant's criminal record.
- Reconsider the Commission's entire affirmative action approach under which employers often settle job bias charges by agreeing to set goals for hiring and promoting women and members of racial minority groups.

President Reagan at a recent news conference did not give a clear indication whether he intends to follow the transition team's recommendations. He did express skepticism about affirmative action programs and the distortion of some programs through the use of quota systems.

Should JACL members be concerned with the EEOC and the change in direction? A reversal of an active and strong federal affirmative action program will affect many Japanese Americans in our ability to freely enter the work force and to advance to better paying jobs. With the advent of affirmative action, many more job opportunities have been open to us. Racial minorities are entering into professions and trades heretofore closed off in prior decades; for example—radio and TV, certain skilled crafts and trades, banking, accounting with prestigious firms, law practices, medicine, upper management of government and industry—and the list goes on.

It is the constant pressure of the EEOC examining the population employment mix which has given many minorities the opportunity for jobs that previously were closed. The fight for equal opportunity is not over—it continues to need our full support. We must stand together and not allow a backward move regarding affirmative action. JACL should be at the forefront to remove prejudice—we must help to keep the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission alive and well. #

Letterbox

• 'Dear Abby'
Editor,

Apparently many individuals wrote putting "Dear Abby" down for her usage of "concentration camps" in describing the WW2 evacuation of the Japanese Americans in her column. The other side has spoken (Feb. 27, Arizona Daily Star) so now, Nikkei, it is your turn to speak up and write to Abby telling her that she was correct in the use of "concentration camps"! Her address is: Abigail Van Buren, 132 Lasky Drive, Suite 1, Beverly Hills, CA, 90212.

I wonder how many of the Nikkei are quietly arming themselves in preparation for the bad times in the near future. Recently I saw on our local TV news scenes of the KKK burning crosses near Wickenburg, AZ., which is not too far from Phoenix. Most of the KKKs are from Phoenix. What surprised me was to hear the lady announcer say that many of these KKKs are arming themselves with a deadly semi-automatic shotgun called the "Streetsweeper"! This weapon is not commercially advertised and I saw only a circular on it which came with a clip magazine. It is a new type of .12 gauge shotgun which can be had in automatic (service personnel and police use); or semi-automatic. Even a woman or a 12-year-old child can shoot it since the recoil is very mild. What makes it deadly is the fact that it can be ordered with a special magazine attachment which holds 24 shells! Talk about deadly firepower! They are not buying such weapons for quail hunting!

I would imagine that the Sansei and Yonsei will fight back, instead of being herded in concentration camps—so they probably will work hand in hand with the Jewish Defense Force—since the KKKs and the Nazi groups will be out to get the Jews also.

I honestly feel that it is time to get concerned about these things, but I suppose the Nikkei will not even consider such happenings—to their later sorrow once again! They better look alive-if, once Emperor Hirohito dies and the Japanese begin rearming at a furious pace—because they are going after their own oil sources! World conditions will force them to do just that—it will be the same old story all over again! Some are already saying that this may be our last presidential election—even those on the other side are commenting on it—so maybe there is some truth to it!! I give it about 14 months—then we will see where we are at that time!

HASHIME SAITO
Tucson, Az

Paddlewheeler cruise

OTSU, Shiga—A 600-passenger American-style Mississippi paddle-wheeler is being built here to cruise the southern waters of Lake Biwa. The first wheeler to be built in Japan, it is expected to start operation in May, 1982.

BOOKS ON REVIEW:

By JIN KONOMI

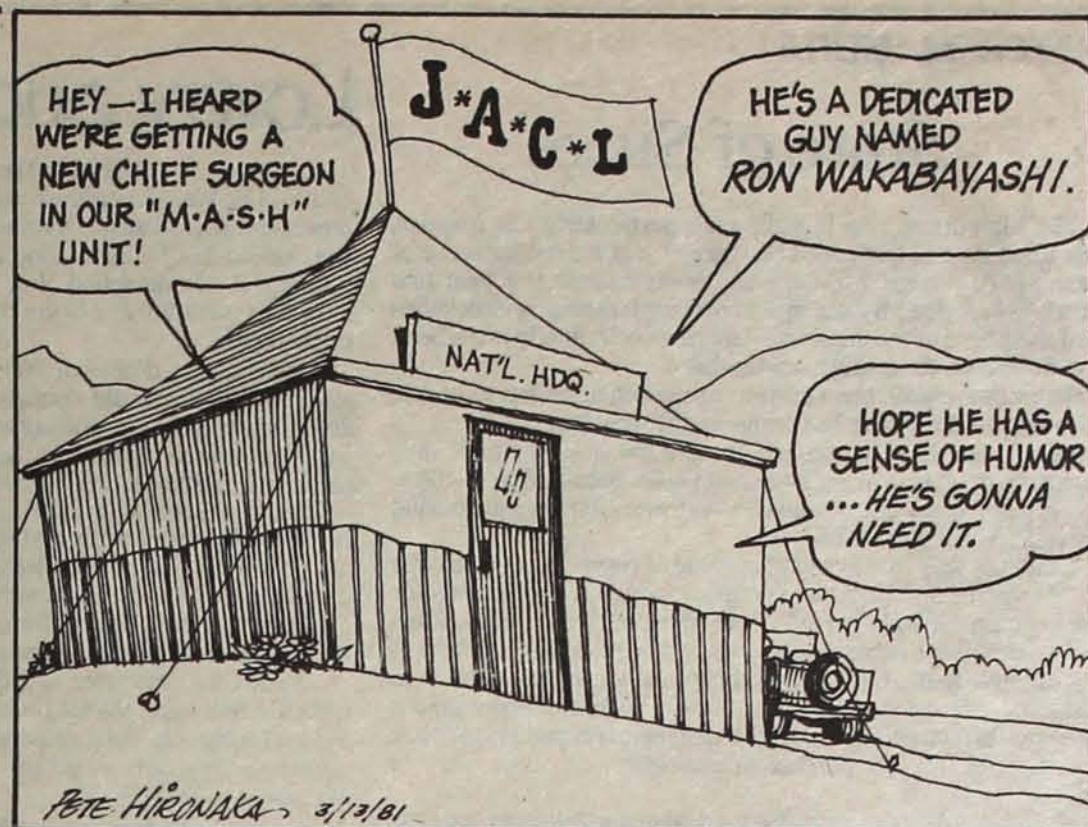
Clothed in a costume romance of violence, intrigue, and sex, the truth about James Clavell's *Shōgun* is largely overlooked by casual readers of the novel, and almost totally lost on the viewers of the TV series based on the novel. It is that *Shōgun* is a historical fiction with a serious message; that it is loaded with philosophical and thematic contents that pose endless challenges to serious students of Japanese history.

This aspect of *Shōgun* is the subject of *Learning from Shōgun: Japanese History and Western Fantasy*, a symposium of 12 essays edited by Henry Smith of the History Department, UC Santa Barbara. Each of the 8 contributors takes a theme in the novel and expatiates upon it from the vantage of his/her special expertise. Mr. Smith deals with five of them. The table of contents will give you a fair idea what it is like:

- 1—James Clavell and the Legend of the British Samurai;
- 2—Japan, Jawpen, and the Attraction of an Opposite;
- 3—*Shōgun* as an Introduction to Cross-Cultural Learning;
- 4—Blackthorne's England;
- 5—Trade and Diplomacy in the Era of *Shōgun*;
- 6—The Struggle for the Shogunate;
- 7—Hosokawa Gracia: a Model for Mariko;
- 8—Death and *Karma* in the World of *Shōgun*;
- 9—Learning Japanese with Blackthorne;
- 10—The Paradoxes of the Japanese Samurai;
- 11—Consorts and Courtesans: The Women of *Shōgun*;
- 12—Raw Fish and Hot Bath: Dilemma of Daily Life.

The scholarship displayed throughout the book is formidable. But thank Heaven! the language is not academesse. In fact, I do not remember enjoying a book as much as I did this in many years.

But I still maintain my original assessment of *Shōgun*. It is a



35 Years Ago

in the Pacific Citizen

MARCH 9, 1946

Feb. 21—Sixty race relation groups in California organize statewide Council for Civic Unity at San Francisco.

Feb. 26 — Westbrook Pegler blasted by Nisei veteran (Spady Koyama, Spokane) for attempting to link American Veterans Committee with communism.

Feb. 27—Japanese Americans with war service record no longer required to obtain citizenship certificate for travel between Hawaii and Mainland; spouses and children also benefit.

Feb. 28-Mar. 4—Ninth biennial JACL Convention at Denver urges citizenship for Issei, vote to retain HQ at Salt Lake City, seek evacuation compensation, and federal responsibility for rehabilitation of West Coast evacuees ... Ex-Sgt Ben Kuroki volunteers for JACL service (to speak for ethnic equality as part of his symbolic 59th mission) ... Hito Okada, Salt Lake City, elected president.

Mar. 2—Sixteen Canadian Nisei soldiers enroute to Hiroshima for occupation duty with British troops.

Mar. 3—Hair stylist George Ohashi of Denver barred from Illinois hair styling contest; association by-laws limit membership to Caucasians only, Ohashi told.

Mar. 4—More (247) Tule Lake renunciants join 1,002 (including 62 under age 21) in petition to regain U.S. rights; attorney Wayne Collins to seek injunction restraining Justice Dept. to deport group as aliens to Japan.

Mar. 5—Earl M. Finch, Hattiesburg, Miss., rancher who befriended the 442 RCT while in training at nearby Camp Shelby, arrives in Honolulu.

MARCH 16, 1946

Feb. 23—Random survey of Nisei GIs in Tokyo shows U.S. military occupation of Japan will be long, until democratic form of government is firmly established.

Mar. 1—Last of the WRA center publications, Tule Lake's Newell Star edited by Iwao Namekawa, published. (Star succeeded Tulean Dispatch which was suspended in late 1944.)

Mar. 8—Over 500 Japanese families back from camps in temporary housing at Lomita Air Strip and Winona Project near Griffith Park, Los Angeles, face another "evacuation" as federal agency ponders closure ... Santa Ana Register notes plight of returnees in Orange County, suggesting some be housed at Santa Ana Air Base, being declared surplus Mar. 30.

Mar. 9—Centerville tractor driver sentenced to year in Alameda County jail for firing shotgun into homes of two returning Japanese American families from wartime

camp.

Mar. 9—Calif. Supreme Court asked to invalidate state alien land law by attorney A.L. Wirin representing Kajiro and Fred Oyama.

Mar. 9—War Relocation Authority closes long-empty Poston, Manzanar, and Rohwer camps; WRA to shut down June 30, announces director Dillon Myer.

Mar. 11—Insanity plea fails for Leroy Bob, 21, of Stockton, charged and convicted with murder of 442nd veteran George Yoshioka of San Jose, found beaten to death with iron pipe on Stockton street last November.

Mar. 12—Earl Finch, "one-man USO" for 442nd at Camp Shelby, continues tour of Hawaiian Islands; leaves for Neighbor Islands after a week of receptions in Honolulu.

Mar. 13—Congressional Medal of Honor awarded posthumously to Pfc. Sadao S. Munemori, Los Angeles-born combat infantryman with Co. A, 100th Infantry; his mother accepts medal at Fort MacArthur ceremonies. #

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and Frances Politeo, Project Coordinator), with chapter contributions coming from the San Fernando Valley Chapter, Riverside Chapter, Downtown LA Chapter, St. Louis Chapter, Selanaco Chapter, and Carson Chapter.

Contributions to Committee of ABS, may be sent to: Paul Tsuneishi, 327 E. 2nd St., Suite 221, Los Angeles, Ca, 90012.

Videotapes and a 16-mm film which compose twelve minutes of the proposed one-hour Survivor's Film Project are available for educational purposes by contacting

Paul Tsuneishi or Frances Politeo, 2818 Prince St., Berkeley, Ca 94705.

A Japanese government medical team is expected again this year to work with a larger group of survivors. Most of the volunteer activity is done by survivors, with strong support from Japanese American doctors and individuals.

While Frank Kasama has resigned as co-chair of the liaison committee, he had become valuable to JACL because of his many contacts in Japan. "Frank and I worked well together, and I found his work invaluable, especially because of his bilingual capabilities and judgment," Tsuneishi added.

'Learning from Shōgun'

glaringly flawed book. It is full of anachronisms (e.g.: Mama san; akabo; hatamoto). There is a serious misinformation, such as Clavell's conception of the imperial power and authority. *Karma* which is used as the guiding force of human destiny, did not enter daily conversation of this age or any other age except among the most devoutly religious. At least, Ieyasu is not known to have been in the habit of thinking in terms of *Karma*. Mariko is depicted as using the word, and this is an oblique commentary on the general Japanese attitude on religion: the Buddhists were not all Buddhist, the Shintoists were Buddhist also, and Christians also talked in Buddhist metaphors.

So I still do not think you can learn Japanese history from *Shōgun*, as fifty million viewers of the TV *Shōgun* did. And I will not apologize to the teachers of Oakland high school and the Contra Costa College mentioned in my "*Shōgun* and History" of a few weeks ago. It is only on the basis of the extensive scholarship such as the contributors to this book have that you can fully appreciate what are the themes Clavell was trying to develop, and what was the message he wanted to convey.

For the benefit of those who were turned off by what seemed to be *Shōgun*'s inherent racism I will quote directly from Mr. Smith:

".....the initial image of the Japanese as barbarians was a foil for the hero's eventual understanding that Japan is not only civilized, but maybe even more civilized than the West."

This book is being distributed by: The Japan Society, 334 East 47th St., New York, N.Y. 10017. The price is \$4 postage included. For anyone who is seriously interested in Japanese history I most strongly recommend it. #

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

'Go For Broke' Exhibit: Army's Salute to the 442nd

Denver, Colo.

What I am about to write may embarrass some of the subjects for they are uneasy in the mantle of heroes. They see themselves only as ordinary Joes, they seldom have occasion to recall the events that set them apart and speak of those experiences even less frequently for they have more immediate matters on their minds.

Yet it will not do to overlook the dedication of the "Go For Broke" exhibit, commemorating their feats, which opened at the Presidio Army Museum in San Francisco on March 7. The exhibit is the Army's way of recognizing the 442nd Regimental Combat Team which in World War II became the most decorated unit of its size in this nation's military history.

What the 442nd accomplished is well known among Nisei of my generation. It was preceded into combat by the 100th Battalion, made up of Nisei from Hawaii, which later was incorporated into the 442nd. This Nisei regiment fought with extraordinary valor in Italy and France and Italy again, took virtually impossible objectives, and paid the price with 600 dead and more than 9,000 wounded. It won more than 18,000 individual citations,

including one Medal of Honor and 52 Distinguished Service Crosses.

This is the story that is being commemorated in the exhibit, for that is the kind of performance that the military understands and appreciates.

But the complete story that must be projected to the American people is larger. It is the story of Nisei men who chose to ignore the fact that they had been spurned by their own government, who suppressed their anger and frustration to volunteer for the opportunity to demonstrate their worthiness in blood.

It is the story of men who understood clearly that their future and the future of their friends and families as Americans would be virtually hopeless without a dramatic demonstration of faith. So they stepped forward despite the jeers of the embittered and those of lesser determination. Many volunteered for military duty from behind the barbed wire fences of the camps where they had been imprisoned, leaving their families in the government's care while they accepted an assignment from which they might not return.

The volunteers knew very well what some were saying: The Nisei had been segregated into a racial unit so they could be thrown into battle as cannon fodder. None

of the Nisei would ever come back, the doomsayers prophesized, the Jap-hating generals would see to that. The volunteers were called fools to serve a government that had deprived them of their rights and among some, those who refused to answer the country's call until those rights had been restored were hailed as the truly courageous.

But the volunteers signed up anyway because their country needed them, and because it was the most convincing way they had of proving their right to be recognized as Americans.

The dramatic turn-around in the way Japanese Americans have been accepted in their native land is the result of many complex occurrences. But there is no doubt that the courage and sacrifice of Nisei soldiers in World War II was the largest single element in demonstrating to the nation that Americans also could have Japanese faces.

I regret very much that I missed the dedication of the exhibit. But sometime in coming months I will make it a point to visit the museum and try to understand something of the experience of the men of the 442nd, to remember the dead and pay my respects to those whose faith and courage helped insure my future in a country that, in its ignorance, had doubted. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

One Person, One Vote

(OR: MIGHT MAKES RIGHT)

Philadelphia

EVERY SO OFTEN some well-meaning, but unthinking, JACL leader revives the simplistic concept of "one person, one vote" and urges that such be adopted by JACL. Sounds democratic and enticingly reasonable particularly if one does not pause to think about it a bit. So let's examine such a proposal, just a little, for that's all the strictures of space here permit.

FIRST, CONSIDER FROM whence such proposals erupt: From the Intermountain District? Perhaps the Mountain Plains, Midwest or even the Pacific Northwest? Certainly not the Eastern District. No, invariably such proposal is advanced out of some chapter or district in California. "And why?" one might well ask. Is it because the regional considerations advanced from these other areas of our land cannot continue to be tol-

erated? Under the guise of a slogan of "one person, one vote," are we then not adopting another slogan, namely "Might makes right"? And let balance and reason be damned.

TO HAVE A single region's monolithic—and thereby, provincial—views preponderate, smothering other insights proffered in the spirit of promoting the overall welfare of all Nikkei, can only lead to the certain demise of the JACL as a national organization. The simplistic slogan of "one person, one vote" may be fine for the political sphere of our lives; the problem is that JACL is not a political organization. Rather, it is, or at least it is supposed to be, a human rights organization, in particular for all Nikkei throughout these United States. Forget this polestar purpose and it becomes all-too-easy to "buy" simplistic proposals such as "one person, one vote," unthinking. That such a proposal has not, thus far, been adopted in JACL can be credited to the good sense and ecumenical sensitivity of the overwhelming

numbers of JACLers in California.

IT HAS BEEN said by some members outside of California that those who press for the one-vote-per-person proposal fail to take into account many other factors. Included in such additional factors are said to be that: often, chapters outside the Pacific Coast contribute more per member, yet receive very little, and at times practically nothing, in terms of service; we do not have a regional office; we are not served with visits by national officers and staff; whereas our members, more or less, tend to be "convinced" members, membership in other chapters often are bloated with individuals interested primarily in health insurance or group rates for overseas travel, and are little concerned with the welfare of Nikkei. Indeed, some of these members who reside outside of California wonder, at times, what benefit they gain by paying (escalating) membership dues, often at a greater per capita rate. But being dedicated believers, they hang in. So far.

THUS, IF THOSE few protagonists, for whatever narrow purpose, continue to beat the drums for overpowering power of one-vote-per-member, the already fragile confederation risks absolute demolition. We ask all enlightened JACLers to continue to hold fast, and not let this come to pass. #

WASHINGTON PROFILE:

An Interview with Robert S. Ingersoll

U.S. and Japan business and trade issues have long been a concern of Americans of Japanese ancestry. The development and success of U.S. and Japan economic relations in the past have been indicators of the manner and treatment of Japanese Americans in the United States. Too often, leaders from both countries have ignored the socio-economic and psychological impact that the failure of the economic bond has had on the acceptance and well-being of the Japanese American community.

I believe that the following interview with former Ambassador to Japan, Robert S. Ingersoll, conducted by Alan Schlosser, Executive Vice President of the Japan Economic Institute of America, would be of interest and benefit to the JACL membership, and the Japanese American community at-large.

RONALD K. IKEJIRI
Washington Representative

Former U.S. Ambassador to Japan Robert S. Ingersoll, Chicago, is a graduate of Yale. He spent some 35 years in the private sector. A former board chairman of Borg-Warner Corporation, Ingersoll served as Ambassador to Japan in 1972-73. He subsequently held the posts of assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs (1974) and Deputy Secretary of State (1974-76). At present he is co-chairman of the Japan-United States Economic Relations Group, a panel of distinguished private citizens widely known as The Wisemen's Group who informally advise the two governments on issues affecting bilateral relations. . . . Chairman of group is Nobuhiko Ushiba, former Japan ambassador to the U.S. and former Minister of External Economic Affairs.

Q: The Japan-United States Economic Relations Group, of which you are co-chairman, recently issued a major report on bilateral economic issues. What in your opinion are the most important conclusions of that report?

The third category I think is in

the area of energy, where we believe that because of the fact that the United States and Japan are 50 percent of world trade in petroleum, that is they receive 50 percent of the movement of petroleum outside of other borders, that they should take the lead in trying to prepare for any possible interruptions, particularly from the Persian Gulf or the Middle East.

We believe that they should first, between themselves, plan what might happen under such a contingency and not have it in generalities but have it worked out well, and we suggest several means of implementation, such as cabinet-level meetings as well as working group levels below that.

Coming to the matter of government relations, we think that they should be increased through cabinet-level meetings, hopefully the first one this year since 1973, and then the regular follow-up at the sub-cabinet or the working level; it should be on a regular basis for that level. I think at the cabinet level it ought not to go more than two or three years at the most, whenever there is a change of government in either country.

There are other recommendations with respect to Japanese agriculture, pointing out the importance of agricultural trade between our two countries and how Japan should reorganize or rationalize its industry, become more competitive in those products where they would like to continue self-sufficiency, then open up to world markets those areas where they determine they cannot be competitive.

We do make some recommendations on the conduct of negotiations and handling disputes to minimize political friction in the future.

We suggest that the United States not carry a heavy hand, that it in general negotiate more broadly with its allies before action is

taken rather than after, even though that's sometimes difficult from a domestic political standpoint. We think our government should take the heat on that and recognize the interdependence and the necessity of bringing our allies into moves as we want to make before we make them, rather than asking them to make them afterwards where they have had no input.

Japan should become more international in its outlook and should take a bigger responsibility both politically and economically. And Japan should really determine what its defense mission is and, on the basis of that determination, decide what its defense expenditures and its particular status of security in Japan should be.

We think that security is not entirely military security; we think that economic and political security are very important. We urge Japan not only to help the United States in maintaining our troops in Japan and bear a greater share of that cost, but that they also increase their share of economic aid to the developing countries, which will not interfere with their constitution with respect to security matters. And because they probably are not going to make as large an expenditure in defense matters, that they increase to a greater proportion in the economic areas.

We believe that economic security leads to political security; therefore, they can make their contribution in that way rather than through a massive increase in defense spending.

I'll tell you frankly, I was surprised with the unanimity our group was able to reach in a relatively short time. It didn't come overnight, but there were eight people who had the same goal in mind—to produce a paper and recommendations that could be used both by the governments as well



Robert S. Ingersoll

as the private sectors.

We do make some recommendations to the private sector, although we were chartered by our governments. We don't think that all relationships by any means should be just between the governments; in fact they aren't, they're mostly private. We think that the private sector must increase its exchange of ideas and consultations and therefore should contribute to the efforts that the governments make as well. We started out by trying to determine what the issues were.

We each in our countries went to different constituencies to find out what the problems were; most of us knew what they were but we wanted to get some input from the outside.

There may be some criticism of our group in that it didn't represent all constituencies. I think that it would have been impossible to produce this kind of report if we had a very large committee on

both sides that wanted to get something in from every place. We had to winnow it down to those issues that we thought were probably the most important in our first report.

If we have a second report, and it looks as if we may, we will pick up some items that we were not able to research as thoroughly as we were able to in this one and include them in the next report. But we finally determined what were the major issues and then we asked certain groups to do some research where we didn't have data readily available. We did this in both countries and in many cases tried to make it joint research, that is a Japanese and an American, or several on each side on a particular chapter. Those bits of research were done and were then submitted to the Committee.

We reviewed the recommendations, in some cases as they were, others we modified. In two cases we didn't even include the report or we incorporated it in a larger subject, so that we didn't have a particular chapter for that bit of research. Each group (that is, the Japanese and the American) met themselves in their own countries and reviewed the papers as they were in progress.

We met in Washington in December 1970, and in Tokyo in May of 1980. In August we were in Hawaii, where we tried to wrap up the final recommendations. We had a few that we couldn't finish there, so we concluded in November in San Francisco.

The most difficult thing is to agree on language. Some things are understood better in one country than they are in the other, and to translate some of these ideas between languages and cultures is extremely difficult.

Q: What about the future of the so-called "Wisemen's Group"?

A: We're funded at least through this fiscal year in the United States, and I understand that Japan's is as well. Since the new administration here has not been able to concentrate on how it

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"WASHINGTON PROFILE" will be a regular feature of the Pacific Citizen, filed by the JACL Washington Office. The Washington Profile will provide the JACL membership and the Japanese American community insight into the newsmakers and to highlight newsworthy developments of interest to the readership.—Editor.

Placer County re-elects Al Nitta of Loomis

By ROY YOSHIDA

AUBURN, Ca.—Highly-successful landscape contractor-orchardist Alfred Nitta of Loomis was re-elected to his second term as Placer County JACL president and inducted Feb. 9 as the 44th president at Akatsuki Restaurant here.

National legal counsel Frank Iwama of Sacramento was installing officer. George Hirakawa was toastmaster. Cosma Sakamoto is immediate past president.

In his acceptance remarks, Nitta paid high tribute to the Nisei pioneers who with uncanny foresight founded the local chapter over 50 years ago, noting that some of the charter members were present and still very active in chapter affairs.

He recalled that JACL was formed as a service organization to promote better understanding among fellow Americans and to serve as a liaison between the Japanese and those of other ancestries. That JACL has worked diligently towards setting fine example of good citizenship, of respect for law and order, and of high standards in community service and betterment.

That JACL nationally and locally has done a tremendous job in achieving this end, declared Nitta, is something all Americans can be proud of.

This year, he continued, the chapter will set up a very ambitious goal and programs to serve a greater community spurred by all-out membership participation. To this end the chapter will scour the county seeking out new members, particularly young people to inject new blood into the organization. High goals, new programs and activist members will be the chapter's number one priority for 1981, added Nitta.

Guest speaker Donald J. Nunes, sheriff of Placer County and presently the second youngest in the state, in relating his two recent official trips to Tokyo, which he called a "tremendous experience," gave an interesting account of his dealings with the Japanese police and the ministry of justice.

His negotiations which seemed more like an encounter with the Japanese officials to extradite prisoner Douglas Scott Mickey, accused of double murder, proved both frustrating and time consuming, said Nunes, because of the Japanese decision making process. Instead of talking directly with the person who makes the decision, you have to wade through ten minor officials talking endlessly presenting your case and then have to wait some more till the final decision comes back from the

top official.

The problem, explained Nunes, is due to the fact that the laws of this country are based on common law of 14th-15th century England, while the Japanese laws are patterned after the German laws, making transfer of custody of evidence totally different.

The sheriff opined that the difficulty encountered in the Mickey case will bring about a drastic change in the extradition procedure between the United States and Japan. An effort will be made to change the present cumbersome process and make it more uniform to that now conducted with various other countries around the world.

When asked why crime rate in Japan was so much lower than in America, Sheriff Nunes attributed this phenomenon to:

Family unity—togetherness where members gather frequently to discuss family aspirations and problems.

Educational process where learning is an on-going, lifetime work.

Ratio of police to populace, for example, in Placer it's one officer to 1600 while in Japan it's one to 800.

High esteem held toward the police by the people, where respect for authority is taught early in life.

Casting seriousness aside for a moment, Nunes related an amusing, if somewhat ironic, observation about Japanese drivers. He said the Japanese were fantastic people with social grace that's an epitome of politeness. They bow and say "dozo" (please) and "domo arigato" (thank you very much), but when they get behind the steering wheel they drive like maniacs.

County Supervisor and Mrs. Alex Ferreira and Judge and Mrs. George Yonehiro of Colfax were among those present at the induction ceremony.

Milwaukee to host MDC workshop

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The Milwaukee JACL will host the next Midwest District Council workshop meeting April 24-26 at the Midway Motor Inn on Howell Ave. The Saturday night 1000 Club whing ding will be a Milwaukee special, it was announced by Allan Hida, chapter president.

Contra Costa JACL

The March CARP (Caring, Aging, Retirement Program) sponsored by the Contra Costa JACL will meet on March 20, 8 p.m., at the East Bay Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero, El Cerrito. Leisure committee chair George Yokoi will discuss development of a good leisure program for now and for retirement.

James Kimoto, chairman of the estate planning committee, presented attorney Joe Yasaki at the recent CARP program.

West Los Angeles JACL

As a public service, the WLA JACL Auxiliary will sponsor a self-defense class for both men and women on Monday, March 16, 7 p.m. at the Westside YMCA and March 17, 7 p.m. at Nora Sterry Elementary School.

Capt. Andy Campbell, instructor for the two sessions, will show the use of MACE and teach basic self-defense techniques. The \$28 fee includes the license. For information: Toshiko (828-0810) or Toy (820-3592).

The Auxiliary winetasting committee met to plan the 10th annual winetasting at Yamato Restaurant on Sunday April 26. This year's donation will benefit the Scholarship Fund.

Coachella Valley JACL

The annual Coachella Valley JACL picnic was held on Saturday, Mar. 7, at Lake Calhulla Park, it was announced by Tom Izu, chapter president.

Seabrook JACL

The annual Seabrook JACL chow mein dinner was held Mar. 7 at the Woodruff School with Terry O'Neill as chairman. It is one of the chief fund-raisers for the chapter.

JACL Olympics set June 7

HAYWARD—The 29th annual JACL Olympics will be held Sunday, June 7, and the state-wide JACL track and field meet will be held two Sundays later on June 21, both at Chabot College field in Hayward.

First organized by the San Francisco JACL in 1952 and held most of the next 25 years in Kezar stadium, the JACL Olympics has in recent years been held on a number of Bay Area fields.

It was conducted under San Francisco JACL auspices until last year when a committee from the Sequoia JACL, headed by Jay Sasagawa of Palo Alto, assumed charge of the 1980 event, which was also held at Chabot field.

By THELMA BURNSIDE

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—On a bright and sunny Feb. 21, the second "Day of Remembrance" was held at the new Walerga Park in the commemorative area designed by landscape architect, Roy Imai, in the shape of an oriental fan. Many of those present had also attended the first "Day of Remembrance."

On an extremely dreary Feb. 19 two years ago, the first "Day of Remembrance" was held in a desolate field strewn with debris, the site of the old Walerga Camp Assembly Center. The participants spoke of a dream—park on this 1.9 acre site with a small area commemorating these loyal Americans who were uprooted from their farms and homes on Feb. 19, 1942 by Executive Order 9066, and forced to spend three years in internment camps. None of these people were ever guilty of espionage against their Government.

Don Ito of Sacramento JACL arranged the program. He introduced:

Keith Yamanaka, president of the Sacramento Chapter, who welcomed former internees and county supervisor Illa Collins; Cleo Ringer, pres., Pioneer Garden Club; Kazuo Ohsawa, manager of Sacramento Branch of Calif. First Bank; Jackie McClure, president, Foothill Farms Improvement Association; Maxine Cornwell, Administrative Asst. to Supervisor Bill Bryan; Larry Tanaka, Commander, 17th District, VFW; Larry Takai, Commander, Nisei Post 8985, VFW; Mr. and Mrs. Halverson, teachers at Pioneer School; Nell Race, Director of Cabana Club #2, and other notables.

Bob Newell, teacher at Pioneer School, spent considerable time in Japan and is a history buff intensely interested in Asian history. He told of his introduction to Japanese internment. When he was 7 years old his family located in Portland, Oregon, where his father worked at Kaiser Shipyard. Housing was short but they found a lovely 2-story home. When he asked his father why the owners had left boxes of their belongings in the basement, he was told the sad story.

Bob opened the 5th grade history textbook that he uses in his classroom at Pioneer School and read of "the unfortunate relocation that was caused by fear...that many lost everything...a people condemned without trial or evidence...who served bravely for their coun-

try in WW II." Bob said he was proud to take part in the dedication of a cherry tree to these people. Bob called a group of his students together to plant the tree.

Frank Hiyama, co-chairman of the Walerga Park Project and past president of JACL, concluded the ceremony.

Ito called for a joint committee of JACL, Foothill Farms Improvement Club, Pioneer Garden Club, to meet at the Sunrise Recreation and Park District office to compose an inscription for the plaque which will be mounted on a cement slab foundation, the only remnant of old Camp Walerga. This cement slab has been incorporated in the fan design of the commemorative area.

One person that was missed was John North, the former Director of Camp Walerga, who recently passed away. When he spoke at the first "Day of Remembrance" he "kicked off" the donations that helped build the Park by making the first donation. His daughter and son-in-law, and his grandchildren were present.

Carney Ouye spoke of his experience at Camp Walerga as 30 days of hardship, a straw mattress, then three years at Tule Lake internment center.

Paul Igasaki was the spokesperson for Sacramento Committee for Redress.

Mary Tsukamoto, Director of Jan Ken Po Gakko, brought a tear to many eyes when she spoke of the early Japanese pioneers conquering alkali soils and many hardships to help make California a food basket of the world. She likened these peoples' survival to the old gnarled pine that grows stronger under unfavorable conditions, more beautiful with age.

"The bamboo," she added "represents their resilience and perseverance, always returning in spring with fresh new growth after cold winds blow." She said, "The plum blossom is ever dear to the Japanese people showing bravery in the face of adversity, pushing forth its blossoms while the snow still covers the ground." "This Park is a dream come true," she said. She is a retired public school teacher who now devotes her time to directing a school for young Japanese, making them aware of their rich cultural heritage.

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Nisei jockey breaks losing streak of 124

ALBANY, Ca.—A veteran rider for 27 years, Nisei jockey Roy Yaka broke his longest string of winless races—124—when he won the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields aboard Caremar on Feb. 24. It was the 50-year-old jockey's first win since his Sept. 6 win at Bay Meadows.

The Hawaii-born Yaka has ridden over 2,000 winners in his career. However, the long losing streak and the injury he sustained in a spectacular four-horse spill on Sept. 16 made it difficult for him to get mounts. The Golden Gate Fields win proved he can still get into the winner's circle.

• Sports
Wrestler Mark Watanuki helped Brighton High School in Salt Lake City, Ut. take their fourth straight 4-A state championship. The 105-lb. Watanuki completed a successful 26-1 season and was champion of his weight class. Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watanuki, both Salt Lake JACL members.

• Military
The Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee will present "lifer" certificates to Nelson Matsuda, Zenji Shibayama and Charles Yatsu at the annual banquet on March 21.

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Medella's Scholarships
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• Awards
Hidemi Suzuki, a Gardena student at CSU Dominguez Hills, was awarded a \$700 scholarship from the Japan-America Society. The music major plans to teach music at the high school level.

The Republic of Korea and the Korean Association of Northern California presented Mayor Robert Ouyé of the city of Marthia, Ca., with two awards for "fostering good relations" between South Korea and the Monterey Peninsula on Feb. 7.

Sansei girl saves boyfriend

WEST COVINA, Ca.—Despite a broken wrist and rib, 17-year-old Vicki Sakuma crawled up a steep 100-foot canyon wall to summon help for herself and her boyfriend Greg Desnue, 19, who was injured after their car tumbled off a rain slick road in the San Gabriel Mountains on Feb. 27.

L.A. sheriff's deputies and the county fire dept. came to the young couple's aid, and both Sakuma and Desnue were taken to hospitals for treatment.

'Bullet Headed Birds'
SAN FRANCISCO—The Asian American Theater Company will present "Bullet Headed Birds" March 13-April 26, an avantgarde play-with-tunes, written by Phillip Kan Gotanda and directed by Judith Nihei.

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The arrangements with respect to the Special Chapter Anniversary issues (see PC, Feb. 27: Stockton JACL Special) are not the same. Sufficient advertising is required to cover the expense for additional pages and press run.—Editor.

Calendar

- **MAR. 13 (Friday)**
Philadelphia—Bd mtg, Chiyo Koiwai res.
- **MAR. 14 (Saturday)**
New Age—Inst dnr, Velvet Turtle Res't, Torrance, 7pm; Floyd Mori, splr.
Portland—Forum on redress, Lewis & Clark College.
Sacramento—Camellia Festival luncheon, parade.
San Mateo—Bay Area Sr Ctr Ctr-CSM Asn Stu Ctr Shinnickai lunch, Coll of San Mateo, 10am-3pm.
West Valley—Mini-Nikkei Matsuri (2da), Valley Plaza.
*Ann Arbor—Charlie Chin concert, Univ of Mich. (call Asn Student Assn-E Wind (313)-996-5799).
*Union City—Crab feed-dance, So Alameda Cry Buddhist Church, 5:30pm.
- **MAR. 18 (Wednesday)**
Las Vegas—Ondo practice, Heritage Sq North, 7:30pm.
- **MAR. 19 (Thursday)**
*Philadelphia—Int'l Studies Assn's annual mtg, Franklin Plaza Hotel (4da).
- **MAR. 20 (Friday)**
Diablo Valley—442nd Exhibit talk, Presidio Army Museum, 7:30pm; Tom Kawaguchi, splr.
*San Francisco—SPCJAS mtg, Presidio Army Museum, 7:30pm; Tom Kawaguchi, splr. 'How the Go For Broke!' exhibit was put together.
- **MAR. 21 (Saturday)**
*San Diego—'Hito Hata' screening, Marston Jr Hi aud, 7pm.
Las Vegas—International Festival's Spring Dance, Conv Cntr Gold Room, 6pm cocktails; 7pm dinner.
- **MAR. 22 (Sunday)**
*Washington, D.C.—'Hito Hata' film, Gaston Hall, Georgetown Univ.
Reno—Sukiyaki dnr.
- **MAR. 25 (Wednesday)**
Las Vegas—Ondo practice, Guinn Jr High, 7:30pm.

*Non-JACL event

- **MAR. 26 (Thursday)**
Sacramento—Gen'l mtg, Nisei Hall, 7:30pm.
- **MAR. 27 (Friday)**
Berkeley—JACL Inv HS basketball tournament: Fri—Portola Jr, King Jr High, 7-10pm; Sat—Semi-finals, King Jr High, Berkeley, 4:30-10:30pm; Sun—Championship, King Jr High, 1-5pm. (Call 415-527-5277 for pairings.)
- San Francisco—NoCal Nikkei comm appreciation dnr for J D Hokoyama, Sun Hung Hueng Res't, Chinatown, 6:30pm.
- **MAR. 28 (Saturday)**
Philadelphia—Inst dnr-dance, Valley Forge Hilton, King of Prussia.
- Sacramento—Inst dnr, Land Park South Res't, 6:30pm.
- *Cleveland—Food bazaar (2da), Buddhist Church, Sat 5-9pm; Sun noon-6pm.
- *New York—'Hito Hata' screening & recptn, Japan House, 7:30pm.
- **MAR. 29 (Sunday)**
*Los Angeles—L.A.-Nagoya Sr City Aff fashion show/lunch'n, Biltmore Bowl, 12n.
- *New York—'Hito Hata' screening, Japan House.
- *Los Angeles—Chi Alpha Delta alumnae schol bridge tea, WLA Buddhist Church, 1pm (info: Mary Ogi 770-1269, Kazi Higa 776-4862).
- *San Jose—Nikkei Matsuri, Japan town: 5th & Jackson.
- **APR. 1 (Wednesday)**
West Valley—Bd mtg, JACL Clubhouse, 7:30pm.
- **APR. 3 (Friday)**
PSWDC—JACL Tri-Dist Conf (3da), L.A. Hilton Hotel; Fri—Mixer, Sat—Workshops, luncheon, Sun—Wrap-up.
- *Oberlin—Midwest Asn Student Conf (2da), Oberlin.
- *San Jose—Sansei Scls Club mtg, JACL Hall, 565 N 5th St, 7:30pm. (Info: 255-3201, 292-2914 or 266-2273).
- *Wash'n, D.C.—Org of Pan Asn Amer Women conf for Prevention of Juv Delinq (2da).

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would like us to operate, we don't have our marching papers yet. But at least we have funds, and that's an indication that they do want to proceed with it. So I think it will be another two or three weeks before the Reagan administration will be able to give us guidance.

Q: Do you see any particular bilateral problems on the horizon, in the trade or defense areas, for example?

A: One of the things that we refer to in the report is the lack of understanding in both countries of the political mechanisms in the other country, and even some of the economic issues. I would be concerned that our Congress or the administration might move more quickly than their understanding of the problem would really suggest.

I have been calling on people on the Hill during this process of developing our report and even since, as we presented the report to various members and had discussions on it.

I sense that some members of Congress come into the issues without a great deal of background. They know what's happening right now, but they don't know what the overall picture is nor do they know what action they might recommend or what effect that might have on overall Japan-U.S. relations.

I think most of the people in major roles in our executive branch have had some background on Japan. I'm not sure that's true in Commerce or USTR, but there are some people who have had some knowledge of it who can be a leaving effect upon any precipitous action that might be contrary to the interests of both our countries. I think if there is sufficient time for debate and hearings then I don't have a concern as to what the outcome might be.

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and Secretary Haig's indication that U.S.-Japan relationship is of paramount importance.

Asked to compare Mr. Nixon and Mr. Reagan's administrations, Nobuhiko Ushiba felt there was a great deal of difference. Mr. Nixon is the type who decides everything by himself; he orders from

the top. Mr. Reagan is the type of man who listens more to his advisers and acts on the consensus.

Ushiba was also optimistic about the future of economic relationships, despite the crisis of the automobile problem.

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