

JAs silent on Calif. end to forced busing

BY PETER IMAMURA
LOS ANGELES—Despite the headlines made by the California Supreme Court's decision March 11 to uphold anti-busing, the Japanese American community remained somewhat quiet over the whole matter.

The high court let stand an appeals court ruling upholding Proposition 1, the anti-busing measure which was, in a sense, the culmination of a 17-year old Los Angeles school desegregation case. The ruling apparently cleared the way for the school board to begin dismantling mandatory busing in Los Angeles. Proposition 1 sought to stop mandatory busing by bringing California law in line with federal law, which prohibits court-ordered busing unless intended to correct intentional segregation.

Background to Prop. 1

The controversial school desegregation battle began in 1963, when the American Civil Liberties Union filed a suit against the Los Angeles school board. The suit focused on two racially imbalanced senior high schools. In July 1966, the suit expanded to include the entire Los Angeles school district.

The trial of the suit began in Oc-

tober 1968 and then in February 1970 Superior Court Judge Alfred Gitelson found both intentional and unintentional segregation and directed the board to implement a desegregation plan.

After both the board and ACLU appealed their cases (with the Calif. Supreme Court upholding Gitelson), a disagreement developed as to how mandatory busing should be carried out. In February of 1977 Superior Court Judge Paul Egly was appointed to hear the case. He found that the board had developed a busing plan that was unconstitutional and ordered a new one to be rewritten.

By September 1978 busing began. But in May 1979 school board president Howard Miller, who was pro-busing, was replaced by anti-busing advocate Roberta Weintraub, and the board now consisted of three conservatives and three moderate-to-liberal members.

Once again, the controversy was stirred. Hearings on the merits of the mandatory busing plan before Egly began in October of 1979. School board lawyers argued for an all-voluntary busing plan and held that mandatory busing was driving many white students out of public schools, neutralizing the purpose of the mandatory plan.

In February of 1980 anti-busing lawyer Tom Bartman was elected to the school board, giving the anti-busing conservatives a 4-3 edge.

In May 1980 Egly rejected the board's all-voluntary proposal, but in December 1980 the State Court of Appeals ruled that California's anti-busing amendment, Proposition 1, was constitutional, with the Calif. Supreme Court upholding it this past week (Mar. 11).

Nikkei Reactions

Regarding the Japanese American community's reaction to the decision, the Board of Education's public information section reported many calls from parents, but none were identified as coming from members of the Japanese, or for that matter, Asian American community.

Floyd Shimomura, national JACL vice president (public affairs) in Sacramento, said that National Headquarters could not make a firm statement on the court decision, admitting that there had been, in the past, some differences of opinion on the subject of busing within the ranks of the organization. He also said it was difficult for the San Francisco-based office to comment on the matter, since the State Supreme Court's ruling had more of an impact on Southern California, particularly

Los Angeles.

Pacific Southwest Regional Director John Saito said, "(Since the) JACL is a civil rights organization, its tendency would be toward a liberal policy on the issue, that is, pro-busing." However, he noted that the issue had not surfaced in any recent regional meetings in the past few months.

Jack Furumura is the principal of Coliseum Street Elementary School here, whose busing program with Marquez Elementary School in Pacific Palisades involves some Nikkei students. Furumura said that he had received no response from any parents on the decision.

"There may be many calls after the Board of Education decides on when the dismantling of the busing program goes into effect (either April 10—when the Easter break commences—or a date in June), but I think that there have been so many changes that occurred during our busing program (in rules and regulations) that a lot of community parents got tired of being frustrated and started becoming more philosophical," said Furumura. "After a while, they (the parents) started expecting the changes all the time."

Perhaps the last significant display that some JACL members put on in favor of busing, at least here in Los Angeles, took place in Gardena on March 14, 1979. Sam Fujimoto, then a candidate for the District 7 seat on the Los Angeles School Board, had taken an anti-busing campaign, which drew criticism from members of the JACL on behalf of the Ethnic Concerns Committee.

About 20 picketers under the sponsorship of the JACL's Ethnic Concerns Committee marched in front of the Gung Hay Restaurant, where a dinner was being held in support of Fujimoto.

JACL Policy on Busing

The JACL's stand for school busing stemmed from a resolution passed at the 1970 national convention, declaring school integration was in keeping with the nation's commitment to equal opportunity and for being in compliance with the Supreme Court decision. Fujimoto's alignment with anti-busing elements led some concerned Asians to demonstrate. (The Nisei candidate did not win the bid for the seat).

So it seems as if the JACL and the Japanese American community has been somewhat passive on the issue of busing. For the JACL, two of the reasons for its minimal concern might be attributed to the League's current concentration on the Redress issue and recent personnel changes at National Headquarters.

The Japanese American community's apathy probably stems, for the most part, from the notion that busing really does not have that much of an impact on their community.

The JACL's and the Japanese American community's feelings might be that this indifference should not exist; for in a sense, a reciprocal situation could develop—the Redress issue may draw little interest from the non-Japanese communities. But the principles involved in both the busing and Redress issues certainly deserve equal, if not separate, attention. □

Chair picked for Commission

WASHINGTON—Joan V. Bernstein, general counsel to the U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services under the Carter administration, was elected chairperson of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians at that body's first meeting held here last month. Rep. Daniel Lungren (R-Long Beach, Ca.) was elected vice-chair of the commission.

In other actions the commission announced the hiring of an administrator, and appointment of a staff director was imminent.

Sources here say that a realistic projection for the first commission hearing is sometime in May. #

Witnesses for L.A. hearings sought

LOS ANGELES—An urgent call for witnesses and testimony on the WW2 Evacuation and U.S. concentration camp experiences was issued this past week by Harry Kawahara, newly appointed JACL Pacific Southwest District redress committee chair who fills the post vacated by Ron Wakabayashi, now national JACL executive director at JACL Headquarters, San Francisco.

Testimony is to be presented before the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, when the nine-member panel appears locally. No schedule has been announced but many here would not be surprised if the first hearings were held in Los Angeles where the greatest concentration of potential witnesses live.

"So critical is the urgency to identify witnesses that non-Japanese should not be overlooked," Kawahara added.

The names should be forwarded to the JACL Regional Office, 244 S. San Pedro St. Room 507, Los Angeles, Ca 90012 (213) 626-4471, or call Kawahara (213) 791-3791. #

Redress push snagged in Columbia Basin

MOSES LAKE, Wa.—Responding to the JACL request for endorsement of a resolution to support Redress, Moses Lake Mayor Bob Hill asked for an endorsement from the greater segment of Moses Lake's Japanese American community before he would lend his support as mayor.

Hill made his comment Feb. 24 at a city council meeting, prefacing his remarks by saying, "I don't think anyone can disagree that the acts of 1942 were badly and unfairly handled. We all agree everything that was done was illegal, no matter what the council decides on this resolution."

Edward Yamamoto of the Columbia Basin chapter attended the meeting to ask for support of the resolution for the Redress hearings from the Moses Lake city council.

"What we're requesting here is that you endorse due process as provided by the U.S. Constitution," Yamamoto said.

"I'd like to see you come back to the council with the endorsement of a greater segment of the Japanese Community," responded Hill.

After a brief discussion, Yamamoto commented that the support "could be next to impossible to get."

Councilmen avoided making a decision on the resolution, referring it instead to the Interracial Commission for Human Rights, an advisory group to the city council.

However, the terms of all the members on the human rights commission have expired, so Hill said that once the commission has reappointed its members and is reactivated, the first order of business should be to study the request made by the JACL and submit its recommendation to the city council. The councilmen will consider the endorsement, by resolution, of the JACL's request on March 28-29.

Los Angeles geared for Tri-District

LOS ANGELES—The newly selected chairs for the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians have been invited to speak at the 1981 JACL Tri-District Conference April 3-5 at the Los Angeles Hilton.

The Hon. Joan Bernstein, chairperson, and Rep. Daniel Lungren, vice chair, were asked to address the delegates as part of the scheduled redress workshop on the morning of April 4. (Lungren's office in Washington has indicated he would be unable to be present.)

National Director Ron Wakabayashi and, tentatively, National Vice President Floyd Shimomura will keynote the April 4 luncheon. Dr. James Tsujimura, National President who was scheduled, will be leaving for Japan that weekend on a JACL mission.

In addition to the redress and reparation session, workshops on political action and rural concerns, and communication are scheduled for April 4.

Several mini-workshops are also planned, which include: Employment Discrimination; Operation '80s; International Relations; Aging and Retirement; Membership and Fundraising; Youth; Pacific Citizen and Atomic Bomb Survivors.

That same evening, "Yuki-Yaki"—a roast honoring actor Yuki Shimoda—will take place. Pan Asian JACL, in charge, added

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WELCOMED—Ronald K. Wakabayashi, JACL's new National Director, is being honored at an invitational reception on March 20 at the Masao Satow Bldg, San Francisco, arranged by acting director J.D. Hokoyama.

Columnist says 'Japan, not Russia' threatens U.S.

DETROIT, Mi.—Columnist June Brown of the Detroit News stated March 8 that the "foreign country presently most dangerous to the United States is not Russia but Japan."

In her column entitled, "Japan, Not Russia, Main Threat", Brown added, "Having lost World War II, the Japanese have embarked on a conscious or unconscious method of revenge. Japan has grabbed America by its industrial complex and is rapidly strangling it to death."

Brown noted that Japan has no anti-trust laws, allowing their competing corporations to "combine their research and use that information to destroy one American industry after another."

Brown also accused Japan of "blatantly misusing America's friendship" and that the influx of radios, TV sets and farm equipment are all part of the "war" that Japan has launched against the U.S. industry.

The columnist also noted that while U.S.-produced cars coming into Japan must pay all Japanese and hidden and open U.S. taxes, Japanese cars imported to the U.S. pay only Japanese taxes and a 2.9 percent duty.

Brown concluded, "(U.S.) Consumers don't need government help to save their jobs. All they need is active consumer leadership and the determination to 'Buy American'." #



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'GO FOR BROKE' EXHIBIT—Facing the 1,500 assembled in front of Presidio Army Museum in San Francisco for dedication of the 'Go for Broke' exhibit, which will be on display for a year, are (from left) Mike Masaoka, emcee; Senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein, Presidio commandant Col. F. Whitney Hall Jr., and museum curator Eric Saul.

PNW campaign to reduce project deficit

VANCOUVER, Wa.—A six-year struggle by the Spokane JACL to establish Asian American Studies at Washington State University, assisted by the Pacific Northwest chapters, cost the chapter approximately \$24,000 with three-fourths met by contributions from individuals and organizations.

To help clear the \$6,000 project expenses, the JACL National Board recently endorsed the PNW-JACL Fund for Asian Studies Program at WSU, 327 NW Couch, Portland, Ore. 97209, which is currently campaigning for contributions. The campaign will conclude here June 28 during a Portland JACL event.

TRI-DISTRICT CONFAB

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proceeds of the \$30 soiree go toward the redress campaign. For tickets, write checks payable to Pan Asian JACL, P.O. Box 189, Monterey Park, Ca. 91754.

Information regarding the conference follows:

Registration: TDC Package will be \$30, which includes: (1) Friday night mixer, no-host bar; (2) Continental Breakfast-Saturday and Sunday; (3) Luncheon on Saturday and (4) Registration to all workshops being conducted. Make checks payable to: East Los Angeles JACL, California First Bank, 850 N. Wilcox Avenue, Montebello, Ca. 90640. Attn: Mr. Fuji Yamamoto, Tri-District.

Workshops: On Saturday afternoon, April 4, the one hour mini-workshops will be presented, as mentioned before. Because of the time involved, persons will only be able to attend two workshops. Please note which workshop you would like to attend on the registration form.

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Wakasugi back on the farm

WEISER, Idaho—Mamuro Wakasugi had retired last year after 50 years of farming and community service—but it was not to be: he has taken up the realty profession and is learning with Blackaby Real Estate, Ontario, Ore., representing them on the sales of row crop farms. (His business card appears in the PC Directory.)

Regarded as "Mr. JACL" in the Snake River Valley, Wakasugi is remembered by pre-war residents in the Pacific Northwest where he was a stalwart with the Portland JACL (1932-42) and elected district chairman in 1938 and chaired the 1940 JACL national convention in Portland. He is also remembered as among the few JACLers to confer with then Asst. Sec. of War John J. McCloy on agricultural matters prior to the Evacuation during the JACL Emergency Convention in March, 1942.

He has been active with the Republican party, elected to local school boards, headed the farm bureau and appointed to statewide agricultural commissions.



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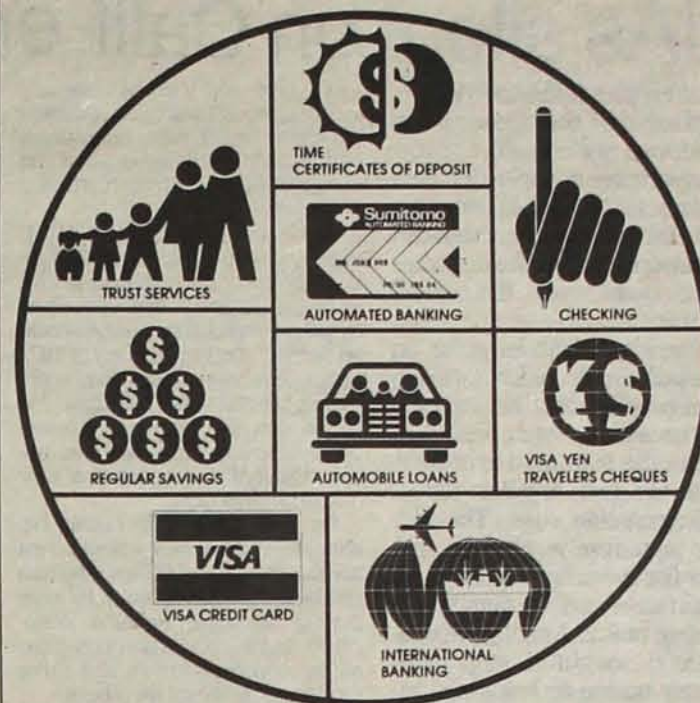
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Of Autos and Anti-Semitism

As if inflation and unemployment weren't bad enough, the Jewish and Japanese American communities throughout the country must now concern themselves, once again, with the real and potential hazards of discriminatory repercussions due to the economic woes of this country.

Our Detroit JACL correspondent recently sent us a clipping written by the highly read black columnist June Brown (March 8, The Detroit News). Her column was headlined, "Japan, Not Russia, Main Threat", and focused on how Japan was getting its "revenge" from World War II by strangling the U.S. industries through the exportation of autos, radios and other goods. Brown implied that the Japanese industries' success in the U.S. was produced out of malice, rather than technological or economic competitiveness. She closed by urging consumers to "Buy American".

Now, there is no doubt that the Japanese influx of products is causing some problems for the U.S. economy, but Brown attacks the issue in a manner that may produce some potentially racist backlashes—by viewing Japan as "the enemy". Brown certainly should have been a little more sensitive to the possible implications of her statements, especially with respect to the Japanese Americans in Detroit.

The February anti-Japanese demonstration against Nissan Motor Co. in Tennessee showed how Japanese Americans might easily become innocent targets.

Brown could have analyzed the issue by comparing the U.S. and Japanese industries, in terms of the quality of their goods and productivity (i.e. Why are foreign autos more fuel-efficient than American ones? Why did the ivory towers of Detroit take so long to produce more competitive, fuel-efficient cars?).

People who wish to comment on how to solve economic, or for that matter, any problems in the U.S. must read a bit more on all sides of the issues, rather than fall back on simplistic "solutions".

report compiled by the county's Human Relations Commission indicating that the number of anti-Semitic incidents in Los Angeles County increased by 250 percent in 1980. The report details 53 separate incidents that occurred throughout the county, such as vandalism to Jewish houses of worship, stolen Torah scrolls, graffiti on synagogues and toppled gravestones in Jewish cemeteries.

In the '70s, Jewish leaders had always been (and of course, still are) concerned with the possibility of latent anti-Semitic feelings

becoming more prolific because of the sagging economy, coupled with enduring myths, such as those which profess that Jews control powerful institutions, i.e., banks and newspapers. The Middle East situation involving America's stand with Israel against the oil-rich Arab countries, which was confused with the energy crunch, perhaps, contributed to fueling this hatred.

Although there has been no definite proof, the miserable economy may be one of the lame excuses that hate groups or individuals are using for their recent unspeakable acts.

Scapegoats are nothing new to this country; history attests to this. It will take some sacrifices by Americans to get the U.S. back on its feet, economically; however, those sacrifices need not include hostility toward one another.

On March 6, Los Angeles Supervisor Kenneth Hahn released a



A MODEL OF BEAUTY— Leslie Kawai, 1981 Tournament of Roses Queen, will be one of the many young Sansei and Yonsei models to grace the "Clothes Encounter of the Third Generation" fashion show sponsored by the Los Angeles-Nagoya Sister City Affiliation on March 29 at the Biltmore Hotel.

'South Asia Bulletin'

LOS ANGELES—A new scholarly journal, the "South Asia Bulletin", is now available from the South Asia Association, an affiliate of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center. The premiere issue focuses on women in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. The journal (\$1.75) may be ordered from the South Asia Association, 3232 Campbell Hall, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

Tax assistance offered

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese Community Pioneer Center offers free tax assistance to senior citizens every Saturday through April 4, between the hours of 1 and 4 p.m. Project coordinator Tom Hamada reminded seniors seeking tax help to bring along all necessary documentation for completing the 1040 or 1040A forms. To qualify for the free tax assistance, a person's income must not have exceeded \$12,000 in 1980. Pioneer center is located in Rm. B4, Japanese American Cultural Community Center. For information, call (213) 680-1656 or 621-1195.

JACL Youth Conference at U.C. Irvine set June 22-27

LOS ANGELES—This summer is the first year that Southern California hosts the JACL Japanese American Youth Convention, which is being held at the Univ. of California Irvine campus June 22-27.

The Irvine campus is 40 miles south of Los Angeles in the new suburban community of Orange County above Newport Bay and 10 minutes from the ocean. (Disneyland is 10 miles to the north.)

Asian American youth from across the country are expected to attend the five-day convention.

Some of the topics being planned at the workshops include: (1) interracial dating and marriage, (2) parent-child relations, (3) Asian gangs, (4) the JACL story, (5) community service, (6) Evacuation, relocation and redress, (7) affirmative action, (8) drug abuse, and (9) various careers in politics and the media.

Some of the distinguished southland Nikkei who have been invited to address the participants are:

Dr. Edward Himeno, director, Riverside County Child Psychiatry; Dr. Harry Kitano, professor, UCLA social welfare department; Harry Honda, editor, Pacific Citizen; Mayor Carol Kawanami of Villa Park; Mayor Eunice Sato of Long Beach; Mike Ishikawa, director, Los Angeles County Affirmative Action Compliance Office; Mas Dobashi, PSWDC youth commissioner; Judge Barbara Tam Nomoto, Santa Ana; Nancy Yoshihara, staff writer, Los Angeles Times; and Amy Iwasaki Mass.

On the lighter side, some of the activities scheduled are an outing at the beach, team sports, shopping spree at Newport Beach and a final night dinner-dance at the Registry Hotel with newly appointed National Executive Director Ron Wakabayashi as the keynote speaker and featuring the music by Carry On.

The convention package of \$125 postmarked before June (\$150 after June 1) includes lodging at the UCI dorms and the meals. For details, contact either:

John Saito, PSWDC regional director, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, Ca. 90012 (213-626-4471) or Ron Tajiri, National Youth Council chair, 3901 Parkview Lane #19-D, Irvine, Ca. 92715 (714-559-1043).

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'Divided we fall'

Portland, Ore.

Significance of Redress today is attested to and underscored by President Reagan who placed such importance on this issue that he expanded the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians from seven to nine members, allowing both the House and Senate to appoint three members each.

In light of such an affirmative response, each of us must search our conscience and assess our attitude toward this vital program. We are at that juncture facing the fate of "united we stand, divided we fall".

It is time to put behind any residual recrimination, disappointment and differences stemming from JACL's performance in the past. It is time to practice those venerable parental virtues of patience and perseverance, and respond with positive purpose to the Commission program that is before us.

At no other time since the forced relocation of WW2 have Japanese Americans been focused upon as a whole as now! No other issue since Executive Order 9066 has an issue more critically consumed our energies, challenged our priorities, tested our cohesiveness—as the Redress concept.

We are again faced with the choice to act and react as a people united, honorable in character and conduct, despite the uncertainty of its outcome.

It is a time that tests and challenges every chapter, every JACLer—and every Nikkei citizen. The decision each of us makes individually in regard to supporting the program will determine corporately the course and cause of the Nikkei constituency for generations to come.

I urge, not only each JACLer but all members of the Nikkei community to attend ... the hearings to come, not necessarily as a vote of confidence but, more importantly, as a show of solidarity based on common interest and concern for the Nikkei future. If nothing else, it may promote—and possibly instill—a sense of togetherness with has somehow dissipated over the years, and restore to robust prominence the once vigorous support and unity which are the mainstay of any ethnic survival. #

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Letterbox

● J.D. Will Be Missed

Editor:

J.D. Hokoyama, assistant national director and acting national director since the 1980 Convention, will be greatly missed by the JACL. J.D. is a very conscientious, dedicated, accommodating and sincere individual. He helped hold the staff together during the difficult periods and gave his support whenever it was needed.

I've worked with J.D. ever since he joined the JACL staff and have a great deal of respect for his capability, integrity, and concern for other people. J.D. helped develop Operation '80 and the fund raising plans. He was instrumental in getting them started—let's hope the momentum continues.

I will miss working with J.D. at Headquarters but wish him well and know he will succeed wherever he goes.

HENRY S. SAKAI
Long Beach, Ca.

Sakai was national chair at the JACL Travel Committee in the 1979-80 biennium.

35 Years Ago

in The Pacific Citizen

MARCH 23, 1946

Feb. 10—Second battalion of 442nd at Leghorn deactivated; RCT now comprised of 100th Inf, 3d Bn, Cannon Co, Service Co, Anti-Tank Co and Medic Detachment. (206th AGF Band and 232nd Combat Engrs previously deactivated.) ... 442nd at Peninsular Base Section Hq guarding German PWs, escorting troop trains to Germany.

Mar. 11—Calif. Personnel Board expected to drop charges against 500 Nisei employees following WW2 dismissal "for lack of confidence in (their) loyalty", according to attorney James C. Purcell, counsel for 82 Nisei seeking damages for unlawful dismissal from state employment.

Mar. 15—Snake River JACL to study Oregon anti-alien land law.

Mar. 15—WRA reports 7,100 segregationists shipped to Japan from U.S. at their own request.

Mar. 18—Santa Barbara Nisei leader (Taki Asakura, 40) dies instantly in fiery auto crash near Calabasas, among first to return from Midwest in March 1945.

Mar. 19—Sen. Sheridan Downey (D-Cal.) opens investigation of charge that 44 Nisei wounded veterans traveled from San Francisco to Honolulu in hold of Navy transport President Hayes and were "treated like war prisoners" while civilians occupied state-rooms and cabins; veterans also reported given "inadequate medical care" at Camp Stoneman while waiting for passage to Hawaii ... Sgt Glenn Nakasone, amputee, hopes situation improves for others ... JACL Washington Representative Mike Masaoka files protest with War Dept. and requests investigation.

Mar. 20—Justice Dept. reveals wartime alien detention center at Santa Fe, N.M., to be closed (over 700 Issei from this camp were expatriated to Japan); internees to be transferred to Crystal City, Tex., internment center where families can join.

Mar. 20—New Sec. of Interior Krug notes "substantial completion" of four-year resettlement effort by WRA; Tule Lake will be closed soon.

SPEAKING OUT:

By HENRY SAKAI

Long Beach, Ca.

One of the problems with an organization like the JACL, which depends heavily on volunteers, is that often times on-going tasks are not accomplished in a timely manner. How can you fault the volunteers when they have other priorities and can only devote so much time to the JACL? Yet if their tasks are not done well and on time it causes much frustration and sometimes results in failure.

So for the JACL to be a viable and professional organization, it is necessary to have adequate staff and monies to perform the essential tasks and programs and to provide the necessary support to the volunteers.

In order for the JACL to operate as a professional organization, we need to increase our budget, but not by simply raising membership dues. JACL is currently implementing plans to seek funding from Japanese and American corporations and



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

The Nice Part of Aging

Salt Lake City

Aging is not totally a natural process. Having children hastens it. A noticeable acceleration occurs when they continue to live with you. Being a victim of such circumstance, I write from experience. Further, I am a living exhibit of parental abuse. My winter weight has reached an astronomical 96 pounds, all in the wrong places.

"Look at me," I said to my son. "I'm a human disaster."

My son, who was being intellectually stimulated by the current issue of *Playboy*, cast a cursory glance and said, "You look the same to me."

Blind are the eyes of children. "It's your fault," I said, pausing during an abdominal exercise.

My son was incredulous. "My fault?" He stopped his educational reading long enough to shake his head in disbelief. "Now, what have I done?"

I reminded him that he hadn't moved out. Last autumn, I was briefly euphoric when he agreed that fall would be a good time to leave. Mentally, I immediately began to rearrange the house. There was a purpose to visiting furniture stores. Yet, winter came and my son was still at home. All my innuendos were ignored. So, finally, I pressed him on his promise. He said, "I only said I'd leave in the fall. I didn't say what year."

On cold days, I thought it would be cruel to force him out. Even a dog would be given a reprieve. On the occasional warm days, my impatience returned. I suggested he start looking for a place. He made the gesture, returning each time to say, "I can't live in those dumps." Apparently "dumps" began at \$250.00 per month, plus utilities, without free laundry or meals on demand.

"For that kind of money, I might as well live at home," my son rationalized. "There are worse places than this house. It's tolerable here."

While my son tolerated living at home, I began to eat compulsively. After a recent dinner party, I ate all the leftovers the next day. Two pounds of mints, a pound of cheese, half a box of crackers, two cans of almonds, two eclairs and one napoleon. At that pace, my size four wardrobe would soon be obsolete. I felt fat and aw-

ful. My son was driving me to food.

When he moved downstairs and established his own empire in our former guest area, he agreed to keep it clean. He used to be fastidious. That was before he was employed. Having a career interferes with basic sanitation. Fungus is growing out of his shower and sink, spiders are writing messages on the ceilings and walls, dust mites are raising a colony on the carpet. His area qualified for condemnation. With his help, we may even achieve the dubious distinction of fulfilling the prophecy that minorities turn residential areas into slums and depreciate property values.

My ire was raised last week when I noticed Nicholas's room is cleaner than our son's. That did it. I initiated a search for an apartment or a condominium the same afternoon. It has been years since I've examined potential residences. There was something different about this search. Later that night, I remembered.

In 1951, when we bought our first house, the realtor was concerned. He suggested my husband live in it alone before we moved in. He was worried of possibly hostile neighbors. At that time, it was not uncommon for neighbors to petition against residential integration. Often, moving into a new neighborhood meant ugly racial experiences.

When we purchased our present house, we were the first minority family in the immediate area. There was a certain curiosity attached to the cordial reception. Among other gifts, we received a copy of the "Restrictive Covenants of Mount Olympus Park." Although portions had been invalidated by the Civil Rights Act of 1954, I kept the document. The preservation in print of our near history. "Item (j), No person not of the Caucasian race shall use or occupy any building upon any lot except he or she occupies or uses such building as a domestic servant of the owner or tenant who must be of the Caucasian race."

As my son begins his reluctant search for a place of his own, I know how times have changed. We tend to forget the progress we have made as minorities. Things taken for granted, like living where you choose, did not happen overnight. They are victories of moral battles of my time. That is the nice part of aging. You can remember. #

Pledges and More Pledges

will and trusts from individuals who want to help JACL. JACL will ask for pledges from those who can afford to help, as well as encourage everyone to sign up new members.

JACL is presently like a business that doesn't have enough money to remodel or buy new stocks. Therefore, it just struggles along—being criticized for not doing enough.

There's no doubt that much of the criticism is justified but if we can raise enough income to pay for adequate staff and programs we can take care of many problems. Right now most of the committees cannot hold meetings since the budget is so tight.

We will need pledges to help us this year and hopefully by next year we will start to receive income from other sources.

JACL is a national organization with over a hundred chapters across the mainland U.S. including Hawaii and Japan. Let's support the organization and help make the changes that are necessary. We welcome the criticism but need your help too. #



FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

10-sen Stamp

Denver, Colo.

You may recall that there have been several mentions in this space recently about some 10-sen stamps my friend Zeke Scher picked up in Japan in the earliest days of the American Occupation. He was interested in knowing what they were worth, if anything, and what the characters said. Jin Konomi provided some of the answers, which were reported here.

Comes now additional information from John M. Yumoto of San Mateo, past-president of the Japanese American Society for Philately. He writes:

"The 10-sen stamp was one of a series of 20 stamps issued from early 1942 on, and the motifs used depicted scenes glorifying the war effort—shipbuilding, a woman worker, national monuments, a young flier, a shrine, portraits of generals and admirals and so on.

"On one of the 10-sen stamps was a picture of a plaque displayed at the Hakozaki Shrine in Fukuoka (the series Scher has) with four characters meaning "Enemy Country Surrenders" engraved on it. It is believed that these characters were originally the calligraphy of Emperor Daigo (897-920) and that the plaque was placed on the shrine during dedication ceremonies in 1275 when a new building was built. It was intended to ward off enemies from the west such as the Chinese and Mongols.

"During the Occupation MacArthur's GHQ issued a directive prohibiting Japan from issuing stamps or coins depicting (1) militaristic symbols or portraits of military leaders; (2) Shinto shrines of symbols of Shinto; (3) Scenes from territories in the

old Japanese empire; (4) Anything depicting opposition to peaceful Occupation objectives.

"After Aug. 31, 1947, use of all but three of the 1942 issue was prohibited. Stamps such as the 10-sen were marked by postal personnel with heavy ink to make the characters "Enemy Country Surrenders" illegible even before the order came down.

"After both the great earthquake of 1923 and the devastating air raid of April 14, 1945, Japan's government printing office was unable to produce postage stamps. So the government authorized private firms to print stamps similar to the 1942 issue. The 10-sen stamps were printed in a blue color with the original design. It is believed there is only one used blue 10-sen stamp, on a cover, in existence. It was recently auctioned in Tokyo for several thousand dollars....

"Members of the Japanese American Society for Philately, an organization which has been in existence since before the war, are very interested in articles such as the one of Zeke Scher and are eager to research the historical aspects of items of Japanese philately."

So now you know. My own stamp-collecting experience does not extend beyond a bunch of used stamps soaked off envelopes and put away in an old cigar box (do they still make cigar boxes?) and stuck away in the closet. I suppose I "collected" stamps in boyhood because some of my friends did. But I lost interest in them even before discovering that there were albums into which the stamps could be pasted.

Now that first class mail is going to cost us 18 cents per each (with no increase in speed of delivery) it might be a profitable hobby to revive. Or am I on the wrong track? #



EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

(S)he Doesn't Look Like One

Philadelphia

WE OFTEN COMPLAIN about stereotyping: judging a person on appearance (or ethnicity) and relegating that person to a preconceived role, usually far below that person's competence. Thus Asian Americans are viewed as being docile, uncomplainingly exploitable, not suitable for policy-fixing positions, and so on. Inject into that characterization an Asian woman, and it further deteriorates, including perhaps a sex object. Overstated? Perhaps, or at least hopefully "perhaps." But whether overstated or not, most of us can agree on one thing: it is, to an unacceptable degree, all-too-true.

A FEW YEARS ago, my secretary (white) made a perceptive observation that I've thought of a number of times since. She commented that "It is often more important what people *think* you are, rather than what you are." And, of course, she's absolutely right. If you have any doubt, look at stereotyping. And if you still remain unconvinced, think of those people whom you know are incompetent, lazy or superficial—who nonetheless bamboozle others and move into positions of influence. (In a cynical way, I actually admire the ability of such individuals, of whom there are all-too-many, to create the *impression* of competence, diligence and genuineness.)

REVERSING THE ANALYSIS—that is, a person with affirmative qualities who, because of stereotyping, is denigrated

into a limited role because of ethnicity (and sex)—we have the demeaning process of stereotyping, with all its negative repercussions. And every fair and reasonable person would, should, renounce such a situation. Or, do we?

I SUGGEST TO you that we Nikkei, or at least some of us, consciously or unconsciously, have adopted much of the negatives of stereotyping and, what is most troubling, *apply it to one another*. Oh, less than we used to, perhaps; but nonetheless we continue to do so. How many Nikkei would retain a competent Sansei woman lawyer, rather than settling upon an unknown (and perhaps incompetent) lawyer because he happens to look like Judge Parker of the comic strips? (I can hear the rationalizing even as I write these words.) And why do we at times look upon one another, when meeting for the first time, as some inconsequential *inaka-mono* and then express amazement that he's the head of some thriving corporation, or a vice-president of a national company? Shucks, others with far less competence have been doing it for years. And if we perpetuate stereotyping, it'll unfortunately continue for many more years to come.

NOW, DON'T GET me wrong: I happen to be proud of my fellow (non-gender intended) Nikkei, and mightily so. What I am suggesting, however, is that if we stereotype *ourselves*, and thereby yourself as well, we're merely echoing the very fault that we condemn in non-Nikkei. And I think you'll agree that that's a malady, an added burden, we can well do without. Particularly since we happen to be quite capable of "cutting the mustard." Indeed. #



MOSHI—MOSHI: by Jin Konomi

Samrai Without Mystique: a Banquet in Sendai

The banquet was to bid the honored guest farewell and a safe journey home. He was a *chonin* (burgher), Masuya Koemon, better known by the nickname Masuko. To the hosts, a team of high ranking officials of the Sendai Clan, including the chief chamberlain Katakura Kojuro, it marked the conclusion of arduous negotiations with a tough adversary. More importantly, it meant the end to the humiliation of having to deal with this *chonin* as his supplicants. All through the talks and rounds of entertainments, while they paid court to his self-importance and danced attendance on his every whim and mood Masuko had acted as though he did not know there was such a thing as caste in the world.

And well he might. The negotiations had happened in a world where money ruled, and he had the money. In fact he held the fate of the clan in his hands.

Sendai, with the officially declared annual revenue of 620,000 koku (koku was 4.93 bushels), was the third largest clan in the country. Yet it had been tottering on the brink of bankruptcy for many years. Its retainers had been on a permanent half pay; it had borrowed and defaulted right and left both in Sendai and Edo so that there was not a merchant willing to risk another loan. As a final desperate measure it turned to Osaka, and found the brokerage house of Masuya, willing to listen to its pleas—for concessions. So Masuko, the manager of Masuya, had been invited to discuss terms and inspect the clan finances.

Their tactics of deferential servility had worked, they thought, for, though the terms were harsh, they obtained the loan, and the clan had been saved, for now. And at last, the banquet had come to a close.

As the guest prepared to leave, Matsumae Izumi, the head delegate, offered the clan's heartfelt thanks again, and expressed the hope that Mr. Masuya's stay had been a pleasant one. "Everything was fine," answered Masuko, "especially the most comfortable lodging. My only regret is that it was not my own home." Izumi saw a chance to further ingratiate the clan in his favor. "That house happens to be my villa," he said, "I will deem it a great honor if Mr. Masuya will accept it from me." Masuko accepted with a mere thank you. It was probably the casual manner in which such a generous gift was accepted that prompted Nagai Heihachiro, one of the negotiating team, to ask: "Will Mr. Masuya be taking the house back to Osaka?" "No, I am afraid not," coolly answered Masuko. "Since I cannot take it back to Osaka, if it is going to be in the way of a new house, I shall have it burned down."

Everybody was aghast. The relaxed postparty atmosphere suddenly tensed. Nobody could miss the veiled sarcasm and the anger, also veiled, in this brief exchange. It took all the tact and suavity on the part of Izumi to sooth Masuko's ruffled temper.

For this small act of disrespect to an important guest, Nagai was severely rebuked and ordered to house confinement. The humiliation of having had to wait hand and foot on a *chonin*, then having his light banter thus punished, was too much to take. He committed suicide by disembowelment.

This obscure incident happened in the closing years of the 18th century. Similar episodes of humiliation for the samrai, with or without suicide, were happening throughout the country. Less than a century and a half after its founding the economic foundation of the Tokugawas' feudal structure was beginning to sag. The relative position of the samrai and *chonin*, the lowest of



NISEI IN JAPAN: by Barry Saiki

Ten 'Lost' Years

Tokyo

It seems that the Nisei in Japan are always sitting out in the left field bleachers when something important takes place, such as the forthcoming Redress hearings. PC reports indicate that preparations are being taken care of by ex-chairman John Tateishi,

Floyd Shimomura, Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi and other capable individuals.

While we in Japan will not be accessible as witnesses before the commission, I would like to express my viewpoints on some of the key items that should be presented.

While discriminating against all Chinese, Jews and blacks was noticeable in pre-war California, much of the hysteria was whipped up by the press and by prejudiced persons occupying high positions in the military, political and economic circles, as documented by both Bill Hosokawa and Michi Weglyn.

Once the decision was made to make the Nikkei the "scape-goats", a large part of the previously apathetic public joined the outcries. Some benefited from the property losses incurred by the evacuees. In fact, the exclusion orders convinced some of the unbelieving public into thinking that the evacuees were suspect because an Executive Order had been issued.

Of those placed in the relocation centers, about 35 per cent remained in the centers until they were closed. The relocation program was successful in moving about 65 per cent (mostly young people) out and even among these, the relocation was a temporary expedient to get out of confinement of the centers.

For the young single people, relocation gave them the opportunity to have their talents recognized by fellow Americans in the less prejudiced states. Many achieved notable successes in education, in the professions, in arts and crafts and in business. Those who gained optimum success would be inclined to regard the Evacuation less bitterly and would consider compensation as beneath their dignity. They will admit the Evacuation was un-American in principle and financially a debacle for almost everyone.

Fundamentally, I would like to see before these hearings people who can give strong voice to those who did not relocate, to those who were affected strongly enough to reply "no-no", to those who struggled for several years after returning to their home states in order to regain their prewar standings, to those who had to change their life styles and occupations completely and to those who lost almost everything.

I was with the U.S. Army of Occupation in Japan during immediate postwar years, so from my left field bleachers, I cannot clearly describe what happened to the returning Californians. Yet, I know that as late as 1948, there were thousands of families sharecropping strawberries, engaged in gardening and housework and employed as hired hands on farms.

Roughly 75 per cent of those relocated or more than 80,000 persons did not regain prewar parity until the 1950s. In other words, the Evacuation was not merely a question of 1942 to 1945, but the many lost years spent in the resettlement phase.

While current statistics seem to show that the Nikkei have improved their statuses and have attained economic levels above or on par with the average American, this was achieved in spite of the evacuation and because of the individual efforts made, in the face of adversity.

I believe that the commission should be given a clear and descriptive picture of those ten lost years, endured by thousands of returning Californians, Oregonians and Washingtonians. Only then, will the commission understand the magnitude of the damages suffered. #

the four castes, was beginning to be reversed. In many situations samrai were addressing important *chonin* "Dono (Mr.)". They had already become the spiritless, feckless, parasitic class, bellying the mystique created by generations of heroic warriors down to the fall of Osaka in 1615.

Masuko became the financial administrator of the Sendai Clan, and almost succeeded in rehabilitating it, but gave up after five years. Sendai dragged out its moribund existence to the final abolition of the clans in 1874. It did not make any contribution to speak of to the revolution of Meiji.

Postscript: Masuko was only one half of a man. The other half lived in a world far removed from that of interests and exchange rates, the world of the intellect. He was Yamakata Bantou. An approximate contemporary of the Encyclopedists of France, he was a man of encyclopedic learning, and an original thinker. His major work is *Yume no Shiro* (Shiro baffles me. My guess is that he could not come out to make many of the statements in the book. So the title may mean *Materials Dreams are Made Of*). It is a 12-volume compendium of the most advanced scientific, philosophical and economic knowledge of the age, the late 18th century.

Why Diderot could compile his great Encyclopedia, and Yamakata did not, must be explained by the social histories of France and Japan. But it is interesting to note that the two men were both rationalists. *Mukiron*, one of the twelve books, is the greatest treatise on atheism of the age. That such a man was possible is another amazing aspect of Japanese history. Though the two halves of the man lived in two separate worlds the tide of modernism was rising in both. #



FROM PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: by John Saito Race Relations

Los Angeles

While browsing through our office files I came across a very skinny folder in reference to race relations. I looked through the contents of that folder and saw the minutes of several meetings that were held, during the summer months of 1965, among representatives from the JACL and Negro organizations. The next scheduled meeting was for the evening of August 11, 1965. That meeting never took place because that evening was supposedly the beginning of the much publicized Watts Riot.

Since that time the direction and focus of the various ethnic minority communities have changed, but I feel a tremendous need for minority communities to redevelop meaningful dialogue and relations among ourselves.

The other night, after working at the office later than usual, we stopped at a quick food service place to buy our dinner. We were

the only non-blacks in the place. While we were waiting for our order a black child approached me and asked if I were Chinese. I said no, I was not Chinese. She then asked me if I were Japanese and I said yes, I am Japanese. She could not have been over six years old. I thought I would continue the query in the same vein and I asked her what was she and she said "English". Her mother came over and effectively cut off the conversation and also by then, our order was ready, so that put an end to that episode.

A few days later while I was waiting to cross the street, a group of elementary school children who happened to be black, on their way to school made some "sing song" sound as they passed me. I won't tell you what my reaction was but in my afterthoughts I felt that these children are only at the age of innocence and wondered who can be feeding their young minds with those kinds of distasteful images. Who is responsible for the proper image formation on the minds of the American youth?

The schools, the home and parents or, is it the mass media?

Organizations, such as ours, still need to meet with other minority organizations. But the most important thing is that whatever resolutions that develop from such meetings, those discussions must filter down to the person in the street. #

PERSPECTIVES: by Jerry Enomoto

New Mexico JACL

Santa Fe, N.M.

During my years as National JACL President, one of the rewarding experiences I had was the opportunity to travel to many areas of the country to touch he membership of JACL at the grass roots. Just as I felt it necessary when running a prison system to get out regularly to the field in order to pick up the feel of where staff and clients (inmates, parolees) were, it was just as necessary to monitor where the membership was in JACL.

The other evening I experienced a flashback to those years. I was invited to the meeting of the New Mexico JACL Chapter in Albuquerque where I shared some of my recent experiences, with an emphasis upon what was happening behind the scenes in New Mexico's attempt to turn its corrections system around after the tragic prison riot last year.

President Ken Yonemoto presided over the meeting and I was impressed by the number of members in attendance, the enthusiasm, the variety of programs and, of course, the warm hospitality extended. It was a potluck affair and the amount and variety of food was both tasty and "mezurashii", considering that nihon meshi is not all that available in New Mexico.

The chapter is hosting the Mountain Plains District Council Meeting in April and it seemed to me that the meeting will be in very good hands.

There was a high level of interest in what the State was doing to recover from the disastrous riot last February as evidenced in the many questions asked. Community people, regardless of ethnicity, are bothered by the same questions that plague us all, i.e., Are there better answers to the problem of crime than prisons? What do we expect prisons to do? Are we locking up too many, or too few? Aren't the costs prohibitive? Why do prison riots occur?

I personally believe that the State of New Mexico is taking the steps necessary to restore order and humanity out of chaos. Professional leadership at the top, improved training, better pay, modern facilities, community involvement and emphasis upon diverting those who don't have to be sent to prison, expanded programs are all in place or are going to be. The executive and the legislature are responding to the needs. Let us hope that it will be an ongoing and sustained effort.

To those who may feel that we are repeating the mistakes of yesterday by reestablishing bureaucratic prison empires, I submit that until society finds a better way to deal with criminal offenders other than locking them up, those who are charged with administration of the system must concentrate upon making it as least destructive of the human spirit as possible. The basic prison problem is a societal issue,—that is not a "copout", it is a reality!

I have found my role in the effort here rewarding and hopefully useful. I am grateful too with the presence of a visible group of JACLers in a state where the Japanese American population is certainly not large. That fact suggests that the JACL retains a certain level of credibility so needed in these difficult times.

New Mexico is a beautiful state and my longer-than-expected stay has been enjoyable, but being a Californian, I will be glad to return to Sacramento on April 3rd with good memories and some new friends. #

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With "Good Ol' Western Days" as the whing ding theme, Mickey Mukai and her committee are working on skits with cowboy-west twist. The grub will be barbecued ribs, chicken, beef, salad, etc. at \$11 for the men, \$9 for the women. Casual wear—jeans, boots, no neckties (at a 1000 Club event?) are suggested.

The 1981 chapter calendar is sprinkled with board meetings at various member homes the second Tuesday, sending a delegation to the biennial EDC-MDC Convention over the Aug. 1-2 weekend at

Washington University, St. Louis; chapter picnic Aug. 9 at Brown Deer Park; and the spectacular Holiday Folk Fair Nov. 20-22. The year ends with the election meeting Nov. 28 and a Christmas party Dec. 6. A date for the recognition dinner is to be set.

● Washington, D.C. JACL

"Hito Hata: Raise the Banner" will be screened at Georgetown University's Gaston Hall this Sunday (Mar. 22), 4 p.m. with proceeds going toward meeting the costs incurred in production, it was announced by the local sponsors: the local JACL, Japan America Society of Washington, East Coast Friends of Visual Communications and other groups.

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The 242-page book is divided into three sections: (1) Naturalization and Immigration, (2) Common Occupations and Alien Rights not relating to Land Law, (3) Alien Land Laws, Constitutional and Treaty Rights.

The book traces the origin of these discriminatory legal problems and finds they originated in times of inexperienced and unsophisticated diplomatic negotiations and weak treaty settlements between the U.S. and Japan. If

a treaty is weak or unfavorable, it will seriously affect the lives and legal status of that country's peoples abroad. This analysis of the importance of treaties between two nations constitutes a new approach to problems confronting Japanese Americans. It has previously been thought that U.S. laws were to blame for discriminating against persons of Japanese ancestry, but the author now emphasizes the importance of treaty settlement and its failure to protect Japanese aliens.

Justice Shigemitsu Dando of the Supreme Court of Japan, who contributed the foreword for this book, writes: "A book of this sort must play, without doubt, a great role as a bridge connecting the legal circles of our two countries..."

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MILLION DOLLAR CONDO UNITS—Harry Manaka (director of land acquisition), Eleanor Huang (associate), Karen Mizusaki (treasurer), and Kay Higuchi (property management) of the Gardena-based Fletcher Company inspect their Beverly Hills condo development at 135 McCarty Dr. The units vary from 2,800 to 3,000 sq. ft. and will come on the market the latter part of 1981 with prices starting at \$1,000,000 a unit. The company also has projects under construction in Diamond Bar and Thousand Oaks, and projects ready to start in Garden Grove and on parcels overlooking Silverlake in Los Angeles.

Mizukami elected mayor of Fife, Wa.

FIFE, Wa.—Robert T. Mizukami was appointed by the Fife (Wa.) City Council to serve as the mayor pro tem of Fife to fill the position vacated by Joe Vraves. Both Mizukami and Vraves are members of the Puyallup Valley JACL.

Medicine

Dr. George Tanbara, member of the Puyallup Valley JACL, was recently selected as president of the Medical Society of Pierce County.

Agriculture

The Fresno Chamber of Commerce presented its "Top Farmer Award" to Frank Kimura March 2. Kimura farms more than 700 acres in Fresno, some in partnership, some his own. He and his brother, George, have a commercial brush shredding operation, grape and tree fruit harvesting and a trucking business. Frank is also president of Central Valley Ready Mix.

Art

A major Canadian art commission was installed in the foyer of the Metropolitan Toronto Library. The fabric sculpture, named "Lyra" is the work of artist Aiko Suzuki. Valued at \$44,000, the 45 by 23 foot sculpture will offer a tranquil area for library users.



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Nikkei heads S.F.-Yosemite air tour firm

SAN FRANCISCO—A new tourist firm, Air San Francisco Yosemite, will soon offer daily flights to Yosemite National Park via Mariposa, Calif., about 30 miles away from the park.

The company has chartered two 10-passenger Piper planes and will be able to accommodate 18 passengers per day, according to Isao Hamamoto, president of the new firm.

Air San Francisco Yosemite has been licensed by the state Public Utilities Commission, Hamamoto said. Complaints to the PUC on unlicensed Japanese-operated bus tours to Yosemite and the Monterey Peninsula led to a suspension of those California bus tours.

Music

Japanese pianist **Etsko Tazaki** made her debut with the Oakland Symphony Orchestra at the Paramount Theater March 19-21. She performed Schumann's Piano Concerto.

Press Row

Tish Okabe, of San Jose, a sophomore in public relations and sociology at the Univ. of Southern California, was named assistant director of USC's Student News Service, Feb. 27. The service publicizes the activities and accomplishments of USC students. The daughter of Masayuki and Shirley Okabe of San Jose is also the national liaison for the Public Relations Student Society of America, a pre-professional organization, and a member of Women in Communications, Inc. at USC.

Politics

Los Angeles City Council candidate **Mike Woo** asked the Calif. Senate Committee on Elections and Reapportionment to consider the needs of the fastest growing minority, the Asian Americans, during the reapportionment process. Woo noted that Asian communities in California are severely under-represented on all levels of state and local government.

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Tourists from Japan recover loot from Hawaii robbery

HONOLULU—Thirty-five Japanese tourists who were robbed of cash and valuables while on their Hawaiian vacation turned over more than \$17,000 collected in their behalf to the Hawaii Visitors Bureau.

In a meeting March 6 with Hawaii Gov. and Mrs. George Ariyoshi, the group asked that the money be earmarked for use in preventing crimes against tourists and other helpless victims.

The \$17,633 was in the form of contributions made by Hawaii business and citizens who were outraged by the bus hijacking on March 2 at the Honolulu International Airport.

Two teenagers, one armed with a gun and the other with a broken bottle, commandeered the airport bus, then robbed the passengers of \$11,000 in cash and personal property. The two suspects were later taken into custody and charged with the crime. Almost all the money and valuables were recovered by police.

Calendar

• MAR. 20 (Friday)

Diablo Valley—442nd Exhibit talk, Presidio Army Museum, 7:30pm; Tom Kawaguchi, spkr.

San Francisco—SFCJAS mtg, Presidio Army Museum, 7:30pm; Tom Kawaguchi, spkr. How the 'Go For Broke!' exhibit was put together.

Los Angeles—Haru Matsuri (3 da), Little Tokyo's Weller Court, noon; Frisco band, 6-8pm; Sat—Longest sushi roll, 2:30pm; Minyo, 6:30-7:30; Sun—Martial arts, 3:30-5; Ondo, 6-7pm.

• MAR. 21 (Saturday)

Las Vegas—International Festival of Spring Dance, Conv Cntr Gold Room, 6pm cocktails; 7pm dinner

• MAR. 22 (Sunday)

Washington, D.C.—'Hito Hata' film, Gaston Hall, Georgetown Univ, 4pm; reception to follow.

Los Angeles—5th annual Koreisha Chushoku Kai luncheon, New Otani Hotel, 1pm.

• 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.

San Diego—'Hito Hata' screening, Marston Jr High, 7pm.

New Haven, Ct—Yale Univ Hall Theater.

• MAR. 28 (Saturday)

Philadelphia—Inst dnr-dance, Valley Forge Hilton, King of Prussia.

Sacramento—Inst dnr, Land Park South Res't, 6:30pm; Sac'to Mayor Phillip Isenberg, spkr; Past Pres Roast—Frank Hi-

• Non-JACL event

yama, Dr Richard Matsumoto, Takashi Tsujita

PNWDC/Columbia Basin—Redress mtg, Kiyoji's Res't, Moses Lake, 7:30pm.

Cleveland—Food bazaar (2da), Buddhist Church, Sat 5-9pm; Sun noon-6pm.

New York—'Hito Hata' screening, Japan House, 7:30pm; reception to follow.

• MAR. 29 (Sunday)

NCWNPD/Monterey Peninsula—DC Exec Bd mtg, Ginza Res't, Monterey, 12n.

Los Angeles—LA-Nagoya Sr City Aff fashion show/lunch'n, Biltmore Bowl, 12n.

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.

• MAR. 30 (Monday)

Tulare County—Mtg, Visalia Buddhist Church, 7pm.

• APR. 1 (Wednesday)

Las Vegas—Ondo practice, Heritage Sq North, 7:30pm.

• 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 Sgls 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).

Philadelphia—Film: 'Hito Hata', In-

Official reaffirms warning about rice

MIAMI, Fla.—Dr. Angel Roman-Franco, director of the Puerto Rico Cancer Institute who has urged a sales ban on talc-coated rice, reaffirmed his concern Feb. 11 in an interview with a New York Times correspondent here. He urged the ban three months ago after his two-year studies were completed.

Ingested talc, he said, may work with thagocytes, scavenger cells in the stomach, to turn food contaminants into cancer-causing substances. In Washington, the Food & Drug Administration said the study caught the agency and rice growers by surprise. In New York, FDA regional director Cesar Roy whose area includes Puerto Rico, is checking out the findings and if the FDA could prohibit use of talc

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San Diego—Film: 'Hito Hata', Cal Western School of Law Theater.

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