

Nikkei senior housing still developing

(A PC Update)

Housing for the elderly Nikkei has been developing in certain locations across the country through the supportive efforts of various JACL chapters and community groups. Two were recently completed but one suffered at least a temporary setback.

In Utah, Salt Lake City's Multi-Ethnic Senior Citizen's highrise was completed Jan 20 with the majority of its tenants settled in. It is a 140-unit building covering approximately one acre of the city's Multi-Ethnic Center, which is yet to be completed. An open house for the highrise is scheduled April 10.

In Chicago, the 200-unit Heiwa Terrace was completed last June, built under the leadership of the Joint Action Board Conference, a non-profit human rights organization which includes the local chapter of the JACL. The housing facility is now man-

aged under the JASC Housing Corporation, an organization distinct from the Japanese American Service Committee.

In contrast, the Gardena Valley (Ca.) Japanese Cultural Institute's housing project was set back on March 4 when the Torrance City Council Planning Commission turned down the JCI's bid for a zone variance needed for the construction of the proposed complex. The 100-unit, two-and-one-half acre structure would be built on the boundary line which separates the cities of Torrance and Gardena. It would request funds through a \$4 million Housing and Urban Development loan.

The Gardena JCI bid was rejected because a large number of opponents to the project appeared at the city council hearing to protest the project and no local citizens were at the hearing to speak in favor of it. JCI director William Hiroto is currently compiling supportive material and will

appeal the commission's verdict. Hiroto later said that people objected to the project because "they don't like to see changes made" in their community and other reasons were given, such as the fear of a higher crime rate, parking problems and traffic congestion. Hiroto felt, however, that these arguments were very weak, since part of the proposed site was currently being used as a little league ball park and the housing certainly couldn't cause additional problems.

But other California projects seem to be progressing favorably. In Placer County, plans for a 144-unit retirement village (in Penryn) are ready to get underway, as part of the Japanese American Heritage cultural center, a 14.5-acre project that includes a cultural center, garden and small shops.

The Heritage Center's non-profit corporation, which an-

nounced the plans March 3, will place their rezoning request before the Placer County Planning Commission next month, with construction possibly beginning in the fall. However, the corporation has to apply and receive a low-interest loan from the federal Farm and Home Administration (the cost of the retirement complex was estimated at 1.5 million).

The acreage, at the southwestern corner of the Taylor Road and Penryn Road intersection, has been secured with a down payment advanced to the corporation by seven of the directors. One of these is James Makimoto, who outlined the project at Tuesday night's meeting.

The rugged terrain is divided by a live stream, which Makimoto envisions will be dammed and bridged. Rock gardens using the existing trees and a few Japanese maples would create a tranquil atmosphere with paths winding between the developments.

Eligibility for residents at the village will be a required age of 62 or above, a low income whereby the rent of the unit constitutes 25 percent of it, and being self-sufficient.

The East Bay Issei Housing project, supported by JACL chapters in the San Francisco Eastbay—Contra Costa, Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda, Eden Township and Fremont—had applied for federal funding last year for a site near Hayward. The site was not approved.

The San Diego JACL Retirement Project Committee had obtained last September a \$4.3 million reservation from HUD for Kiku Gardens, a 100-150 unit apartment complex similar to Little Tokyo Towers in Los Angeles.

HUD is currently reviewing the proposal submitted by the committee, and the Housing

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New hearing date set for Takahashi

MERCED, Ca.—The hearing on the appeal of Mrs. Mitsue Takahashi of Livingston on her dismissal by the Livingston school board several months ago, scheduled for Mar. 10 has been postponed to Monday, April 27.

Merced County Superior Court Judge George G. Murray is scheduled to hear her arguments that as a tenured teacher of some 20 years, she was not given a fair hearing prior to the 2-1 decision to fire her.

Spark backs day for Vietnam veterans

WASHINGTON—Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) is co-sponsor of a resolution designating April 26, 1981, as "National Recognition Day for Veterans of the Vietnam Era", which is a Sunday that could spearhead a week of hearings and observances dealing with Vietnam veterans.

Over 480,000 Vietnam veterans are unemployed and 60% of all Vietnam vets aren't eligible for GI Bill educational benefits, Matsunaga, a member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, pointed out. "Last year, a Harris poll revealed over 90% of the public believes Vietnam veterans deserve more respect than they are currently being shown," he added.

Redress Commission chair accepts Tri-District invitation

LOS ANGELES—Joan Bernstein, chairperson of the nine-member U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, of Washington accepted the JACL Tri-District Conference invitation to headline the redress panel discussion on Saturday, April 4, 9 a.m. at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel, it was announced by host district governor Dennis Kunisaki.

It was also understood that the commission would commence in July (instead of May, as reported earlier) public hearings into the impact of Evacuation and internment of 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, two-thirds of them native-born Americans, and about 1,000 Aleuts during World War II.

The conference opens Friday evening with a mixer. Panel discussions and workshops follow on Saturday with Ron Wakabayashi, recently appointed National JACL executive, and vice president Floyd Shimomura, ranking national JACL officer in the three district council area, addressing the luncheon.

The "Yuki-Yaki" roast of Hollywood actor Yuki Shimoda at the dinner Saturday evening will feature well-known Asian American entertainment personalities. Proceeds of the \$30 event go toward the PSWDC redress campaign, it was stressed by Pan Asian JACL, conference co-hosts.

The conference will draw participants from the 70-plus chapters in California, Nevada and Arizona. Package registration will also be \$30, covering Saturday luncheon, Saturday-Sunday continental breakfasts, parley presentations and mini-workshops.

The Pacific Citizen Board, which heretofore met in conjunction with Tri-District Conferences, has postponed its biennial session.

Min Yasui named to JACL redress chair

PORTLAND, Ore.—With the resignation of John Tateishi as chair of the National Committee for Redress, Minoru Yasui of Denver was appointed by Jim Tsujimura, National President to carry on the responsibilities of the program.

Yasui has served as a member of JACL's Redress Committee since the Salt Lake City convention in 1978, and well aware of JACL's historical involvement and current commitment to this issue. "It goes without saying that Min has a singular commitment to this issue," Tsujimura declared.

"Although we are unaware at this time of the Commission hearing schedule, we can assume that time is of the essence in JACL's program preparation. The Commission has already formally convened, and at its first meeting selected Joan Bernstein as its chair. It is therefore important that each chapter assume its responsibilities in this priority program of the organization; for without the aid of each chapter, optimum success of the Commission may not be realized," Tsujimura said.

N.Y. JACL plans 'mock' redress hearing

NEW YORK—In preparation for the probable hearing here by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, the New York JACL will conduct a "mock hearing" on April 25 in the World Room at the Columbia School of Journalism, 116th St. and Broadway, at 2 p.m.

Chapter president Ruby Schaar said that the idea for the "mock hearing" came from the one which was held during the national convention in San Francisco last summer.

The "mock hearing" is open to the community. Those who wish to present testimony are asked to contact Ruby Schaar, 50 W. 67th St., New York, N.Y. 10023 (212) 724-5323.

DC testimonial for Tateishi slated

SAN FRANCISCO—A testimonial banquet honoring John Tateishi for his leadership, talent and sacrifices to the JACL redress campaign will be sponsored by the No. Calif.-W. Nev.-Pacific JACL District Council on Saturday, May 16, according to regional director George Kondo. The locale is to be announced.

Rep. Norman Mineta, co-author of the House bill establishing the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians Act, will be main speaker.

BCA to inaugurate new Bishop Yamaoka

SAN FRANCISCO—Formal ceremonies marking the inauguration of the Rev. Haruo Yamaoka of the Stockton Buddhist Church as bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America will be held on Saturday, April 25, 4 p.m. here at the BCA Headquarters chapel at the Buddhist Temple.

The Fresno-born priest is the first native-born American appointed titular head of the 100,000 members of the Honpa Hongwanji Jodo Shinshu faith on the U.S. mainland by the Nishi Hongwanji Headquarters in Kyoto. Bishop-designate Yamaoka succeeds retiring Bishop Kenryu T. Tsuji, Canadian-born and the first Nisei BCA bishop.

A banquet follows at Miyako Hotel. Tickets may be reserved through any BCA temple or BCA Headquarters, 1710 Octavia St., San Francisco 94109 (415-776-5600) at \$20 per person.

Mrs. Hom to seek Rep. McCloskey's seat

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Gloria Sun Hom, wife of local attorney Peter Hom, mother of three teen-age daughters and head of the economics department at Mission College, announced her candidacy for the 12th Congressional District seat, now held by Rep. McCloskey. She fell short by 441 votes last year in her political debut in a state senate race.

Daughter of a career diplomat, Patrick Sun, who was China's consul general in San Francisco, she is active in state politics and currently heads the Palo Alto Republican Women's Club Federated.

MIS vets gear for 40th ann'y reunion

SAN FRANCISCO—Plans for a 40th anniversary MISLS reunion on Sunday, Nov. 1 at the Presidio of San Francisco at the Presidio Officers Club were announced by Tad Hirota, general chairman. Instructors and members of the first MIS class will be honored.

Issei chorus a hit at 'GFB' exhibit debut



PC Photo by J.D. Hokoyama

Watsonville Issei choral group renders "God Bless America", phonetically memorized in kana, during dedication of the "Go For Broke" Exhibit at the Presidio of San Francisco. Some of them are Gold Star Mothers.

SAN FRANCISCO—The Watsonville Japanese Senior Center Issei choral group, 25 singers between 74 and 92, sang "God Bless America" at the program March 7 to dedicate the new "Go for Broke" exhibit at the Army Museum.

A Gold Star Mother, Mrs. Fumiyo Izumizaki, 85, whose son Henry was killed in France, is a member of the group but was, at the time, hospitalized and unable to come.

Mrs. Asa Sugidono, 77, had two sons serving with the 100th/442nd: Ichiro, who received a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart, and Jiro.

Six others had sons in the unit. They are Mr. Tokushige Kizuka, 79, his wife, 80, parents of Shigeru Kizuka, Purple Heart; Mrs. Toku Tsuda, son Tomio; Mrs. Yuki Torigoe, 85, son Kenji; Mrs. Yaye Hayashida, son Louis, Bronze Star; Mrs. Sueno Fujimoto, 84, son Kiyoshi.

Other members of the group were:

Mrs. Hana Tada, Mrs. Fujino Honda, Mrs. Mina Tanaka, Mrs. Shizuko Fujihara, Mrs. Hana Matsuda, Mrs. Misayo Yorita, Mrs. Toku Oda, Mrs. Yoshino Kimoto, Mrs. Kimiko Hiura, Mrs. Shizuko Yokoi, Mrs. Suyeko Okamura, Mrs. Toshihiko So, Mrs. Sadame Maruyama, Mrs. Jutaro Hamagi-

wa, Mrs. Toshi Murata, Mrs. Shigeo Mizokami and Mrs. Masao Kitano.

According to Tokushige Kizuka, head of the Issei center, 12 of the 18 Issei contacted are naturalized citizens.

The group rushed back to Watsonville after the program to attend a party being held that night to honor Kumajiro Murakami, who became 100 the week before.

At the "Go for Broke" commemorative banquet at the Fairmont hotel that night, Sen. Daniel K. Inouye said, "Their rendition of 'God Bless America' was the best I've ever heard."

Watsonville Issei marks 100th year

WATSONVILLE, Ca.—The Watsonville Buddhist community honored its oldest member, Kumajiro Murakami, on March 7, four days after he had celebrated his 100th birthday.

Murakami, an Issei from Yamaguchi-ken, is the sole survivor of a rice farmer's family of seven children. When he was 17, he sailed to Hawaii to work on a sugar plantation. He then moved to Watsonville to raise strawberries and in 1909, he journeyed to Seattle to meet his picture bride, Fushi Matsumura.

During WW2 he and his family of five children were sent to the Salinas Assembly Center and in April 1942 to Poston II, relocated to Chicago, and after the war returned home. He and his wife will celebrate their 72nd anniversary in May.

The secret to his longevity, says Murakami, is "not to get too excited too much." He adds, "And don't worry. Avoid tension."

Annual Okei grave clean-up Apr. 26

GOLD HILL, Ca.—The annual Placer County JACL/Sacramento JACL Okei Grave and Wakamatsu Colony Memorial clean-up has been scheduled for Sunday, Apr. 26, 9:30 a.m.

The project has been a joint affair since the site was dedicated as a state historical landmark in 1969. Members and friends are reminded to assemble at the Gold Trail Elementary School, winding up after the clean-up with a picnic at Coloma State Park. This year's clean-up is being coordinated by Al Nitta, Placer chapter president.

JADC dinner keynotes

SAN FRANCISCO—Rep. Robert Matsui will be the main speaker at the fifth annual dinner of the San Francisco Japanese American Democratic Club on Saturday, April 25, at the Union Square Holiday Inn. His topic will be "Democrats Face the Reagan Years". For information call: Yori Wada, (415) 931-8720 or Sumi Honnami, (415) 386-7800.

Sumo in San Jose

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Japan sumo comes in grand style with a tournament set June 6-7 at Independence High School field house. Tickets ranging from \$10-\$25 are available at Tokunaga Insurance, 515 N. 1st St., San Jose (408-286-1537) and other outlets in Japanese communities throughout Northern and Central California.

Deaths

Tony Shigeo A. Kato, 80, the first British Columbia Nisei to be accepted into the Canadian army before Pearl Harbor, died on Jan. 23. In 1944, Kato, with the rank of Warrant Officer 1st class, served in Burma with British Intelligence Corps until the war's end and was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, the Victory Medal, the 39-45 Star and the Burma Star. He is survived by his wife Doris.

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More seek Hayakawa's seat

SAN FRANCISCO—Arthur Shingleton, a black Bay Area Republican banker with no previous political experience, announced his candidacy for Senate March 5. He will attempt to unseat Sen. S.I. Hayakawa in next year's Republican primary.

Shingleton, 41, is the vice president and manager of the San Francisco branch of the First Enterprise Bank. Born into a Republican family, he said that he supports President Reagan's efforts to revive the economy and trusts Republican pledges "to convince minorities that they're trying to get them into the fold. I'm going to see if that's true."

Shingleton said of Hayakawa, "I'm embarrassed by the man representing me. I feel cheated."

Republican pressure to defend the seat with younger candidates has been building over the past year with other aspirants with greater name identity such as Rep. Paul McCloskey of Menlo Park, Rep. Barry Goldwater Jr. of Los Angeles, Maureen Reagan, the President's daughter; and Rep. Robert Dornan of Santa Monica.

N.C. JACCC wins \$29,800 private grant

SAN FRANCISCO—A San Francisco Foundation grant of \$29,800 was approved Mar. 11 for the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, according to David Asano, center president. New funds will assist coordinate the project, access organizational community needs and draw up a master plan of the Nihonmachi site on Sutter between Webster and Buchanan Sts. According to Henry Izumizaki, Foundation program executive, the grant will be available in quarterly allocations.

San Jose hires Nisei to tout tourist spots

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Japan is a rich source of tourist dollars for many California communities and it is Joanne Hirasaki's job to see that San Jose gets a fare share.

As director of tourism for the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, Hirasaki, 40, organizes some campaigns aimed directly at the Japanese market.

The tourism director's position was created through the Chamber of Commerce in 1978. It was initially funded with a \$10,000 grant from the U.S. Travel Service, which was matched with local funds. The position is now a permanent one in the Chamber's Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Two years after the grant ended, the chamber's tourism agency estimated that 10 to 15 percent of the Japanese tourists to San Francisco added San Jose to their tour packages, which amounts to 30,000 and 45,000 visitors a year.

During her first year on the job, Hirasaki went to Japan to sell some of the major tour operators on the idea of including a sidetrip to San Jose into the West Coast itineraries.

But only a few tour operators could recall having been there, until Hirasaki mentioned such tourist spots as Eastridge Shopping Mall, Winchester Mystery House and Paul Masson Vineyards, she said. They were all places the tour operators had visited themselves.

While in Japan, Hirasaki spoke only English. Born in Washington state and never having visited Japan before, she said, "I'm hesitant about using Japanese."

NHK's 'Nisei Soldier'

SAN JOSE, Ca.—NHK-TV's documentary, "Nisei Soldier", aired November last year in Japan will be shown at the MIS Assn. dinner meeting Mar. 28, 5 p.m. at the 17 West Restaurant, 34 E. Rosemary St.

Nihongo class

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Beginning Conversational Japanese will be offered Saturdays by Foothill College at Mt. View Buddhist Temple starting April 11, 9 to 11:40 a.m. Registration fee \$8.

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Cherry Blossom Pageant on Apr. 18

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca.—The 14th annual Cherry Blossom Festival queen contest and pageant will take place April 18 at the Japan Center Theater. No-host cocktails will be from 5:30, dinner at 6:30; the pageant at 8 p.m. Table reservations at \$22.50 per person can be made at the Paper Tree, 1743 Buchanan Mall, San Francisco.

Applications to compete in the queen contest are available at all Northern California branches of the California First Bank, the Sumitomo Bank of Calif. and the Paper Tree.

Nikkei heads Calif. minority business

SACRAMENTO—Calif. Dept. of General Service's Director David E. Janssen has named Stimson S. Suzuki to head the department's Small and Minority Business Procurement Assistance Division, which is responsible for assisting small, minority and women-owned businesses in gaining access to State purchasing and contracts.

Suzuki has 17 years of buying experience with the State Office of Procurement and has been actively involved in small and minority business programs since 1973.

Farewell set for Stockton minister

STOCKTON, Ca.—The Rev. Haruo Yamaoka, recently named bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America, will be honored April 3 at a church social hall farewell banquet. He leaves for his new duties in San Francisco on May 1.

Dr. Ken Fujii and Pete Yagi are co-chairing the farewell service. Yoshio Itaya and Tad Akabe share the emcee podium.

'Hito Hata'

BOSTON—"Hito Hata" makes its Boston area debut on Sunday, April 5, 7 p.m. at Harvard Univ. Science Center Auditorium B, it was announced by the New England JACL / Asian American Resources Workshop. Tickets will be \$5 (\$3 students).



A LOYAL SAMURAI stands guard aboard the taiko drum float during last year's San Francisco's Cherry Blossom Festival parade. This year's festival takes place April 17-19 and 24-26 at the Japan Center.

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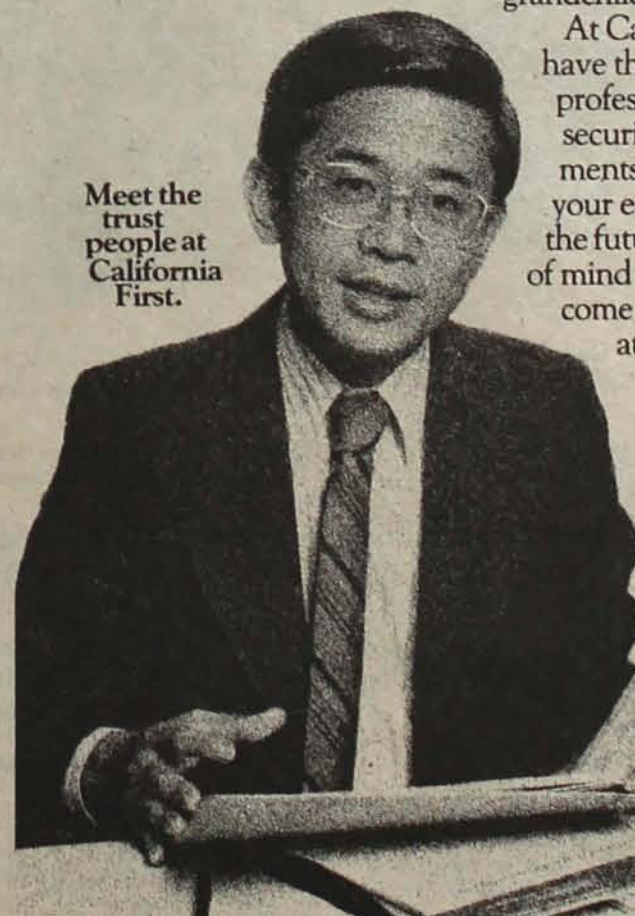
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The *Los Angeles Times* recently ran an article on the growing influx of Japanese tourists to Hawaii, stating that Japan was peacefully invading the islands and causing "a profound effect on the Hawaiian economy and Hawaiian tourism—the 50th state's No. 1 industry."

In a similar vein, the Associated Press reported recently that California expects to host 310,000 Japanese tourists this year and these visitors will spend more than \$500 million while taking in the sites of Disneyland, the Grand Canyon, the Golden Gate Bridge and many other attractions.

There are many reasons why the Japanese are flocking to the two states, such as the heavy promotion by the travel industry and the strong interest in Californian and Hawaiian scenery. However, the most alluring features of the two states are, perhaps, the images of their lifestyles.

One wonders just exactly how the Japanese perceive the "California" and "Hawaii" way of living (do people in Hawaii really live like those ads for C & H sugar? Are all Californians beach bums, aspiring actors or just plain weird?) Of course, these images are what the media projects or at least, what the tours emphasize.

It's obvious that fashions seem to be a very noticeable aspect of California and Hawaii, since tourists stand out so easily with their designer clothes and accessories, or aloha shirts.

In Hawaii, the easy-going lifestyle and pleasant oceanside scenery is probably the appealing aspects of the state. However, the *Times* article did state that some tourists said Hawaii was "not foreign enough." California, on the other hand, has its somewhat "glamorous" or "Mickey Mouse" image, at least on the surface, in Los Angeles and a somewhat more "cozy" atmosphere in San Francisco.

There are, of course, negative aspects about both of these states which also leave an impression on these tourists; one in particular is crime. Unfortunately the visitors may fall prey to robbery (such as the March 2 hijacking of a tour bus near the Honolulu Airport), prostitution and pornography. Some tour operators even warn their clientele to be wary of certain areas in both states.

Yet this probably won't discourage them. For example, the Hawaii hijacking incident received little attention in Japan.

The United States still appears to maintain its high status image with foreign countries, such as Japan, despite some of its domestic and international problems. Otherwise, tourists such as the Japanese would not pour in here to spend all their money (of course, the value of the dollar against the yen is an important reason, too).

The massive arrivals of these visitors seem to indicate that in some ways, residents are a bit lucky—for the tourists' great numbers are not produced merely out of curiosity but perhaps, out of envy as well.

Shosha grants JACCC \$600,000

LOS ANGELES—The third phase of fund-raising in Japan by the Japan Koenkai of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center has succeeded in adding more than ¥229,511,000 (\$600,434.05) of the funds were received March 10 through the Japan Foundation and represents the major part of donations made to the Japan Koenkai between April, 1980, through February 6 this year, according to Inomatsu Usami, executive director of the Koenkai.

Nippondenso of Los Angeles, Inc. marked its 10th anniversary March 1 by foregoing the usual parties and receptions and donating \$5,000 each to the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, the Asahi Gakuen and the Tozai Gakuen.

Company president Michio Ohiwa said that his company decided to mark its decade of achievement in Southern California by donating funds to local community organizations.

Horikawa cited by mayor in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—Mike Horikawa, who established Restaurant Horikawa 10 years ago as the first high-quality restaurant of its size in Little Tokyo, was presented a scroll of commendation from Mayor Tom Bradley Feb. 24.

Horikawa was commended for his faith in the future of Little Tokyo at a time when redevelopment was just commencing. The mayor also noted that Horikawa helped stimulate interest in Little Tokyo by sponsoring the famous Suwa drummers from San Francisco for the annual Nisei Week in Los Angeles for the past 10 years.

To mark his anniversary on Mar. 3, Horikawa added an \$8,000 contribution to the \$2,000 he made in 1975 to the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.

Housing

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Commission of the San Diego City Council is reappraising the proposed site.

And in the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles, groundbreaking ceremonies have been set for sometime in June for Nikkei Village, a 100-unit, two-acre rent supplement facility at the San Fernando Valley Japanese Community Center. The \$3.5 million housing plan, sponsored by some 15 organizations including the San Fernando Valley JACL chapter, would be completed in approximately two years.

It should be noted that while these projects were designed primarily with the senior citizens of the Japanese American community in mind, their housing policies must follow HUD's non-discriminatory guidelines.

In all cases, local chapters of the JACL assisted in providing the necessary support for community organizations to obtain funds and cooperation from local and federal government agencies.

Nisei Florists moves to Honda Plaza site

LOS ANGELES—Nisei Florist "in the heart of Little Tokyo" has moved into Honda Plaza, E. 2nd and Central Ave. Fred Moriguchi's shop had been on E. 1st St. since the late 1940s, making it the oldest flower shop in the area.

UCLA Extension classes

LOS ANGELES—UCLA Extension offers Matao Uwate's class in Japanese Foods & Culture on Mondays at Zenshuj Temple and tea ceremony by Herbert Plutschow, associate professor of Oriental Languages, on Thursdays at UCLA Royce Hall commencing April 9. For registration, call Extension 213-825-2272.

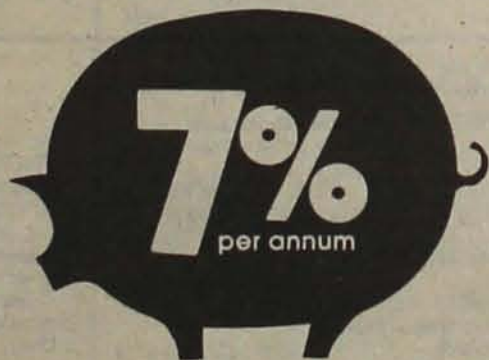
Asian-Pac festival scheduled at LMU

LOS ANGELES—Loyola Marymount University will feature Filipino, Japanese, Polynesian and Indonesian dance groups at its annual Asian/Pacific Festival on campus April 4, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. An art exhibit, fashion show by Miss Lim's Boutique and the film, "Cruisin' J-Town", are included.

Seinan Center offers anti-crime aids

LOS ANGELES—Seinan Center has received anti-crime equipment through Community Development Block Grant Funds and will install deadbolt locks, door viewers, smoke alarms, and window locks to homeowners or apartment renters within the target area: West Adams Expansion District which consist within north of Jefferson Blvd. to Washington Blvd. between Buckingham Rd. and Cloverdale Ave; Crenshaw Area District which is within South of Santa Barbara to Don Diablo between Crenshaw and west to La Brea. For information, contact Frank Hayashi, Anti-Crime Coordinator, at 734-2176.

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LOOKING UP—Toasting 7-Up's consistent support to Oxnard's Multicultural Festival, being held this year on April 4-5 at the Oxnard community center complex, are (from left) D. G. Coppersmith and Keith Plunkett from 7-Up; Cheryl Collart and Bedford Pinkard, city recreation supervisors, and Oxnard Mayor Dr. Tsujio Kato.

Whittier College conference on WW2 camp life set Apr. 3-4

WHITTIER, Ca.—"The American Concentration Camp: a Contemporary Perspective" will be explored in a two-day conference April 3-4 at Whittier College as part of the college's Japanese American Week activities and under auspices of the Nixon Scholars Program. Free and open to the public, all conference presentations will take place at Faculty Center, Earham and Painter Ave.

Designed to explore the sociological perspective, the conference features a number of out-of-state as well as local area speakers. Scheduled are:

Friday (after 5 p.m. reception-dinner)—Dr. Harry H. Kitano, professor of social welfare and sociology, UCLA, "Perspectives on Concentration Camps: 1967-1981".

Saturday, 9:15 a.m.—Community Studies panel: Tom T. Sasaki, Ph.D., professor at Univ. of Notre Dame; Peter T. Suzuki, Ph.D., professor of urban studies, Univ. of Nebraska; and Frank Miyamoto, Ph.D., professor emeritus, Univ. of Washington. 11:30 a.m.—Personal Perspectives of Manzanar: Jean Wakatsuki Houston, author; and Ralph Lazo, counselor, Valley Community College. 1:30 p.m.—Contemporary Studies: "College Nisei in Retrospect", Robert O'Brien, Ph.D., professor emeritus at Whittier College; Legislator's View of Camp Life and Relocation, Paul Bannai, former state assemblyman; Economic Impact in Long Beach After the Evacuation, Larry Boss, CSU-Long Beach Asian American Studies Center.

Other lecturers: Don Nakanishi, Ph.D., UCLA Asian American Studies Center; and Nobu Miyoshi, MSW, clinical social worker, Philadelphia. Registration desk opens at 9 a.m. April 4 at the Faculty Center. Conference seating is limited.

PBS to air 'Another View'

LOS ANGELES—For its 1981 Spring program, the Public Broadcasting Service will present a multicultural documentary series, "American Perspective: Another View," which will feature ten shows on Thursdays, 10 p.m. EST, April 9 to June 11. The weekly series will focus on different ethnic groups, the handicapped, and women.

The programs, produced by Cinetronics, Inc., will be hosted by actor Keye Luke and premiere April 9 with "Samm Williams: Playwright", centering on the life of the New York playwright who writes of his childhood experiences in North Carolina.

Other shows include: "The Yee Family" on April 16, which focuses on an American Chinese family living in Los Angeles, exploring their cultural heritage; "Auntie Malia: Tapa Maker" on April 30, centering on Malia B. Solomon, who has devoted much of her life to the research of ancient Hawaiian culture; and "School in the Pacific" on May 14, the story of the Micronesian parents' concern for their children's education and futures.

Imperial Valley reunion

LOS ANGELES—The reunion of all Imperial Valley residents, past and present, will be held April 25, 6:30 p.m., at the Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation Blvd. For information call Yaeko Nakashima (213) 776-0972.

Japan summer study

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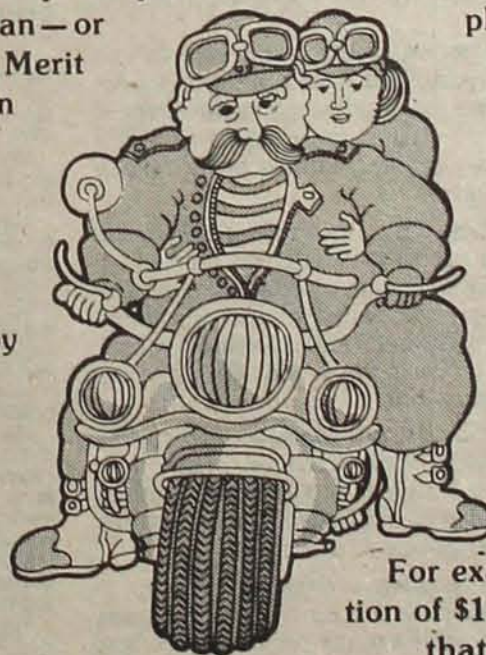
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CLIFF'S CORNER: by Dr. Clifford Uyeda

Being Heard

San Francisco

A friend stopped me on a street corner recently and said, "Did you read 'East to America'?" I replied in the affirmative. "You were mentioned as one who objected to the title 'The Quiet Americans' in Bill Hosokawa's book, NISEI." I had to return

home and look for the passage that was brought to my attention.

I recall the incident of 1969 very well. It was also the year in which the San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies was organized and launched. Its members included conservative businessmen, radical Sansei, moderates of both political parties, priests, many academicians and students. As many people commented, it was the only organization in the San Francisco Bay area that had the support of both the conservatives and the radicals. Any subject of interest to Japanese Americans was our interest. And at that time the title "The Quiet Americans" in referring to Nisei became a heated and emotional topic in the Japanese American community.

We were meeting at the Christ Presbyterian Church hall. "Whether we like it or not, our history shows that we have generally been very quiet," I commented then. However, I and the others felt that was secondary to the real issue on hand. The real issue was, "Can differences of opinion be heard?" It was an age-old conflict of the frustrations of "not being listened to." It was the sense of distress in their feelings that their opinions don't count. It was, in their view, another example of the establishment saying "That's the way it is," and turning deaf ears to criticisms, whether correct or not, that was rampant in the community. They felt the community need to discuss and digest the controversy.

The set publishing date may have made this impossible. But a sympathetic reaction may have defused the furor.

SPEAKING OUT:

Super Weakness of the Super Minority

By ROY H. DOI

Davis, Ca.

After 15 years as a faculty member, teacher, and adviser of a number of Nikkei students at UC-Davis, I have come to the conclusion that the super minority has an almost fatal weakness. This super weakness can be described as the inability to speak well and project a positive image in one-on-one and group situations. This deficiency may afflict up to 50% of the Nikkei undergraduates who are the cream of the high school graduates and who have Nisei or Sansei parents who are similarly lacking in oral communication skills which are very important in American society.

I am willing to admit that I am among those Nisei parents who are not verbally skilled. The head of the Asian American Studies program at UC-Davis also feels that this is a valid assessment of the situation and furthermore feels this type of skill is learned in part from parents and is also intricately influenced by the cultural background of the individual.

As a Nisei who is sympathetic and supportive of Nikkei students, I have wondered what impact these students are making during personal interviews for fellowships, admission to professional and graduate schools and jobs. Also is this lack of communication skills hindering many Nikkei from achieving positions of leadership, management, and supervisor and administrative positions after they have found a job?

Since Nikkei parents are willing to provide lessons for music, athletics, and a large number of other activities, I have wondered whether they might be willing to provide their children with a basic skill which will help them throughout their lifetime and which will break a parentally passed deficiency.

I hope that the JACL will encourage and foster a program to improve oral communication skills among Nikkei of all age, especially the young and make this a major project for the '80s. This would not only help the Nikkei community, but this action may serve as a model for other Asian American groups, particularly the recent immigrants so that their transition into American life would be carried out more readily by their "Nisei". For all you Nikkei who are not handicapped in this way, you really are fortunate!

■ According to the law of nature, it is only fair that no one should become richer through damages and injuries suffered by another.—Justinian Code.

Letterbox

● 'Chapter Anniversary'

Dear Harry:

Your coverage of the Stockton JACL history in the February 27th issue of the Pacific Citizen was superb.

On behalf of the chapter I wish to express its appreciation for all the hard work that you and your staff put into publishing the memorable issue.

By this "example" I hope that other chapters will follow suit for their anniversaries.

RUBY T. DOBANA
President Stockton, JACL

● Accountability

Editor:

I was puzzled by the intent of the article "Redress: a Matter of Accountability" (M.M. Sumida, PC, Feb. 27) other than to make the practical point that justice for victims of Evacuation will be long time in coming, if ever. It seemed that the article was inverted; that is, the last paragraph contained the message and the remainder was the medium, somewhat obfuscating and disjointed. Nevertheless, it was, I thought, vaguely positive and it was nice to know that the good guys, time, and genetics were on our side.

This layperson "without a background in politics or constitutional law" would appreciate clarification of several points:

(1) Of what relevance are the two anecdotes to the two war cases—Korematsu and Endo?

(2) Does not the Court "meddle" in the "war powers?" Did not ex parte Milligan (1865) establish for all times, subordination of the military to the Constitution when civilian citizens are affected in the absence of "grave military peril" or martial law?

(3) If the "true accounts of military dangers facing the West Coast" were not entered into the court records (if it ever did) did it not indicate that perilous conditions did not exist? Is it not a well known fact that "assumptions about the actual danger" and "judicial review" were based on Gen. DeWitt's "Final Report" (dated 6-5-43 and made public Jan. 1944)? We know what it consisted of. Moreover, did not Justice Murphy base his minority opinion (Korematsu) principally on racism and together with Justices Roberts and Jackson rejected the plea of "military necessity" for "it has neither substance nor support" on the same military information avail-

35 Years Ago

in The Pacific Citizen

MARCH 30, 1946

Mar. 13—Canada's deportation program may be suspended, pending rule from Privy Council. Prime Minister King announces; up to 10,000 of Canada's 23,000 persons of Japanese ancestry face deportation.

Mar. 17—Natl YMCA Council urges Issei naturalization following stirring appeal from Ben Kuroki, WW2 air corps gunner on his "59th mission", at Atlantic City.

Mar. 20—Eleventh-hour releases save 102 persons at Tule Lake from continued internment at Crystal City, Tex.; Tule Lake camp closed as final group of 450 transferred by train to Texas.

Mar. 24—JACL Intermountain District Council donates \$10,000 to Nat'l for Issei naturalization campaign.

Mar. 24—Army tells Selective Service to review Nisei classified 4-C (aliens or citizens ineligible for military) during WW2; some Army commanders at outbreak of war were permitted to either retain or discharge Nisei soldiers, those discharged without honor allowed to appeal for review to honorable discharge (to qualify for GI bill and other veteran benefits).

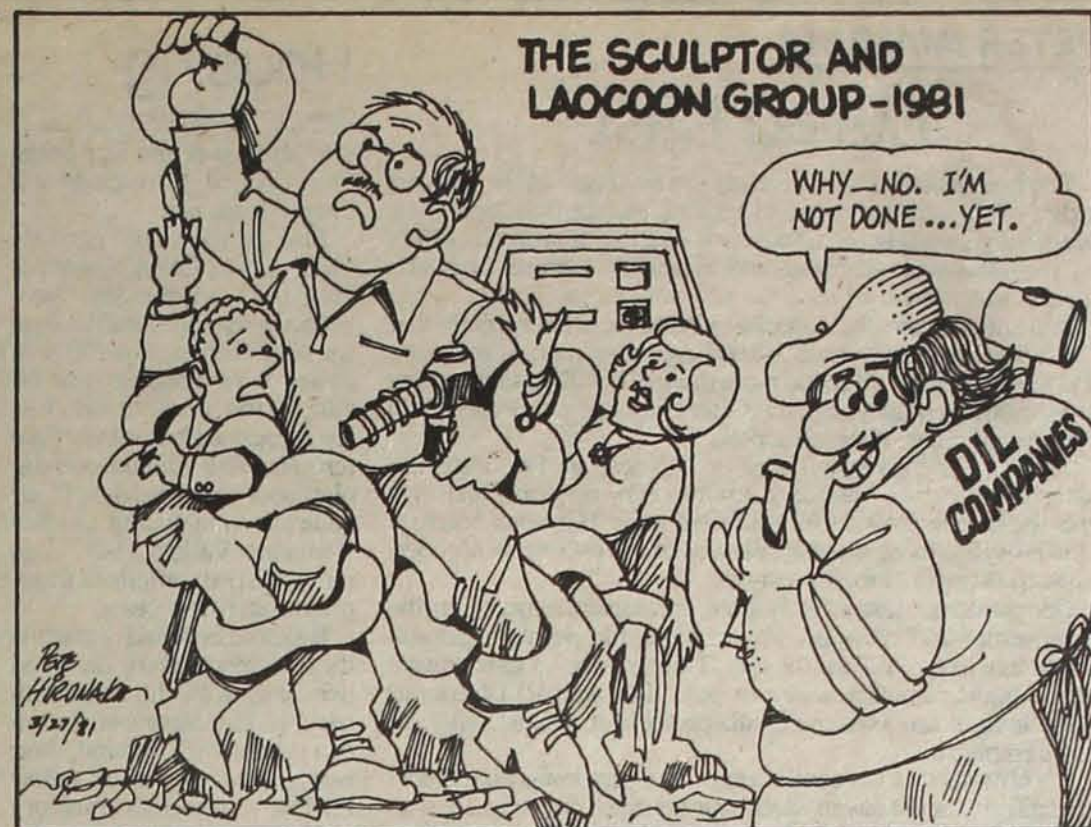
Mar. 25—Three Nisei stranded (Clara Kaneshiro and her two brothers) in Okinawa petition U.S. military government for repatriation to Hawaii. (All worked with U.S. Army to organize civilian villages soon after invasion.)

Mar. 26—JACL protests American Bowling Congress all-white membership rule.

Mar. 28—"Third evacuation" underway for over 500 returnees living at temporary Winona housing project near Griffith Park, L.A., evicted; most were evacuated in 1942 from west coast, then subjected to second forced removal in late 1945 when centers were closed.

Mar. 29—Over 75 Nisei veterans honored at gala Salt Lake City testimonial at Hotel Utah.

Mar. 30—Masao Satow, Eiji Tanabe and Yurino Takayoshi appointed by JACL national president Hito Okada to National Hq staff; resignation of Peter Aoki as New York representative and Dr. T. T. Yatabe as Chicago representative announced.



able to the Court's majority?

(4) Is Justice Burger's comment, "a true miscarriage of justice... should always be opened to judicial review", applicable to our present status? And through what legal or legislative processes can this be done?

May I suggest that non-lawyers

be invited by law groups to aid in research, particularly students in political science, government, economics, pre-law, law, etc. If you will recall, one of the silent toilers in the vineyard was Michi Weglyn (Years of Infamy) who earned the gratitude of all Japanese Americans. Surely there is a need for

ideas and perceptions from outside of Mr. Sumida's profession.

May we have another article by Mr. Sumida soon?

EJI SUYAMA

Ellsworth, Me.

(As for Mr. Sumida's profession, he is a member of the banking industry and not in law.—Ed.)

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Kay Sugahara: the Nisei Onassis

New York, N.Y.

The deep-carpeted suite of offices on one of the upper floors at 277 Park Avenue, among Manhattan's most prestigious addresses, is a far cry from the gently rolling deck of an oil tanker.

There is no throb of engines nor the smell of sea and creosote, only the muted clatter of typewriters and the soft summons of telephone bells. But this is the command post, or the bridge if you will, from which Kay Sugahara oversees the operations of a vast empire based on fleets of ships plying the seven seas.

Sugahara, as readers of this column know, is the Los Angeles Nisei orphaned at 11 who rebelled at the mindless Depression-era existence dictated by the need to work 60 hours a week stacking oranges in a fruitstand for a \$15 paycheck. He set out to make something more meaningful of his life and wound up as the so-called Nisei Onassis. Today he exerts his control and wields his genius as chairman of what he calls the Fairfield Group.

It's been nearly two years since we last visited Fair-

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



Ten-Shiru, Chi-Shiru, Hito-Shiru

Philadelphia

ALTHOUGH OUR ISSEI parents were not given to verbalizing very much to us Nisei children, nonetheless most of what they had to pass along to us has stuck, in some degree and in some manner. And as youngsters—and for that matter, as adults, as you shall see—many of those Issei moral teachings were difficult to comply with. But a goodly number of them may have had some impact upon each of us.

FRUGALITY WAS ONE of the many things impressed upon us: not to waste, use only what you must. Save. I remember my mother instructing me to use the pencil until I could no longer grasp it between my thumb and forefinger, to write on both sides of the paper. (Indeed, these columns have been written on the reverse side of used paper. For years. So obviously the message

got through on that score.) With the shortage our nation is experiencing—fuel, wood, and now water—it's a shame that our Issei parents' ethics and values could not have been passed along to more people.

'SHUSSEI' OR SUCCESS—which in those days I understood to mean material wealth—was another goal impressed upon us. And there was only one way, we were told, that we were going to realize it: work, plain work. And to make the point clear, we were told: "If one can become a success without work, then most of the people you see around you would be a success." And with that observation, this then-young mind and eye could not disagree. It was obvious.

HONESTY IN ONE'S dealings, in one's intercourse with others, would prove to be a difficult moral directive to observe. This is not to say that this writer was a congenital prevaricator; but can you imagine growing up without having to tell a few fibs,

if not outright lies, once in a while, for self-preservation or face-saving? But even when I did slip into fibbing (that's an untruth that doesn't hurt anybody), I nonetheless was bothered by the moral directive that my parents had early given to me: *ten-shiru, chi-shiru, hito-shiru*—that is to say, "truth will out". As maturity of mind sets in, we would learn that if one commits an error, it is easier and better simply to admit it. After all, none of us is perfect.

BUT ASIDE FROM prevaricating, once in a while, in other aspects of our living, we did seek to follow the code of honesty. Thus, we were taught that it was equivalent to stealing if we "goofed off" on an hourly paid job. (This actually got me into trouble once with a union shop steward; in no uncertain terms I was told to slow down because I was causing problems on the assembly line.) Thus, whether or not the boss was around, we worked. Well, most of the time, anyway. But seeing the apparent competitive sliding of our country on the world market today, I'm not at all sure that our Issei values should not become more a part of our national ethics. As they said, "If one can become a success without work, . . ."

One of the Fairfield fleet is a ship called the Sunbelt Dixie which has been described as a floating parking lot. It is a 10-deck car carrier which hauls 20,000 Toyota automobiles a year from Japan to the U.S. east coast. Two of the decks are refrigerated and the Sunbelt Dixie hauls Florida and California citrus fruits to Japan on the return trip. The computerized ventilation and climate control system work so well that, the brochure says, "Japanese importers of citrus now pay a premium price for fruit carried from the U.S. on the Sunbelt Dixie."

Well, if you're in the business of hauling fruit, it might be wise to have an assured supply. So Fairfield owns two large orchards in California growing lemons, oranges and avocados. And if you're in real estate, you might as well look for other opportunities. Like an interest in a 320-unit high-rise apartment development in Boston.

Of growing importance in Fairfield's operations is its oil and gas division. Another subsidiary called Fairfield Industries is conducting seismographic surveys on land and over water for some of the world's largest oil producers.

Sugahara is in his very early 70's, looks years younger, and routinely races off to London, Tokyo, or Nigeria. Wherever he may be and whatever he may be doing, the memories of his impoverished boyhood in Los Angeles are never far below the surface.

● First in a Series

A case against WW2 evacuation

ABSTRACT

Bay Area Attorneys for Redress was formed early this year for the purpose of presenting legal arguments and a brief to the Commission on Redress.

The brief being published in serial form will make several arguments regarding the unconstitutionality of the detention and evacuation of Japanese during World War II. It will argue that the detention and evacuation constituted illegal discrimination on the basis of race; that the detention and evacuation violated a number of Constitutional guarantees in the Bill of Rights.

The conclusion by the government that military necessity justifies the exclusion and evacuation was unfounded and violated due process rights under the Fifth Amendment; that the evacuation and detention orders violated the separation of powers doctrine and were thus unconstitutional; and that the evacuation and detention orders were unconstitutional Bills of Attainder.

Readers who have any questions may contact either Dale Minami at (415) 893-9100 or Russell Matsumoto at (415) 921-9000.—Editor.

The detention and evacuation of Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II constituted illegal discrimination on the basis of race.

Equality under the law is a fundamental right guaranteed by the United States Constitution. The notion of equality is grounded expressly in the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause and implicitly in the Fifth Amendment's Prohibition against arbitrary laws. The basic idea of equality is that the government, through its laws, ought to treat persons equally. Where the government treats such persons unequally, the courts require that the government justify the rationality of such treatment.

Laws which treat persons unequally solely on the basis of race must be treated with great suspicion and courts must subject the legislation to the most rigid inspection ("strict scrutiny") in order to preserve the basic value of equality. Race classifications are subject to this degree of scrutiny to prevent the operation of laws that are based on stereotyped prejudices and to protect racial minorities that have been politically powerless to halt the passage of such laws.

In the landmark cases of *Hirabayashi v. United States* and *Korematsu v. United States*, the Supreme Court upheld the curfew and evacuation of Japanese despite its declaration that the strict scrutiny test should apply to racial classifications. The Court in *Hirabayashi* noted that "...distinctions between citizens solely because of their ancestry are by their nature odious to a free people whose institutions are founded upon the doctrine of equality." In *Korematsu*, the Court amplified that holding, stating that "...all local restrictions which curtail the civil rights

of a single racial group are immediately suspect" and "...[The] courts must subject them to the most rigid scrutiny."

This strict scrutiny test requires a compelling governmental purpose in order to justify the particular law and compels the courts to determine whether there are any possible less drastic alternatives by which the government can achieve its purpose. Later cases applying the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause required a showing of discriminatory intent in certain circumstances where the particular law was not discriminatory on its face.

Despite the hollow pronouncement that *Korematsu* was not excluded because of hostility to him or his race, it is undisputed that the Executive Order and subsequent military orders issued by General DeWitt, Commander of the Western Defense Command, applied only to persons of the Japanese race. It is also clear that the evacuation and detention orders denied Japanese in America certain rights guaranteed to all persons of the U.S. Constitution. Clearly, Japanese, whether citizens or non-citizens, were singled out as a race and treated differently than other persons. (The Aleuts were also affected.—Ed.)

Furthermore, the ostensible rationale in detaining and evacuating the Japanese was that ethnic affiliations to the "enemy" rendered Japanese more dangerous than other groups. This rationale could also have been applied to Germans and Italians, yet members of these ethnic groups were not subject to the exclusion and relocation en masse as were the Japanese. Under the War Department Plan, the entire Japanese population was excluded from restricted areas but only German aliens specifically identified for evacuation would be excluded and no evacuation of Italians would be conducted without the specific permission of the Secretary of War. Thus, not only were Japanese treated differently than the United States populace at large but were also treated differently from other groups who shared the "dangerous" characteristics necessitating the detention and evacuation.

Gen. DeWitt's Statements

Although discriminatory intent was not necessary to demonstrate illegal discrimination based on the Equal Protection Clause, such discriminatory intent is evident in the statements expressed by officials in charge of the evacuation and relocation:

—General DeWitt stated to the House Naval Affairs Sub-Committee in San Francisco on April 13, 1943: "A Jap's a Jap. They are a dangerous element, whether loyal or not. There is no way to determine their loyalty . . . it makes no difference whether he is an American; theoretically, he is still a Japanese, and you can't change him . . . You can't change him by giving him a piece of paper."

—General DeWitt also told the Sub-Committee, "...You needn't worry

"Korematsu was not excluded from the Military Area because of hostility to him or his race."

Korematsu v. United States

about Italians at all except in certain cases. Also, the same for Germans except in individual cases. But we must worry about the Japanese all the time until he is wiped off the map."

—In the Final Recommendation and Report authored by Colonel Bendetsen and adopted under General DeWitt's signature: "The Japanese race is an enemy race and while many second and third generations Japanese born on United States soil, possessed of United States citizenships have become 'Americanized', the racial strains are undiluted."

—The Final Recommendation and Report is also replete with half-truths, exaggerations and racist stereotypes. The arguments against the Japanese could also have applied to Germans and Italians. An analysis of the Final Recommendation and Report will be discussed later under the section on Due Process.

—Even the intent of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to single out Japanese was apparent as reflected in an Attorney General Memorandum to the President dated April 17, 1943: "You signed the original Executive Order permitting the exclusions so the army could handle the Japs. It was never intended to apply to Italians and Germans."

The Executive Order and Military Orders issued by General DeWitt authorizing the detention and evacuation applied only to a single racial group—the Japanese. As will be discussed in later articles, there existed no compelling state interest to justify such

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FROM PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: by John Saito

Brother's Keeper

Los Angeles

Seeing "bums" walk up and down San Pedro Street from my window five stories up is not an unusual sight. On a typical warm Southern California day, I often see them sleeping on the verdant lawn that fronts Union Church, which is next door to our building.

Therefore, several months ago it did not seem unusual to see a body cuddled up in a vacant side area of the JACCC building. It wasn't until the security guard came on duty that he checked the body and called the paramedics, who came and could not revive the motionless body.

The other day, it was pouring rain and I was working at my desk and heard what I thought were groans and moans. I looked out the window ... and saw the man on his back lying on the sidewalk pleading for help. Umbrella-covered people either side-stepped and turned around. I contacted the JACCC building management office to let them know a person was lying on the sidewalk in front, whereupon the message was transferred to the building engineer.

I told the PC staff about the person on the sidewalk and Tomi Hoshizaki told Jane Ozawa to call the police. Peter Imamura and I went downstairs to see what we could do to help.

The man couldn't get up and his right hand reached out to me for help. He had blood on his shirt and heavy saliva dribbling from his

mouth. His breath reeked with booze. His face was covered with white blotches; his hands were swollen. I extended by left hand toward to outstretched hand and he latched on with his rain-soaked cold hands. He muttered some words that seemed like "God bless you". Pete grabbed him from the other side and helped him to his feet. He was unable to walk without support. By then, the building engineer had arrived and I exchanged places with him while I held the umbrella over us.

We didn't know what to do with him, now that we had him upright. The building engineer didn't want him under the eaves of the JACCC building so he said why don't we walk him down the street and place him under a storefront awning. We walked him up to the corner, leaned him against the storefront wall.

By then, the police wagon had arrived and the officer motioned the drunkard to come to the wagon. He took one step and fell on his back. The officers, first covering their hands with plastic mittens, picked him up and placed him in the back of the wagon.

Pete and I walked back to the building and immediately washed our hands, putting on some rubbing alcohol to further cleanse our hands.

I still see the man's face in front of me and hear his plea for help. I also wonder whether some of those people who passed him by would have stopped if the face were some Nikkei ... or are all alcoholics despicable?

1000 Club

Fund-Raising

By FRANK F. SAKAMOTO
Chairman, National 1000 Club

Thanks to one of our National Committee members, Tom Arima of Contra Costa JACL has suggested a new system to raise funds for National. If it were possible for National to put away \$5 from each of the present approximately 2,000

members in the 1000 Club, we would have \$10,000 which could be put into the Endowment Fund and we would collect up to 14% interest, which would be \$1,400 per year to be used for programs. But we would always maintain that \$10,000 in the Endowment Fund.

This is Arima's suggested system of somehow maintaining more funds for programs.

Betty Hasegawa of Chicago stated that we ought to have a program where the JACL member could insure themselves and the JACL becomes the beneficiary. What do you think? Let me have some feedback.

October 1981 Japan Trip: Those who are contemplating the Japan trip this fall, be sure to ask your travel agent to book you for the International Wing-Ding at the Keio Plaza Hotel in Tokyo on Oct. 23, 1981, which will be hosted by Japan Travel Bureau. Those of you who are touring Japan under JTB are to be their guests.

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SUMMARY (Since Dec. 31, 1980)
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Milwaukee chapter installs Allan Hida

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The same week that American hostages in Tehran were released in midst of the inaugural taking place in Washington, D.C., the Milwaukee JACL inaugural was held Jan. 25 at Country Gardens, the festivities starting with a 3 p.m. cocktail hour. Allan Hida, who was chapter president in 1967, was elected to a second term and installed by Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago, former national JACL president and longtime chairman of the JARP executive committee, subbing for MDC regional director Bill Yoshino.

Former chapter president Jim Miyazaki was emcee. Kevin Miyazaki opened with the pledge of allegiance. The Rev. Daniel Sherman gave invocation. Andy Mayeshiba, outgoing 1980 president, welcomed the guests. The Rev. Perry Saito, minister of the Wauwatosa Ave. Methodist Church, Rotarian and JACler, was guest speaker.

Various awards followed, including the Paul Revere Bowl (for the Milwaukee JACler of the year) to Sat Nakahira. Initiated in 1975, the bowl is inscribed with the names of:

1975—Victor Heinemeyer; 1976—Charles Matsumoto; 1977—K Henry Date; 1978—Edmund Jonokuchi; 1979—Nami Shio; 1980—Satoshi Nakahira.

Certificates of appreciation went to Paul Kusuda, for contributing copies of 'East to America' to four Madison high schools; and to Sei Pramenko for her many years to community work since coming to the U.S. as a student, followed by marriage to Eugene Pramenko, rearing four children, the eldest son now at West Point. (Sei chairs the local membership committee.)

Fish diet reduces chance of stroke, heart attacks

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Researchers from Japan to Greenland have found that a diet high in cold water fish confers some protection against heart attacks and strokes.

Dr. Phillip Needleman, head of pharmacology at Washington University in St. Louis, said that dietary supplements, extracted from fish, may someday be available to protect people from heart attacks.

Researchers have found that cold water fish is a good source of eicosapentaenoic acid, or EPA, a fatty acid which helps reduce the blood's potential for clotting.

A Japanese study found that residents of a fishing village had higher levels of EPA than did farming village residents. Overall, Japanese have a higher EPA rate than Europeans but a lower one than Eskimos.

However, more studies are needed to determine a sensible dosage range of EPA, since some Japanese firms are studying ways to extract EPA from fish.

"We wouldn't want people taking so much of the supplement that they would bleed to death," said Needleman.

Mayor Isenberg to address Sac'to

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Mayor Phil Isenberg of Sacramento will be main speaker at the Sacramento JACL inaugural Mar. 28, 7 p.m. at Landpark South Restaurant.

Keith Yamanaka, counsel to the state OSHA appeals board, is the new president. A Honolulu-native, he has been a local resident since 1964 and is a 1977 graduate from UC Berkeley School of Law, Boalt Hall. Ruth Shimomura is Auxiliary president.

San Jose JACL

The eighth annual San Jose JACL Bridge Nite will be held on Saturday April 11, 7:30 p.m. it was announced by chairperson Mrs. Aiko Nakahara (258-7874).

For those coming alone, partners will be arranged; therefore all bridge enthusiasts are welcome. Mrs. Swannee McKay will direct the duplicate tournament, assisted by Sadie Sakamoto, Sachi Miki, Diane Kawamura and Amy Higuchi. A \$3.50 fee will defray the evening's expenses.

West Los Angeles JACL

West Los Angeles JACL has chartered a bus for Disneyland's Festival Japan on Mar. 28, according to Toy Kanegai (820-3592) in charge. The one-day trip is \$8 for senior citizens, \$13 for others under 65, including a Disneyland coupon book with entry ticket. Bus leaves from Delores Restaurant at 10:30 a.m. and return around 5 p.m.

Chapter also sponsored its second young adult group meeting Mar. 23 at the Sumitomo Bank West L.A. branch.

\$7,500 promised for redress lawsuit

CHICAGO—A grant of \$7,500 has been promised by the United Church Board for Home and Ministries of the United Church of Christ to the Redress Legal Fund of the National Council for Japanese American Redress. The fund is seeking \$75,000, the estimated sum needed to underwrite a class action lawsuit against the United States to obtain compensation for internment victims.

The Council plans to initiate legal preparation for the lawsuit as soon as \$30,000 has been raised. The grant of \$7,500 will be available once the Council attains \$30,000 and the legal activity has begun.

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orders and, in fact, the evidence produced to support such orders consisted of exaggerations, assumptions, myths and racist stereotypes. It is instructive to note that the Supreme Court has not upheld a racial classification since *Korematsu* and *Hirabayashi*. Clearly, then, *Korematsu* and his fellow Japanese were excluded from the Military Area because of hostility to them and their race in violation of the right to equal treatment despite the Supreme Court's feeble effort to declare otherwise.

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Join the JACL

Ex-Pres. Ford

TOKYO — Former President Gerald Ford will make a five-day visit to Japan, arriving in Osaka March 27. He will then proceed to Tokyo March 29 to attend a luncheon held in his honor with Premier Zenko Suzuki and other Japanese leaders.

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JACLER recalls audience with Emperor of Japan



Corky Kawasaki

Known to Portlanders as genial host of Bush Garden Restaurant and longtime member of JACL and Nikkeijin Kai, Corky Tokuyoshi Kawasaki was recently awarded the 6th Order of the Rising Sun by the Japanese Government. This honor was granted in recognition of his efforts to aid the Japanese people immediately after World War II and because of his activities to promote good U.S.-Japan relations.

Corky's community work began 35 years ago in Chicago where he served as Executive Director of the Chicago Resettlers Committee and was also a member of the Chicago Community Fund and Council of Social Agencies. He helped the Nikkei find housing, employment and adjust to living in Chicago after having left the internment camps.

From 1948-50, he assisted the American Friends Service Committee in their Japan Relief Work by raising funds for food, clothing and medical supplies, and for tending 300 goats (318 by the time they reached their destination!) on their trip to Japan as a milk supply for the children. Presently, besides the above mentioned organizations' activities, Corky has devoted his efforts to the Ikoi No Kai hot lunch program for the elderly.

The following is his personal account of going to the Imperial Palace in Tokyo with his wife, Yuri, and his daughter, Sumi, to receive his medal. (M. Yasui)

November 10th was a day of excitement. I awakened early and walked two or three miles before Yuri and Sumi were up. We took a taxi to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as we didn't want to be late, and, believe me, we were the first to sign in.

I was conscious of the fact that I did not have time to rent a morning coat and white gloves for myself, and a kimono for Yuri, but I wore a dark suit and Yuri had on an afternoon dress

Portland, Ore.

which was not too bad, for after all, we were from the small country town of Portland.

We were led to a waiting room and given our instructions. Yuri speaks excellent Japanese, but poor Sumi had difficulty understanding most of the conversation. My education in Japan helped me considerably, but I was afraid of my American manners.

For the Awards Ceremony, we (honorees and spouses only... Sumi had to stay behind) were led to a huge room on the upper floor. At this juncture, there was no conversation of any kind. Everybody was excited and curious as to what was going to happen next. Then a program coordinator informed us of the procedures which were to follow. We also learned that, unfortunately, Empress Nagako had a cold and would not be present.

The ceremony commenced at 11:30 sharp when the door to the room opened and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ito, appeared. Mr. Ito smiled a little and bowed, but stood straight without speaking. The chief coordinator spoke quietly, but firmly, calling each of the sixteen awardees, one by one, in alphabetical order. The honoree, when called, would stand, and together with his (or her) spouse would go to the table where the Foreign Minister awaited them. Mr. Ito then read the citation, word by word, then bowed and presented the certificate and medal to the recipient. The awardee likewise bowed to the Minister and other officials, and at this precise moment, a photographer snapped his camera to record this precious event. We put on our medals and the ceremony was over. The Foreign Minister relaxed, smiled and congratulated us warmly and asked all of us to toast with champagne this happy occasion. We obliged, as we now were also in a relaxed mood.

At about one o'clock in the afternoon, we were taken by bus to the Imperial Palace. We were surprised to see so many buses loaded with hundreds of awardees going to the Palace. We learned that they were from the other ministries... such as education, interior, transportation, forestry, etc. The honorees, numbering over 500 in all, including a half-dozen in wheel chairs, and spouses marched very slowly to the Inner Palace Hall, called "Ho-mei-den". A beautiful, huge and gorgeous chandelier caught our eyes, as well as the very thick red carpet and the magnificent walls designed by well known artists. It was a beautiful sight. We were speechless. We faced a large red carpeted platform, three steps high, where His Majesty, Emperor Hirohito would stand and face the audience.

At exactly 2:00 p.m., the large door to the "Ho-mei-den" opened silently. An usher entered and stepped aside and, after a few minutes, the Emperor entered the Hall. The Emperor walked very slowly and with dignity. We all bowed at this instant to welcome him as he stepped to the dais. The Emperor stood before us... his face gentle and smiling. We bowed again and a spokesperson for our group expressed our appreciation for this special honor. His Majesty graciously responded, "I am very happy to see all of you who have come from far and wide. You have served this country and the people all over the world well. Please remain in good health." This was the gist of his message to all of us. We silently bowed and bid His Majesty a fond farewell. The audience was over, but left us with a great and everlasting impression.

(Our sincere congratulations and appreciation to Mr. Kawasaki... truly a well deserving humanitarian and diplomat... who, with humility, granted this Newsletter's request of sharing with us his personal experience at the Imperial Palace.—Portland JACL Newsletter.)

Sculpture proposed for 'Camp Harmony'

OLYMPIA, Wa.—Legislation was introduced in the Washington Legislature in February that would provide state money for a proposed sculpture commemorating the 7,000 Japanese Americans interned at the Western Washington Fairgrounds during World War II.

Rep. Dan Grimm (D-Puyallup) and George Walk (D-Puyallup) in filing the bill said, "Instead of trying to forget about it, maybe it's better we remember so it may never happen again."

Sen. Mac Gaspard (D-Summer) also filed the same bill in the Senate. Puyallup Valley JACL and the Seattle JACL chapters have proposed that George Tsutakawa, an internationally known sculptor, be commissioned to do the work. Tsutakawa was among those interned at "Camp Harmony" from May to September, 1942.

The Fairground has been designated by the State Historical Society as being historically significant.

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SPARTAN BEAT: by Mas Manbo



'Shōgun' still headliner in Japan

TOKYO—The word "shōgun", which no doubt has appeared in print more times than ever in the past six months, continues to turn up in the newspapers.

It all started, of course, with that "Shōgun" film. And when actress Yoko Shimada received the Golden Globe award for her role in the hit television series, her photo appeared in all the leading papers here.

Shōgun has even made its way in the Japanese headlines in connection with the weather.

"Fuyu Shōgun Retto Ni Dok-

kari" proclaimed one of the local sheets in mid-January, meaning that King Winter had settled on the Japanese islands. It has been the coldest winter by the way since 1963, with heavy snow in the Hoku-riku region up north.

Meanwhile, the Daily Yomiuri has reported that export of nori (laver) to the U.S. is booming and it is felt that the fame of the book and movie "Shōgun" may have been a contributing factor.

Most of the dried seaweed sheets going to the States apparently is consumed in sushi. A recent survey showed that sushi ranks second only to tempura among the Japanese dishes Americans like best. Nori on buttered toast is really tasty, and if that catches on in America people are apt to be eating nori morning, noon and

night.

In mid-February, the Japan Times had an ad stretching across the page saying: "Come and See Shōgun Country!"

It was connected with a new deluxe tour of the JAL called "Shōgun Passage". The 15-day tour starting in late March will take visitors to many of the places featured in James Clavell's best-selling "Shōgun" novel or associated with real-life persons on which the novel's characters were based.

Speaking of tours, comments on the now notorious "sex tours" by Japanese male groups to capitals of Southeast Asian countries are still getting plenty of ink.

Righteous females have roundly condemned Japanese men going on such trips to

places like Manila. Foreign males better acquainted with the situation, on the other hand, have been sympathetic in letters appearing in the Japan Times. They point out that the Japanese aren't the only ones who, as one feminine letter writer put it, are "buying women's bodies" in Manila. And the males claim that the Philippine Airlines is encouraging the world's oldest profession with the words "Love Bus", accompanied by juicy red lips, across the nose of its planes.

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ON THE LITTLE TOKYO REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles, California, has authorized the setting of Wednesday, April 1, 1981, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. as the time, and fixed the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Sumitomo Room, Second Floor, 244 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, as the place, for a biennial public hearing to be held by the Agency on the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project.

The purpose of the public hearing is to:
1. Review the Redevelopment Plan for the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project and evaluate its progress; and
2. Hear the testimony of all parties interested in the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project.

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● MAR. 27 (Friday)

Berkeley—JACL Inv HS basketball tour: 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 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—"Hito Hata" screening, Yale Univ Hall Theater.

● MAR. 28 (Saturday)

PNWDC/Columbia Basin—Appr Dnr for Nat Washington, 6:30pm; Redress mtg, Kiyoji's Res't, Moses Lake, 8pm.

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

Sacramento—Inst dnr, Land Park South Res't, 6:30pm; Sac'to Mayor Phil Isenberg, spkr; Past Pres Roast—Frank Hiyama, Dr Richard Matsumoto, Takashi Tsujita.

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

New York—"Hito Hata" screening, Japan House, 7:30pm.

● MAR. 29 (Sunday)

NCWNPD/Conterey 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.

San Jose—Nikkei Matsuri, Japan town: 5th & Jackson.

● MAR. 30 (Monday)

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

Whittier—Japanese American Week sampler, Whittier College Faculty Ctr, 6:30pm.

● APR. 1 (Wednesday)

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

West Valley—Bd mtg, JACL Clubhouse, 7:30pm.

● APR. 2 (Thursday)

Puyallup Valley—Mtg, Tacoma Buddhist Church, 7:30pm.

● APR. 3 (Friday)

PSWDC—JACL Tri-Dist Conf (3da), L.A. Hilton Hotel; Fri—Mixer, Sat—Joan Bernstein, Redress Comm chair,

guest spkr, 9am panel; luncheon, workshops; Sun—Wrap-up.

Oberlin—Midwest Asn Student Conf (2da), Oberlin.

San Jose—Sansei Scls Club mtg, JACL Hall, 565 N 5th St, 7:30pm.

Stockton—Farewell dnr for Rev H Yamaoka, Buddhist Church social hall.

Wash'n, D.C.—Org of Pan Asn Amer Women conf for Prevention of Juv Delinq (2da), Gramercy Inn.

Philadelphia—Film: "Hito Hata", International House.

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

Whittier—J.A. Concentration Camp Experience Presentations (2da), Whittier College Faculty Ctr; Dr Harry Kitano, Pri keynote spkr; Sat panel & workshops.

● APR. 4 (Saturday)

Pan Asian—Actor Yuki Shimoda roast, 7pm, L.A. Hilton Hotel. (In conj with Tri-Dist Conf.)

Latin American (New)—Org mtg, Los Angeles (site TBA-to be announced).

Los Angeles—Asn-Pac Festival, Loyola Marymount Univ, 11am.

Oxnard—Multi-cult Festival (2da), Comm Ctr Complex.

● APR. 5 (Sunday)

Boston—Film: "Hito Hata", Harvard Univ Science Ctr Aud B, 7pm.

Long Beach—Film: "Hito Hata", Pioneer Project, Comm Ctr.

Las Vegas—Ondo practice, Kenny Guinn Jr High, 7:30pm.

Salt Lake City—Open house, Multi-Ethnic Sr Cit Highrise, 1pm.

● APR. 10 (Friday)

Houston—Inst dnr, Holiday Inn West, 7pm, semi-formal.

Columbus/Ohio State Univ—Int'l Heritage Weekend.

Riverside—Egg hunt, Canyon Crest Park.

New York—Pac/Asn Coalition Forum on Employment Discrim, Union College, Cranford, NJ, 2-5pm.

San Jose—Bridge Night, Cal First Bank, 7:30pm.

APR. 13 (Monday)
Las Vegas—Mtg, Osaka Res't, 7:30pm.

APR. 14 (Tuesday)
Milwaukee—Bd mtg, Hasegawa's res.

APR. 15 (Wednesday)
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A farewell program was held at the theater in mid-February and got big play in the papers. The Nichigeki is to be torn down this month to make way for a new building.

During its lifetime, numerous top stage performers had

appeared on the Nichigeki stage. One of its features was the Nichigeki Dancing Team, a Japanese version of the Radio City Rockettes.

The circular building also housed the Nichigeki Music Hall. One longtime fan, describing it as "the temple of the bosom" in a nostalgic letter appearing in the Daily Yomiuri, claimed that the Music Hall was "better known to tourists worldwide" than the main theater ever was.



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