

• Sam I. Nakagama—

Reagan's economics called 'wildest nonsense'

PALO ALTO, Ca.—A Nisei Wall Street economist scathingly denounced this past week (Mar. 27) President Reagan's economic policies as "the wildest nonsense" during a two-day energy conference at Stanford University.

Sam I. Nakagama, chief economist for Kidder, Peabody & Co., New York-based stock brokerage, warned an audience of utility executives and regulators that the president's proposed package could more than double today's 10-12% annual inflation rate in less than two years.

Nakagawa predicted a "20-30% inflation with interest rates to match, if you get the Reagan program," according to Robert Bartlett of the San Francisco Chronicle.

Nakagama spoke before the California Public Utilities Commission session on the future of America's electric and gas distribution system. Because U.S. utilities have an unending need to borrow money, executives who head these companies and regulators who determine the price consumers will pay for the utilities' produce—principally, electric power—are fascinated by the interplay between inflation and interest rates.

President Reagan's economic package, Nakagama argued, is inherently inflationary, because key White House advisers want to cut income taxes by 30% during the next three years as the nation spends billions on a massive military buildup.

He contrasted this with the 1960s, which began with federal tax cuts linked to a big reduction in military spending, enabling

President Johnson to increase civilian spending while at the same time creating his "Great Society" for new federally financed welfare programs—all without inflation.

By the mid-'60s, Nakagama said, the Vietnam War shifted nearly 2% of the nation's gross national product from civilian to military spending, the Great Society programs were untouched and taxes were not increased.

This "warfare and welfare" program, the economist said, touched off the inflationary spiral that remains a principal problem in 1981.

Nakagama suggested that key members of Congress might block much of President Reagan's proposed income tax polls reductions, because "the polls show no demand for a massive 30% tax cut."

Mother of 12 naturalized for 80th birthday

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Kima Konatsu, an Issei who came to California at age 16, received an 80th birthday present two weeks early—her U.S. citizenship on Mar. 10.

The mother of 12 children, Mrs. Konatsu grinned "from ear to ear" after passing her naturalization test, according to one of the children. She had previously tried to pass the test but failed because she couldn't read English. However when the law was changed to permit an interpreter to administer the examination, she promptly applied.

A widow whose husband died after the war, Mrs. Konatsu lived most of her life on a Tulare County farm in Orosi. During the war, the family was sent to Poston, Ariz.

JA leaders express views on gun control

(PC Focus)

As the smoke cleared from the assassination attempt on President Reagan, the burning issue of gun control was ignited once more, and some leaders in the Japanese American community expressed their views on the issue.

In light of Sen. Edward Kennedy's (D-Mass.) announcement April 1 of a new effort by Congress to ban traffic in handguns, a spokesman for Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hi.), Robbie Alm, said that Inouye has never really formulated any specific recommendations on the issue, at least recently. Inouye has focused more on the defense of existing laws.

Alm added that Inouye is in favor of stronger gun control laws, but the bill that Kennedy would introduce to the Senate would have to be studied over before any support or criticism could be made. Also, Inouye feels that Kennedy's bill would probably have little chance of passing on the Senate floor, since so many other efforts have failed in the past.

More attention has been recently paid by Hawaii's senator to the bill introduced by Sen. James A. McClure (R-Id.), which would decrease federal controls and in a sense, be a step away from gun control, noted Alm.

Focus on 'Saturday Night Specials'

Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Ca.), through his spokesman Carl Rutan, said that stricter laws are needed on the cheap "Saturday night specials" and that he favors laws which would require a three to four week investigatory period for persons purchasing handguns.

However, Hayakawa believes that law-abiding and responsible citizens should be allowed to own guns, providing they receive proper training in how to use them safely.

Hayakawa sees loopholes in the 1968 gun control law, which allows foreign parts of cheap handguns to come into this country for assembly. Hayakawa would like to close up this loophole, and wants stricter penalties on criminals who use a gun in the commission of a crime (i.e. longer minimum sentences).

Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-San Jose) said through aide Allen Carrier that he also favors gun control and, like Hayakawa, wants the focus on cheap handguns. Mineta, too, feels that "trust" should be maintained in sportsmen and marksmen who

handle guns responsibly.

Mineta stresses focus on gun traffic as well, but how that will be accomplished is debatable. "It's really hard to say how much of this issue is going to be raised (in Congress) because of the massive legislation involving budget cuts," said Carrier. "I'm afraid this issue probably won't come up until next year."

Hawaii's junior Senator Spark M. Matsunaga told the Rafu Shimpo, "This latest assassination attempt demonstrates the need for improved security means to protect the president from the hazards of his office. It also emphasizes the need for better handgun control and a united effort to cast out of our society acts of violence committed by disturbed individuals."

Terry Michaels, spokesman for Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Ca.) said that the House of Representatives is going to have to wait for the lead of the Senate. However, Matsui observes that Sen. Strom Thurmond, head of the Judiciary committee, is opposed to any gun control legislation, so it would be pointless for the House to move on any legislation until the Senate gives them an encouraging sign. Matsui, like Hayakawa, also favors stricter penalties for criminals who use guns.

'Little Control Better than No Control'

Jerry Enomoto, a technical adviser for the National Institute of Corrections for the Department of Justice, said, "A little gun control is better than no control at all."

When Enomoto was JACL National President ('66-'70) he said the U.S. did not have adequate gun control laws. In his PC column of Aug. 9, 1968, he said:

"...If we can license and register cars we can do the same with guns. Many Americans who loudly declare themselves in support of our police, curiously ignore the overwhelming police opinion in favor of stronger gun control."

"I fail to see the merit of tiresome cliches like constitutional right to bear arms. We are not in hostile Indian country in the early West, nor are we fighting a revolution. I hope we have not come to the point where we feel we need a gun to protect ourselves, because we have lost faith in our law enforcement agencies."

"I see no merit in the arguments that registration will make it easier for the government to confiscate guns, and render us powerless against a presumed Communist takeover. Neither licensing nor registration prevents me from enjoying hunting if I want to hunt."

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Reagan picks Frank Sato inspector general to EPA

WASHINGTON—Frank Saburo Sato, 52, was one of six persons appointed by President Ronald Reagan Mar. 26 as inspectors general as he created a special council to fight government fraud and waste.

The President vowed to "prosecute any crook we find" and will be naming 10 more inspectors to get the job done.

The Puyallup (Wa.)-born Nisei was named inspector general at the Environmental Protection Agency. Apparently, he had not been informed in advance as he was absent for White House introductions to the press, the Washington Post noted.

(Sato had been among eight recommended by Congress for possible appointment as Comptroller General, who serves a 15-year term as head of the General Accounting Office—the investigative arm of Congress.)

Sato, the top-ranking Asian Nisei holding government office, was previously inspector general of the U.S. Department of transportation under President Jimmy Carter (Aug. 31, 1979 PC).

In his first weeks in office, Mr. Reagan fired all 16 inspectors general at federal agencies who were held over from the Carter

administration, and White House press secretary Jim Brady said the President was looking for people who were "meaner than a junkyard dog" to replace them.

Council of Integrity & Efficiency

Five of the first six named last month held the same, or similar, jobs in the Carter administration.

The President said he hopes his appointment of these five will put to rest "suspicions that have been voiced that politics has anything to do with these appointments."

The White House said each had compiled "an excellent record of uncovering fraud and other abuses in the programs under their surveillance."

Mr. Reagan, in signing the executive order creating the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency, said, "The American people are demanding action, and they are going to get it."

Mr. Reagan has insisted for years that billions of taxpayers' dollars were being lost due to fraud and abuse.

The council, coordinated by the White House, will be chaired

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Bernstein updates redress movement at L.A. Tri-District

LOS ANGELES — Joan Z. Bernstein, chairperson of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, addressed the luncheon audience of the JACL Tri-District Conference here April 4 and provided them with an update on commission's plans. Approximately 160 were present.

She noted that the commission is exempt from the Reagan Administration's federal hiring freeze and that they were currently seeking an executive director for their staff.

Bernstein declared some of the important matters of concern for the commission would include: establishing a chronology of the Evacuation; gathering key legal documents from the period; research; and legal conferences.

She said that she would personally like to have as many hearings as time and money would allow, and revealed that Alaska, three sites in California (still unnamed), a midwest and eastern site would be determined soon.

The commission chair said that she would welcome any public officials with testimony to the hearings. Bernstein added that Congress intends to address the legal, historical and educational aspects of the issue when the commission concludes and presents its findings.

'Less Intimidating'

Speculating on how the hearings should be set up, Bernstein said in her past experiences she has found that a "seminar" arrangement is very effective, since it is less intimidating to a witness. The atmosphere would represent a discussion more than an inquisition, she added.

Bernstein was also glad to hear about how JACL Chapters were organizing for the hearings and told the audience that written testimony should be encouraged. It was also important to get the word out to

witnesses.

The commission's final report would be a summary with recommendations for how the issue can be remedied. Bernstein noted that there are other types of government compensation, such as those given to veterans, which would include educational and health benefits, etc.

"The Japanese American community will (in a sense) have its day in court," concluded Bernstein, who added, "You don't have to be Japanese to understand the issue."

Tritia Toyota, anchorwoman on KNBC (4), was luncheon emcee. Mas Dobashi (East L.A.) and Kiyo Fukumoto (Pan-Asian) as conference co-chairs extended greetings.

Tri-District Resolutions

Three resolutions—signifying the main issues of the weekend conference which need to be addressed (after Redress) by the chapters and help form policy at the national level—were passed at the final session Sunday morning.

1—A "Leadership Conference of Asian-Pacific Americans" with primary focus on statewide California matters was endorsed in principle. The group would be nonpartisan, nonprofit, educational; a clearing-house for information as well as legislative monitor on issues affecting Asian-Pacific Americans. Dr. Clifford Uyeda introduced the resolution.

2—Local support groups for Atomic Bomb Survivors in the U.S. should be encouraged by all JACL chapters. Hiroshi Morodomi (Tri-Valley), who introduced the resolution, compared the Danielson bill (HR 1022) to provide medical care for Nisei who were stranded in Japan and victims of the A-bomb blasts to what the redress commission is addressing for Japanese Americans evacuated and detained during WW2.

3—Three California district councils went on record to support SB 47 (the U.S.-Mexico Good Neighbor Act) authored by Sen. Harrison Schmitt (R-N.M.). As a temporary workers' visa program, it establishes a legal framework for Mexican labor in the U.S., prevent abuse by unscrupulous smugglers and employers, protect U.S. workers from unfair competition and reduce the flow of illegal

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CORPORATE DIAMOND—Merit Savings & Loan Assn., Nisei-founded financial institution which reached \$100,000,000 last year in assets, becomes a JACL Diamond Corporate member as its board chairman-president Bruce Kaji (left) contributes \$1,000. Downtown L.A. member and PSWDC governor Dennis Kunisaki accepts on behalf of JACL.

Bay Area Nikkei seniors mark 10th year of centers

SAN MATEO, Ca.—Over 600 Issei celebrated the New Year and marked 10 years of senior center activities in the Bay Area on March 14 at the College of San Mateo. Nisei, Sansei and Yonsei volunteers pitched in their time and services for the event, which was sponsored by 11 Nikkei senior centers that recently formed an advocacy coalition for senior citizen programs and activities.

Joan Williams, field representative for Rep. Paul McCloskey (R-Cal.) was a featured speaker. Also, Rep. Tom Lantos (R-Cal.) delivered his speech in Japanese.

A highlight of the event was the presentation of an appreciation award to Kay Okamoto, volunteer coordinator of the Hamilton Senior Center by Steve Nakajo, of Kimochi Kai in San Francisco.

The sponsoring organizations included:

Berkeley Nikkei Center, East Bay Japanese for Action, Eden Senior Center, Hamilton Senior Center, Iko-no-Tomo, Kimochi Kai, Sakura Kai, Tri-City Senior Citizens, West Valley JACL Senior Club, Yu-Ai Kai and Yu Wakai.

Youth groups, such as the Methodist Youth Fellowship of San Mateo, San Mateo JYO and the Hillsdale High School Asian Student Club and Boy Scout Troop 700 of San Mateo also lent their services.

Calif. women's commission de-funded

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Irene Hirano, chairperson for California's Commission on the Status of Women, expressed her "shock, disbelief and outrage" at the action by the State Senate Finance subcommittee which deleted from Gov. Brown's proposed 1981-82 budget the money needed to operate the women's commission.

She said that she will try to persuade the full Senate Finance Committee to reinstate the money.

The commission's proposed budget had been \$407,000 before the subcommittee voted 2 to 1 March 19 to delete it.

The full Finance Committee could still vote to put the money back into the governor's proposed budget.

Hirano said, "This move is an insult to every woman in the state." She added that the commission was "the only agency in the state government that is concerned with the special needs of women."

The Assembly has yet to hear testimony on the matter before a Ways and Means subcommittee. If the Assembly acts favorably, the question would go to a Senate Assembly conference committee to resolve the issue.

Asian-Pacific week to be celebrated

OAKLAND, Ca.—Asian Pacific American Heritage Week will be celebrated May 1-3 at the Oakland Museum, sponsored by its Asian Program Committee, which said \$2,000 is being raised to stage the third annual event. Contributions,

payable to OMA/Cultural & Ethnic Affairs Guild, 100 Oak St., Oakland 94607, are being matched by challenge grants from NEH and NEA.

Stockton Nisei grocers robbed

STOCKTON, Ca.—A shotgun-wielding robber forced the owners of the A-1 market here to hand over \$162 at closing time on March 10.

Police said the robber, wearing a nylon stocking mask, approached owner Ted Oshima, 63, and his wife Miyoko, 60, and forced Oshima to empty the cash register and give up money from Miyoko's purse. Oshima was also robbed of his wallet.

International fashion set for J-Town

SAN FRANCISCO—"Spring Fantasy Fashion" is the theme for a major fashion show-luncheon benefit which will take place in the Japan Center Theater on May 2, with Jan Yanehiro and Richard Hart, hosts of the award-winning KPIX-TV "Evening Magazine", serving as commentators. Exhibited will be designs created by the Kansai Chapter of the renown Nippon Designers Club.

In keeping with the wishes of the designers, proceeds will be given to charitable organizations, announced the Nikkei Lions Club and the San Francisco-Osaka Sister City Committee, local sponsors.

The Nippon Designers' Club is the oldest fashion designers club in Japan and its membership includes such famous designers as Chiyo Tanaka, Nobuo Nakamura and Sumiko Kuni-kado who have been appointed as dress designers for the Empress and Crown Princess Michiko.

For this fashion show over 70 creations will be displayed and sold following the show. Proceeds from the event and the sale will be donated to the Lions' Eye Foundation, Kimochi, Inc., Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, and East Bay Issei Housing.

Tickets (\$15, 20, 25 or 30) are available by calling Kaz Kariya (415-755-6690 or 871-1660) or fashion show-luncheon chair George Kaz Sakai (386-0250).

Convicted murderer Mitose dies of stroke in prison

SAN QUENTIN, Ca.—James Mitose, the self-proclaimed clergyman and health practitioner who was convicted in 1975 for the murder of San Dimas strawberry rancher Frank Namimatsu, suffered a massive stroke and died on March 27 at the state corrections facility where he had been imprisoned.

Mitose, 65, was to have a parole hearing on April 10. Members of the Southern California Japanese American community, along with Dep. District Attorney Louis Ito and former LAPD homicide investigator Earl Nishimura, were set to travel to San Quentin in an attempt to block the early release of Mitose. Members in the Nikkei community had begun petition drives to block Mitose's release.

Mitose had been serving a life sentence for multiple counts of conspiracy to commit murder, solicitation to commit murder, extortion and grand theft. Mitose was convicted for allegedly paying ex-Marine Terry Lee to murder Namimatsu, who was killed at his Los Angeles home on March 20, 1974. His wife, Toshiko, was also badly injured in the attack.

Mitose's wife, Dorothy, was convicted of crimes against the Namimatsus and is now free after serving her sentence at a state women's prison in Frontera. The Mitoses' son, Alvin, was also convicted of crimes against the Namimatsus, but was sentenced to five year's probation and a one-year jail sentence, in which he was to serve on his days off from work.

Organization

The Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California elected Sakae Hosaka as their president on Feb. 26. Hosaka is manager of the Mitsubishi International, USA, branch office in San Francisco. On the Hosaka cabinet are Nimei Akamatsu, pres., Sumitomo Bank of Calif., 1st vp; Yuji Imai of the Moriaki-Imai-Fujita Agency, 2nd vp; Tsuneo Fujita, Sanwa Bank Agency, treas; attorney Steven Doi, aud.

'AJOB' classes

BERKELEY, Ca.—Post-Secondary Educational Program of Asians for Job Opportunities (AJOB) will conduct ESL and Pre-vocational training classes beginning April 21 at 1617 Berkeley Ave. For info: 415-548-6700.

Wakabayashi speaks to San Mateo

SAN MATEO, Ca.—For the 71 people who attended the San Mateo JACL dinner on Feb. 28 at the Shadow's Restaurant, Ron Wakabayashi, the newly appointed National JACL Executive Director, gave them a personal account of his selection and a preview of the direction of the organization under his tenure.

Besides Ron's credentials as an able administrator as the Executive Director of the Asian American Drug Abuse Program in Los Angeles, he possesses the sensitivities to meet the needs of senior citizens and Sansei activists.

In sharing his reasons for pursuing the difficult job of the National JACL Executive Directorship, he stated:

(1) There is a need to preserve a communication network that the National organization possesses that facilitates the flow of information and ideas to the Nikkei living throughout the nation; (2) the position of Japanese Americans is not all that secure and the National organization can help combat negative public trends and backlashes that the Nikkei communities are subjected to when international relationships between Japan and the United States are not good because of economic or political reasons; and (3) Redress is an important issue and direct monetary compensation will be sought.

Wakabayashi observed that based on the caliber of the finalists that sought the directorship's job, "it is significant to the organization; that there is a change in how people are viewing JACL and the potential of JACL". He also declared that the Sansei need to be encouraged into the organization.

In her President's message, Mrs. Suzu Kunitani, related some of the local chapter's past year's accomplishments and on-going programs. She called for greater membership participation in the coming year and is soliciting new ideas and suggestions for activities that the Chapter can pursue.

Chinatown restaurant workers organize

NEW YORK—Restaurant workers at the Silver Palace, one of the largest restaurants here in Chinatown, have signed their first independent union contract.

Organizing efforts of the Silver Palace employees arose in March 1980 after the management fired 16 waiters and busboys who protested the employer's illegal appropriation of employee tips and violation of minimum wage standards.

After a two-week boycott of the restaurant in May by concerned members of the community, the management was forced to reinstate the fired workers.

On Aug. 1, 1980, the Silver Palace Dining Room Independent Union, which is not affiliated with any other union, was certified.

Daruma no Gakko to open in summer

EL CERRITO, Ca.—Daruma no Gakko, a Nikkei summer school for grades Kindergarten through sixth, will hold classes June 22-July 16 at the East Bay Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero Ave, El Cerrito. School hours are 9 am-12 pm Mon.-Thurs. New elective classes will be offered for grades 4-6: Samurai, Japanese Costume and Textiles, Art Techniques and Writing Traditions. For information call Judy Kono 527-7185, Emiko Katsumoto 236-2880 or Jane Tanamachi 527-5516.

Black pine planting

SACRAMENTO—A Japanese black pine tree was planted at the Walerga Park, site of the old Walerga Assembly Center, April 5, in tribute to the early Issei.

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Around Town

Here are a few noteworthy items from the local scene, one in particular which should be of interest to the Sansei and Yonsei:

On March 29, the Los Angeles-Nagoya Sister City Affiliation presented the "Clothes Encounter of the Third Generation" fashion show, which featured the creations of Sansei designers Peggy Higuchi, Cheryl Kobayashi, Linda Miyagawa, Vicki Ragasa, Charmaine Yamamoto and Paul Dote. All six designers are based in Los Angeles, and it is hoped that their names become a lot more as familiar locally as "Calvin" and "Gloria" are nationally.

The show was a very impressive array of spring and summer apparel, from sports and leisure wear to formal wedding outfits. The lovely female models, among them a very enchanting Leslie Kawai, graced the stage at the Biltmore Hotel while the male models complimented the women with their dashing and debonair looks. Also, the little Yonsei models charmed the audience with a display of children's wear.

For all the designers and models who took part in the show (a first for this writer, who'll admit he isn't a fashion critic) it was a job well done, and congratulations are certainly extended to them.

Currently, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art is exhibiting "The Great Bronze Age of China" through June 10. The exhibition is a fine display of rare bronze, jade and terracotta artifacts from the People's Republic of China. The discoveries range in age, dating back from the 21st Century B.C. to A.D. 220.

A highlight of the exhibit is the array of life-size clay soldiers and horses, which once stood guard for 22 centuries in China protecting the burial site of Qin Shihuangdi, the first Emperor of China.

Tarnished with age, the bronze wine and food containers on display are distinctively and intricately crafted, while the rare jade ornaments and jewelry attest to the skill of the ancient Chinese craftsmen.

And in Los Angeles, one cannot ignore the Academy Awards, perhaps one of the biggest events in town. The Los Angeles Times reported an item that seems to provide more evidence for the influence motion pictures have on culture, especially the young:

As somewhat of a tradition, many movie fans wait outside of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, where the awards ceremony is held, several hours before the program begins in order to get a look at their favorite star entering the theater.

When an administrator for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences came out and told the crowd that the awards would be postponed because of the attempt on President Reagan's life, most of the fans groaned. Many of the teenagers in the stands said it "wasn't fair" to the public. One fifteen year old boy went as far as to say that it was an injustice to the people because Reagan "didn't die."

A sign of the times.

Gardena Nisei, 72, outstanding senior

GARDENA, Ca.—In recognition of her unselfish community service, the City of Gardena named May Koga, 72, as its Outstanding Senior Citizen for 1981. The award was presented Mar. 10 at the El Camino Kiwanis Club luncheon and that evening presented a plaque from the city council.

She and her husband, Paul, are co-owners of a fruit and produce market.

Gardena Buddhists to rebuild temple

GARDENA, Ca.—Destroyed by arson last July, the Gardena Buddhist Temple will be rebuilt as ground was broken April 5 for the edifice estimated at between \$1.3 and 1.5 million, according to architect Kiyoshi Sawano who drew up the blueprints for reconstruction. (Sawano is the designer of the JACC building in Little Tokyo.)

Two-thirds of the building cost is being recovered by insurance. And during the past three months, \$250,000 has been raised in contributions, it was reported. Completion is expected by summer, 1982. The hand-carved statue of Buddha is to be shipped from Kyoto.

AADAP honoring Ron
LOS ANGELES—Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Inc., will honor its former executive director Ron Wakabayashi, newly appointed JACL national director, at an appreciation dinner Saturday, April 18, 6:30 p.m. at Golden Palace Restaurants. Reservations by April 13 are urged through AADAP, 293-6284.

'Godspell' on tap
LOS ANGELES—East West Players will perform Stephen Schwartz' musical, "Godspell", May 14-June 21, with Mako and Shizuko Hoshi as directors.



Peter Imamura photo

FAN-TASTIC—Statuesque Leslie Kawai charmed the stage as did many other attractive models at the "Clothes Encounters of the Third Generation" fashion show March 29, sponsored by the Los Angeles-Nagoya Sister City Affiliation.

Nisei Relays to repeat June 7

SANTA ANA, Ca.—The 1981 JACL-PSWDC Nisei Relays will be staged on Sunday, June 7, again at Santa Ana College, it was announced by Russell Hiroto (East L.A.) and Carrie Okamura (Orange County), Relays co-chair. A larger turnout is expected this year at the 40th annual Relays than the 300-plus who participated in the '80 Relays.

Entry forms are now available at the JACL regional office and from committee members: Hiroto (264-3498), Okamura (714-894-9092), Jim Akioka (Venice-Culver: 827-3153); Dick Sakamoto (Pasadena: 351-8300); Norm Hata (Gardena: 635-5924, 538-3995); Roy Kawamoto (San Fernando Valley: 886-2851), and Shig Takeshita (West L.A.: 473-0629). Applications should be returned by May 22.

The relays booklet committee, headed by Ruth Watanabe (West L.A.: 472-8362), is soliciting advertising for Relays program to help defray travel expenses of top placers qualifying for the fourth annual JACL state track & field championship June 28 at Chabot College, Hayward.

South Bay Keiro to kickoff fund drive

GARDENA, Ca.—A kickoff free luncheon for the general gifts campaign for the 98-bed South Bay Keiro Nursing Home is scheduled Sunday, April 12, 12:30 p.m. at the Ken Nakaoka Memorial Community Center, 1700 W. 162nd St. Keiro Home has already received over \$115,000 in contributions and pledges. The campaign goal of \$1 million will go towards a \$1.3 million mortgage for the purchase of an existing home at 15115 S. Vermont.

Noguchi speaks on types of bullets

LOS ANGELES—County coroner Dr. Thomas Noguchi found no compelling reason last week (Apr. 1) for police or sheriffs to switch from round-nosed to hollow-nosed bullets, which experts say are harder-hitting but less likely to pass through the body and injure bystanders.

Noguchi produced data on both types of bullets but said the decision to switch should be made on more than just medical information. His two-year study offered no proof that one was more lethal. Little Tokyo office, 123 S. Weller St., Los Angeles 90012, to help Amerasia remain at their present site or another commensurable site.

than the others. Hollow points, he said, expand on impact and impart more energy plus generally resulting in shorter survival time.

More crime strikes Little Tokyo shops

LOS ANGELES—A leather goods designer and retailer is the latest victim of a burglary in the Little Tokyo area.

Larry Nishiguchi, proprietor of Leather by Nishiguchi, reported the loss of some \$30,000 in merchandise from his Little Tokyo store.

Nishiguchi discovered the steel gate at the store entrance open and the glass door broken by the thief

or thieves who simply cut off the padlock.

This past week (Mar. 31), the supposedly burglar-proof second-story suite of offices in the new Honda Plaza at E. 2nd and Central was burglarized, the entry being made by prying the doors open. Victim-tenants included Royal Jelly, Willy Kai's Kokusai Travel, Nippon Carbon, JTC Co. and Hisao Nishida, CPA.

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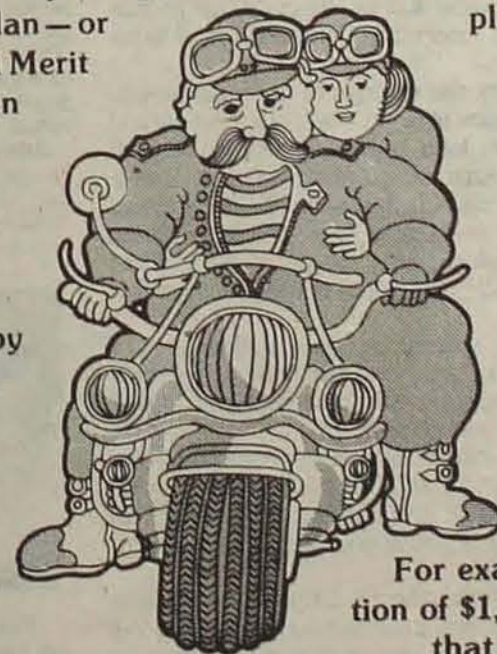
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R-Coordinator

Portland

Times of crises test the mettle and merit of men. John Tateishi, who has accepted the position of Redress Coordinator, is a man who is a master of crises and whose mettle and merits deserve much praise.

By consenting to fill the full-time national staff position on an interim basis, he has again responded to the call-of-crisis. The Redress program which had made unprecedented progress under John's chairmanship had come to a virtual halt after his previously tendered resignation took effect in February. Others were reluctant to even attempt to fill his shoes and match his giant strides that paved the way to the current Commission concept.

However, their reluctance was well-founded. In reality, John had been fulfilling the duties of both Redress Chair and the Coordinator's job in his former volunteer position.

That John successfully handled both roles simultaneously attests to his immense talent and expertise which might better serve him and his family in a richly remunerative position with options of promotion and permanence. It is a matter of record and reason that John, in fact, did not seek the job of coordinator. Rather, JACL sought and beseeched him to accept it.

Under these circumstances, it is understandable that John's tenure as coordinator is a temporary one, a condition which he expressly defined at the outset—one which JACL respects. That he would be assured employment mobility relative to upcoming opportunities was another stipulation—one which JACL will also honor.

We are fortunate to have John back as our vanguard on these or any terms. And we acknowledge with much gratitude, the personal sacrifices he has made "to come to the aid of the party" especially at this critical time.

Once his consent to be coordinator was ascertained, Redress was again on the march. Vacant positions were filled and people fell into lock-step formation. Much ground has been already covered in preliminary preparation for the Redress hearings.

For the record, there are some facts about this remarkable "public servant" that I feel should be made public knowledge. Examples of John's unstinting commitment to the Redress cause and the long, dedicated hours logged are legion and well known. What is not generally known, however, is that the demands of the Redress Chair were such that he sacrificed the pleasures of normal family life as well as the amenities of academia. He worked ceaselessly, using all his accumulated vacation time and sick leave to devote to the civil rights cause. His two year endeavor culminated in the signing of the Commission Bill.

At the beginning of the 1980 biennium, John considered the possibility of turning the monumental task over to a successor, reflecting his deep concern regarding his responsibility toward his family and job and the untenability of the relentless pressure and pace. But loyal to the cause and to our organization that desperately depended on his leadership, John consented to remain as Redress Chair.

Subsequently, prompted by the urgings of his member-colleagues and by his sincere desire to serve JACL in a full-time and perhaps a life-time capacity, John applied for the position of Executive Director. Thereupon he was confronted with a devastating dictum, delivered by the Chairman of his Department who pressed John to make a choice between his teaching job and seeking the JACL directorship. The ultimatum came at the semester break, approximately one month before the Selection Committee was to meet.

Cognizant of the fact that several capable candidates were likewise seeking the position, John and his wife, Carol, deliberated over this weighty decision, realizing the risks involved. His decision: *he resigned his college post.*

Therein lies a glimpse of his sterling character and his genuine, selfless motive to serve JACL. In the hope of moving JACL toward the fulfillment of its potential, he gave up his promising career and means of livelihood. *The ultimate sacrifice!*

Thereafter, John sought employment full time with the same vigor and resolve he applies to any undertaking he assumes. But being too compassionate a person, too staunch a supporter, he could not ignore for long the pleas and needs of JACL.

Once again he has set aside matters of personal welfare and concern.

In the Olympian tradition of team spirit, John has again taken up the torch and is running the race with consummate competence and total commitment—until such time when he feels he must pass it on to another.

He does JACL great honor in carrying that symbol of freedom in his self-sacrificing, unswerving dedication to Redress... That it continues to burn brightly is a glowing tribute to John Tateishi.

35 Years Ago

in The Pacific Citizen
APRIL 13, 1946

Mar. 19—Two Hawaiian-born youth (Hideo Kinjo and Shogen Itomura, both 17) "rescued" from U.S. POW camp on Oahu; both had been sent to Japan as youth for education, then stranded, inducted as laborers by Japanese Army and captured on Okinawa, and shipped to PW camp.

Mar. 28—Washington Post editorial calls wartime treatment of Japanese Americans, the evacuation and exclusion, "a smudge upon (American) honor and a threat to elementary principles of freedom"; salutes WRA for its handling of "the most distasteful of war jobs"; and concludes U.S. owes evacuees generous help toward re-establishment and payment for losses.

Apr. 8—War Dept. responds to JACL protest of inadequate treatment of wounded Nisei veterans while enroute to home in Hawaii; group of 44 men of 442nd were forced to travel in hold of a Navy transport. JACL assured War Dept. would see the wounded travel as comfortable as possible.

Apr. 8—JACL offers aid to Hawaii tidal wave victims.

Apr. 10—New York attorney George Yamaoka, 43, commissioned by Army as defense counsel with international military tribunal opening in Tokyo April 15. (He was requested by Japan through Gen. MacArthur to defend Hideki Tojo and other high-ranking Japanese war crimes suspects. Nisei reaction in New York mixed: Veterans in Japanese American Committee for Democracy fear misinterpretation, a Nisei pleading for innocence "of those very same people who were so greatly responsible for creating the war"; Rev. Alfred Akamatsu says choice can convince "Japanese people of the real nature of democracy".)

Apr. 10—Immigration service advising U.S. shipping companies "certificates of citizenship" no longer required of Nisei leaving Hawaii for Mainland. (ACLU and JACL had called bureaucratic practice to attention of Justice Dept. in Washington.) Complaints in Hawaii tell of long delay securing papers, other Americans of Asian ancestry were not restricted.

Apr. 10—Two Hawaiian Nisei win national AAU boxing titles at Boston Gardens: Tsuneshi Maruo, bantamweight; and Robert M. Takeshita, welterweight. (These were the first national AAU crowns since the war.)

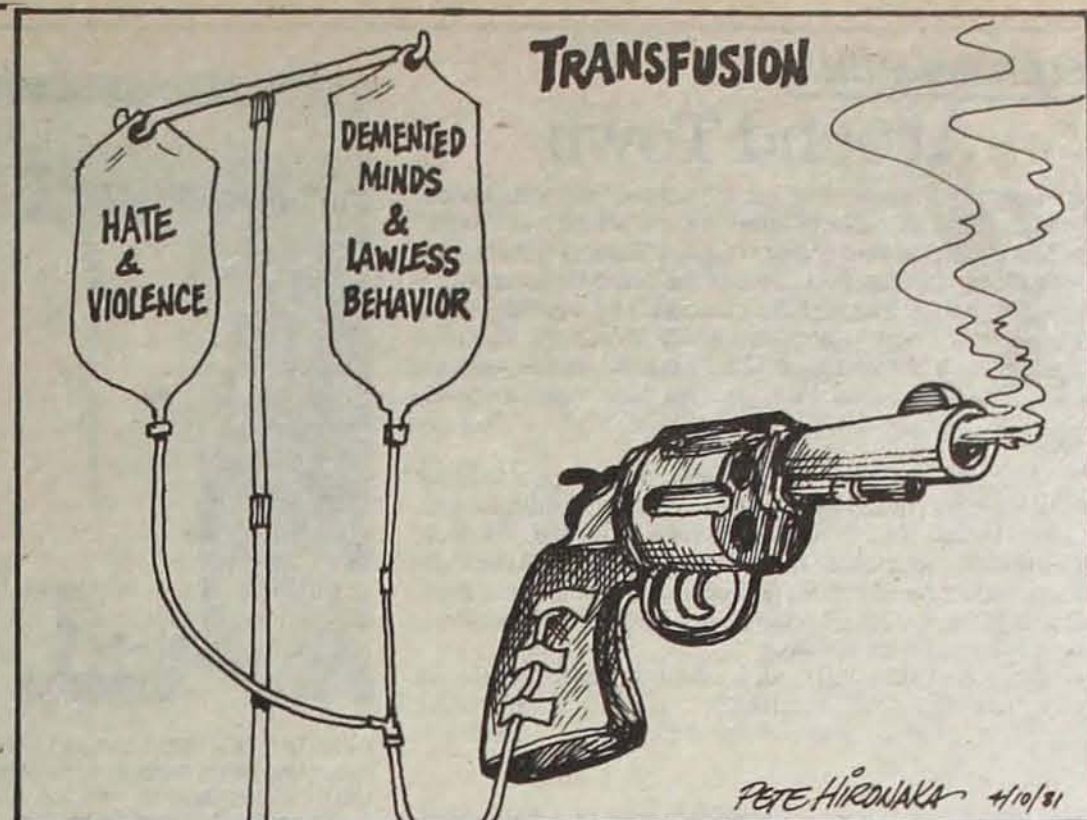
Apr. 10—British Columbia lifts wartime travel ban into province of Canadian Nisei veterans, their wives and dependent children.

Letterbox

● 'False Prophets'

Editor:
As a fallible Christian who tries to avoid seeing the mote in another person's eye, I think your distinguished columnist, Bill Marutani (PC, Jan. 9), would also have had nice things to say about Protestant activists, if his space were not limited.

American churches, like every human institution, have flaws; but they have had major influence in molding the character of our great nation. Since God was taken out of



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migrants, it was pointed by Fred Hirasuna (Fresno), author of the resolution. The work visa would not exceed 240 days in any one year for use in areas where qualified and willing U.S. workers are not in adequate supply.

In the wrap-up, Central Calif. district Gov. Tony Ishii applauded the invitation extended to Redress Commission Chair Joan Bernstein, whose presence was the outstanding highlight of the conference.

With No. Calif.-W. Nevada-Pacific District Council as host for the 1983 Tri-District Conference, Gov. Yosh Nakashima said he was 90% sure that it would be hosted again by its Reno chapter in the spring as happened in 1977.

In closing, PSWDC host Gov. Dennis Kunisaki paid tribute to Mas Dobashi (East L.A.) and Kiyo Fukumoto (Pan-Asian), TDC co-chair, for their efforts and to the conference volunteers, to J.D. Hokoyama for organizing the various miniworkshops and for Nisei input during the conference.

our schools by perverted interpretations of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, drug use, delinquencies, abortions, and other gross immoralities have risen to intolerable levels among our teenagers.

The statute that "Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion, nor prohibit the free exercise thereof" obviously is being violated when it is a no-no to even mention God in our classrooms.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus warned against "false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits" (Matt. 7:15, 16).

From the sorry state of America today, clearly it is the liberal "amoral minority" and not the "moral majority" that is bringing forth the evil fruits.

MAS ODOI
Gardena, Ca.

WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ron Ikejiri

'The World's Toughest Competitor'



Washington
That is the cover story headline for Time Magazine's Mar. 30 issue. The feature article, complete with multi-color "Rising Sun" automotive production and sales charts, explains the story of "How Japan Does It" and in the process "Stirs a U.S. Trade Storm."

Take a look at Newsweek and you will find a business article on "Putting the Brakes on Japan", with an Associated Press photo showing the UAW union members beating a Japanese car with a sledgehammer.

U.S. News and World Report has a lead interview article with Drew Lewis, Secretary of Transportation, entitled, "Congress Will Act If We Don't" on auto imports.

In hopes of heading off a U.S.-Japan trade war and in an attempt to cool the rising call of protectionism, the President and his Cabinet members have in the two weeks since mid-March met separately with former Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda and the Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito. These meetings will set the

GUN

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Enomoto did note, however, that one realistic objection to gun control would be the high cost of registration for a person who owned many guns.

When the news of the assassination attempt on March 30 reached the Nikkei congressmen, all of them expressed shock and dismay, and wished the President and the others who were wounded a speedy recovery.

JACL National President James K. Tsujimura said it was "shocking". He commented, "Somehow, incidents like this must be stopped. (But) I don't think that gun control is really going to do it. It might slow down (the violent crime) a bit, but persons who need a gun for these purposes can always obtain one."

The issue of gun control certainly isn't new to this country and it has come up many times over the last decade. The impact of the latest incident on the issue has yet to be measured, but it may have had some effect in Washington. As a result of the assassination attempt, the Reagan Administration is backing away from its plans to slash the budget and manpower in its firearms regulatory unit of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan announced April 1 that his department is reexamining the budget cut proposal, which would reduce the unit from 87 persons to 29.

The firearms industry and the National Rifle Assn., on the other hand, have complained for years that the unit requires gun dealers to comply with too many rules and excessive paperwork.

—PETER IMAMURA, PC Staff Writer

SATO

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by deputy budget director Edwin Harper.

Harper said government attempts to combat fraud and abuse saved \$4 billion during the past two years, but he refused to project the savings Mr. Reagan hopes to realize.

Personal Profile

Sato is a 1953 graduate from Univ. of Washington in business administration, a certified public accountant (California), and for 20 years held various positions with the U.S. Air Force auditor and Office of the Secretary of Defense. He was appointed deputy assistant secretary of defense (audit) October, 1974; and was director, Defense Audit Service, from March, 1977.

On May 10, 1979, President Carter appointed Sato inspector general, Dept. of Transportation, responsible for all audit and investigative activities within the department. "There never might have been an inspector general on the federal payroll had it not been for Watergate and the mood of the nation for public accountability," Cherry Tsutsumida pointed out at the time. (She is currently Eastern District JACL Governor.)

Active in many professional and government accounting societies, Sato was in 1979 national president of the Assn. of Government Accountants, equivalent to what the AMA is to the physician and the ABA to the attorney. He, his wife June and five children live in Annandale, Va.

A member of the Washington, D.C. JACL, Sato says, "Organizations like JACL must concentrate more on doing the things that open doors for Japanese Americans. Perhaps organizations like JACL underestimate the influence they could have in the selection process for government jobs. But the problem is not that there is a shortage of qualified Nikkei."

stage for the late April visit of Prime Minister Suzuki to Washington, D.C.

The resolution of the "trade issues" and the ability of the parties to cool the fires of protectionism will have a dramatic effect on the frequency and degree of anti-Japanese (and American) sentiment throughout the U.S. Well-meaning legislators, in desperate attempts to find solutions to the economic crisis faced by the U.S. auto makers, will undoubtedly blur the issue with the protectionist call.

This past week, the Washington Post noted that the meeting between President Reagan and Japan's Foreign Minister Ito was a study of the differences of culture, and pointed to the Japanese "consensus" method of decision-making versus the American management style of top-down.

As members of the Japanese American community, we may be subjected to increased incidents of racial harassment and ridicule because of the trade conflict—the JACL will be preparing an action plan to assist the membership to respond in an appropriate when these incidents arise.

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Hispanic Coalition Offers Food for Thought

Denver, Colo.

A remarkable statement was attributed in news stories recently to Mario Obledo, California's secretary of health and welfare, who was speaking as head of the Coalition of Hispanic Organizations encompassing some 50 groups. Obledo was criticizing the Reagan administration's policies in El Salvador and Central America as misguided examples of the "gringo attitude" which has long been resented throughout Latin America.

"The Hispanic community has always been the most loyal community in the United States in every war," he was quoted as saying. "There have been no turncoats, no traitors. Hispanics are good soldiers. But I think if we have a conflict in Latin America you might not see the blind loyalty you've seen before, because in the Hispanic community there is a feeling for all Spanish-speaking countries."

"I'll give you food for thought," Obledo added. "What would happen if we had a conflict with Mexico, in this country of 20 million Hispanics?"

Food for thought, indeed. It takes no great stretch of the imagination to vision, rightly or wrongly, massive

protests in the barrios, which are restless for many reasons, that would make the anti-Vietnam demonstrations seem like tea parties. Thus one must ask what Obledo meant; was it a warning, a prediction, a threat of civil disobedience?

Particularly disquieting is Obledo's implication that because there is a feeling for all Spanish-speaking countries among Hispanic Americans, they may rise in revolt against American policy if they see it as harmful to other Spanish-speaking peoples. He thus pits cultural affinity against loyalty to the United States, a troubling doctrine.

This should be of particular concern for Japanese Americans who were imprisoned in World War II on grounds that though they possessed citizenship and professed loyalty to the United States, their racial and cultural affinity to an enemy nation made them suspect.

Let's take a hypothetical but not entirely outlandish case. Let's suppose that the festering trade disputes between the United States and Japan should lead to harsh words which in time escalated to demands in Congress for a boycott of all Japanese goods. Obviously this would be an unwise thing to do, but governments have been known to do many foolish things.

Under those circumstances would a Nisei purporting to speak for a vast number of Japanese Americans stand

up and hint that their cultural affinity for Japan might lead them to some drastic action to protest U.S. policy? Not likely.

Yet Mario Obledo can suggest with impunity that domestic opposition of the people he represents to U.S. foreign policy could make things very difficult for the government. (There is, of course, the matter of numbers. Japanese Americans in 1942 were a tiny minority, less than 150,000 on the mainland. Obledo says there are 20 million Hispanics. It would be something of a problem to round up that number.)

In a democracy we are all entitled to have our own ideas and to express them. Obledo may be entirely correct when he contends that what the American government sees as communist penetration of the Western Hemisphere is in reality an effort by "poor people trying to better their lives and trying to get control over their own destiny when their lives have been controlled by the very rich."

But there is a disturbing hint of demagoguery when he holds up cultural loyalty as a factor in political decisions. The same argument was used against us a generation ago much to our grief and the nation's shame. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

Issei 'Pidgin'

Philadelphia

HARKING BACK to my early years in the rural community of White River Valley in the State of Washington, I recall some of the delightful banter engaged in by the Issei. Because we were taught to be silent and unobtrusive, particularly in the presence of

adults, our presence might be overlooked completely by the Issei; but this didn't mean those little ears weren't working full time, soaking a great deal of the sound waves. Indeed, parents today of youngsters are realizing this same phenomenon. I know.

IN THOSE DAYS, because our parents were preoccupied on the never-ending treadmill of seeking to make ends meet, they had precious little time left to devote to a luxury of learning English. Whatever they picked up initially was in their dealings with the non-Issei community, whether it be the packing house, the grocery store, the farm implement dealer, and so on. And then once one of them picked up a phrase, he would perpetuate it among his cronies by using the phrase—mispronunciation and all.

BY THE TIME we young ones arrived on the scene, the Issei pidgin was firmly implanted, and there wasn't much we could do about it. Impudence was not tolerated, and it would have been the height of impudence to try to correct, or guide, a parent. At the same time, most of us young Nisei were not conversant in *Nihongo*—notwithstanding those burdensome Saturday sessions at the *Nihon-gakko*—so verbal communication with our parents was somewhat limited, to say the least. (This is not to say there wasn't "communication," for indeed there was, in so many subtle, and effective, ways.) And so, although the English teacher at the elementary school struggled to teach us proper English grammar, what our little ears heard at home was quite another thing. Quite. In my own case, it wasn't until I managed to get up to third grade that I really began to "get the hang" of the English language. In the meantime, I know I voiced some "English" phrases that threw my teacher.

THERE SOON DEVELOPED an accommodation, so to speak, between the Issei and their Nisei children, a polyglot that was neither fish nor fowl but with some attributes of each. Perhaps some Nisei semanticist has assembled, or could well assemble, a dictionary of these quaint, and poignant, forms of ethnic speech that developed. In my setting, unfortunately I've not had the pleasure of meaningful exposure to continued Issei speech, but I do recall a few. As children we were referred to as *kodomo*, and when that became *wakai-shi* I sensed that there was a shift in status. And when referred to as *yon-gu* (from "young") I detected another shift in status and meaning. And then there was *you-ra* or *you-tachi*, an honest-to-goodness polyglot, when referring to a group of *yon-gu*. And when I heard *mo-enafu-de* (that's enough), I knew it was time to quit whatever it was that I was doing.

THE LIST could go on. Undoubtedly there are many of you out there who could compile a long list, including many polyglot phrases that are humorous. Send them to me. Sometime we can come up with a full column which could be fun. #

● For the Record / 'Asian Images'

"Asian Images" is a literary supplement funded by the Pacific Southwest District Council. While material appearing in the Asian Images section of this paper on the first Fridays is a primary effort of Gary Yano, the supplement editor, the story last week (pg. 7) from the Pearl Buck Foundation was NOT his but a last-minute insertion by the PC editor faced with a press deadline. We regret the style of writing in "Americans: Who are they?" did not meet Mr. Yano's criterion. Therefore, PSWDC will not be asked to render its share toward expenses imposed by the additional pages to publish the supplement in the April 3 issue.

PC budget pegs typesetting at \$27.50 per page and presswork (24M) at \$77 per page. Thus, four additional pages cost \$418. PSWDC is contributing \$200 per supplement.—Editor.

MOSHI—MOSHI: by Jin Konomi

Funny Things Are Happening to English

Circa 1935 - 36 a boy, presumably of rural South, wrote to another country boy.

Dear Cousin Rafe: We've been on easy street since Pa got on WPA. So Ma sent for a bathroom set from Sears and it came the other day. Ma is tickled pink because the tub is so big she can soak all the laundry all at once. The bowl is just the thing to wash your feet in. You push down the lever on the tank, and water comes out Whoosh! and flushes down mud and all. We couldn't quite figure out what the wooden oval ring was for, so we put Grandpa's picture in it and hung it in the living room. Grandpa looks real handsome.

Sincerely, Your cousin Abner.

I am reminded of this epistolary masterpiece whenever I think of the strange uses to which the Japanese are putting the English language — or more accurately, English words and phrases. Am I exaggerating? Consider the following:

Daiya—(diagram). Train, plane, or bus time table; *gyara*—(guarantee). TV, radio, or stage performer's pay, guaranteed or not; *tarento*—(talent), performer, talented or not; *image up*—to improve image; *image down*—opposite of the foregoing; *Cost up, cost down, level up, level down*—you can guess.

Mania is not a mental state, but a person. Used like baseball *mania*. *OL* is not "old lady" but *office lady*, female office worker; neither is *B-girl* a night club hostess, but *business girl*. *Madame* does not operate a brothel, but a drinking, or eating place; *OB* is not an obstetrician, but *old boy*, namely alumnus, or alumni. *High miss* is a genuine Japanese coinage, on the analogy of high teen. It means an old maid.

An interesting contrast to the Washingtonese propensity for forming acronyms is the Japanese impatience with long words. Because of the *katakana gestalt* — I tried to explain it in my *Romaji* series — in which Japanese phonology is entrapped, these truncated words come out sounding funny to American, and presumably English, ears. *Masu Komi* — mass communication; *kuchi Komi* — a hybrid, word of mouth communication; *rehabiri center* — rehabilitation center; *prehabu* — prefabricated house.

Another truncated hybrid to make the scene is *gai tare*, or foreigner talent. There are a number of foreign performers in Japan. Whether talented or not, their exotic features and accent have a certain mass appeal. *Gai* is abbreviation of *gaijin*, which in turn is short for *gaikokujin*, foreigner.

Not all Japanese coinages are malapropisms. Some show positively inspired humor. What do you think of "sister boy"?

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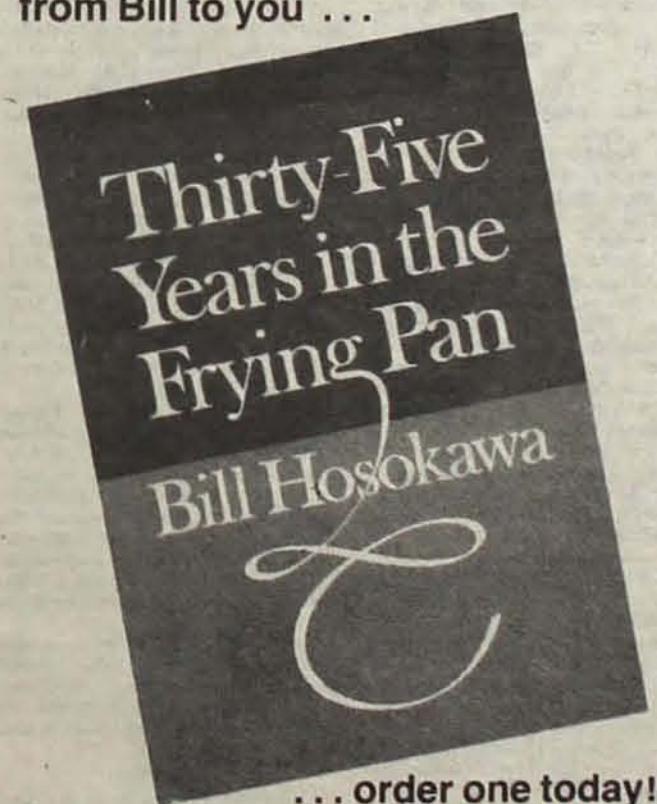
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Tateishi Night

San Francisco

The signing of Public Law 96-317 by President Carter on July 31, 1980 established the "Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians Act," to gather facts to determine whether any wrong was committed against those American citizens and permanent residents affected by Executive Order 9066 and to recommend appropriate remedies. Now that the Commission is a reality and the hearings will commence in the near future, we must not forget those who were personally responsible for the enactment of the PL 96-317.

As American citizens, we owe a great deal of gratitude to Sens. Daniel Inouye, Spark Matsunaga and S.I. Hayakawa for the passage of SB 1647, and Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui for HR 5499. Without the concerted effort of these Nikkei legislators we would not have been successful.

We would be remiss if we should overlook the contributions of John Tateishi, chairperson of the National JACL Redress Committee for the success of this phase of the Redress program.

His relationship with JACL goes beyond doing a good job as the Redress Chairman, he believes in JACL. At the 1980 National JACL Convention in Millbrae he was honored with the coveted "JACLer of the Biennium" Award. He is also the founder of the Marin County and Golden Gate Chapters, member of the host Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council.

In the words of Floyd Shimomura, National JACL Vice President for Public Affairs, "John Tateishi is a remarkable individual. A man of courage, dedication and principle... JACL owes much to this man."

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lege, John Tateishi spent most of his available time during the past 2½ years as a volunteer, knowingly jeopardizing his future teaching career as well as denying himself a normal family life.

Recognizing this dedication and his leadership, the NC-WN-P District Council overwhelmingly moved on Feb. 15 to sponsor a



1981 CABINET — JACL's New Age Chapter installs its new cabinet Mar. 14. Pictured are (from left): front—Gary Yano, 1979 pres; Gerald Tanaka, 1981 pres; C. Glen Higuchi, 1980 pres; 2d row—Fumiko Yokogawa, cor sec; Peggy Higuchi, hist; Bonnie Hirata Ruivivar, bd mem; Nancy Nakamura, insur comm; 3d row—Richard Furukawa, vp; Jonathan Kaji, treas; and Daniel Poston, rec sec.

dinner on his behalf. The dinner is scheduled for the evening of May 1, 1981 in El Dorado Room of the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco.

The dinner at 7:30 p.m. will be preceded by a no host reception at 6:30. Reservations at \$25 per person can be made by checks payable to "John Tateishi Dinner Committee" and mailed to 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115. Advance reservations will be accepted until April 20; thereafter the cost per person at the door will be \$30.

● Sacramento JACL

Tournament Chairman Walt Otani announced that the Fourth Annual Sacramento JACL Invitational High School Basketball Tournament will be held at the Hiram Johnson High School Gym on April 11-12. The eight-team tournament will feature some of the top notch Sansei who cavorted for their high school teams during the regular season. The Sacramento JACL All Star Basketball Team is again being coached by Tosh Matsura with Gary Muramoto as manager. Team members include Ryan and Ross Muramoto, Rick and Kevin Matsuo, Cary Kushida, Robert Otani, Gary Kikumoto, Gary Kagiya, Ken Yoshimine and Roger Ikemoto. Donations to help defray tournament costs may be made payable to Sacramento JACL Basketball, Tsuto Ota, 2364 Glen Ellen Circle, Sacramento, Ca. 95822.

● San Gabriel Valley JACL

Jim Matsuoaka of the National Coalition for Redress-Reparations

will speak on evacuation/redress at a meeting of San Gabriel Valley JACL Chapter at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 22 at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina. For information, call Ed Tokeshi (213) 447.1432.

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20 million in Japan watch NHK documentary on MIS

MONTEREY, Ca.—On Dec. 19, 1980, NHK broadcast their Nisei/MIS documentary titled "Yankee Samurai, MacArthur's Ears", over their nationwide system, according to words received by Shig Kihara.

Caught in the dilemma of loyalty to their Issei parents and loyalty to America, land of their birth and citizenship, by Pearl Harbor, and further agonized by their betrayal by America and thrown into concentration camps, the Nisei nevertheless demonstrated their ultimate belief in the United States by volunteering for infantry and military intelligence service, the NHK TV audience of an estimated 20 million was told.

The secret contributions of Nisei G2 personnel to the Allied war effort in the Pacific war, shortened World War II by two years and savings of one million American and Japanese casualties, it was emphasized.

Preceding the broadcast, there was wide newspaper and weekly magazine coverage and following the showing favorable reviews appeared in the same media. Representative headings of articles were: Secret Nisei Unit; Untold History of the War; Using the Japanese Language as a Weapon; The Agony of Nisei Who Served in Intelligence Units; Japanese who Fought Against the Land of their Fathers; and An Inside History of the War.

In the first showing, 13% of the national audience watched and in a subsequent showing another 10%, making a total of over 20 million Japanese who watched the documentary. "Yankee Samurai, MacArthur's Ears" was researched and produced by Shin Matsuo, director, Cultural Program Group, NHK. Two trips were made to America in May and in August, 1980 for research and filming purposes, visiting Tule Lake, Presidio of San Francisco, Presidio of Monterey, Camp Savage and Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and Military Archives, Washington, D.C., and interviewing hundreds of Nisei and MIS staff, faculty, and graduates.

NHK is negotiating with PBS for possible showing of their documentary in America as a matter of public information and input for the Congressional investigation of the relocation of Japanese in 1942, Kihara added.

Radio-TV
Longtime Nisei actor-entertainer **Bob Kino** of Los Angeles is hosting a new Sunday night radio show, "Sunday Special from Japan", 11 p.m. on KGIL (1260 AM and 94.3 FM), San Fernando Valley, a 13-week bilingual format containing news, music and features from Japan.

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Viet-Texans truce seen

By HERBERT OGAWA

AUSTIN, Tx.—Texas shrimpers met recently (Feb. 14 PC) with Allen Clark, special assistant to Texas Governor Wm. Clements, in a effort to ease the simmering dispute with refugee Indo-chinese fishermen on the gulf coast.

The Texas fishermen say the Gulf waters are overcrowded because of the additional Indochinese refugees, the waters are being over-fished, and the refugees fish illegally.

Clark and the fishermen agreed to a five point program. The governor's office would:

1) Look into the legality of limiting the number of commercial fishing licenses issued for the coast; 2) Pursue a "reinforced" effort to require documentation of boats; 3) Work with local elected officials to look for answers; 4) Look into the possibility of having fishermen give "input" on Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. decisions; 5) Ask TPWD to look into the feasibility of opening new bays for shrimping.

Clark also said part of the plan would be to ask volunteer organizations to help locate inland jobs for the Vietnamese.

With the threat of violence existing, some of the Vietnamese have stated that they would leave if they could sell their boats.

Clements' aide said charity organizations, including the YMCA and U.S. Catholic Charities would visit the coastal areas and find out which Vietnamese are willing to leave. The charities would then help them find jobs in other areas.

Nob Iwamoto heads JACL credit union

SALT LAKE CITY—Nobuo Iwamoto was elected president of the National JACL Credit Union board at the annual meeting held Feb. 28 at Four Seasons West Restaurant. Other officers include:

Ted Nagata, vp; Jane Sakashita, sec; Yas Tokita, Min Matsumori, Jeanne Konishi, Frank Nakashima, bd; Rupert Hachiya, Yukio Kasai, Ken Nodzu, credit; Mas Akiyama, Mary Umamoto, Louise Oshita, supervisory; Yoshie M. Fujii, mgr-treas; Kathryn Broos, Lynne Aramaki, office staff.

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● \$2 Million Challenge

A bid to pay off mortgage

LOS ANGELES—The \$2 Million Challenge fund drive to retire the mortgage of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, which began last Nov. 1 has raised (as of Mar. 27) \$177,821 in one-time donations and another \$112,631 in new pledges.

"Community support has been very encouraging, declared JACCC board member Les Hamasaki, the Hollywood JACCLer who was responsible for securing National JACL Board support for the campaign.

All donors of \$35 or more to JACCC were eligible for a drawing held Mar. 31 for a trip to Japan for two people, donated by Shogun Tours, USA, and Asia Travel Bureau.

Chojiro Okazaki of Los Angeles, whose name was picked first, donated the prize back to the JACCC because of his wife's poor health. To recognize the gesture, Okazaki will be listed as a Friend in the donors' categories, JACCC president George Doizaki announced. Then the

names of a Northern California couple, Mr. and Mrs. George Yasumura of Fremont, were picked. Contacted about his good fortune, he said he read about the JACCC in the Pacific Citizen and decided to contribute. A retired builder who lived in New Jersey and only recently moved to Northern California to be near his two children, he said he has been a JACL member for 50 years. (Postwar, he had been a Philadelphia JACCLer and is now with the Fremont chapter.) He was not sure when he and his wife would make use of the prize.

The \$2,000,000 had been borrowed from eight lending banks. Hamasaki was optimistic about having the loan repaid in the allotted five years. The CRA, he added, will be matching what the JACCC can raise on a 1-3 basis during CRA's FY1981 year. And the \$2 million challenge will continue until the debt is paid up, Hamasaki concluded.

December, 1980

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\$35—Seika-kai (Mrs. Shinyoku Sanada), Meriko Mori, Don, Marilyn & Kylene Yamane, Helen R. Bolden (Atlanta, GA.), Tooto & Chiyoko Takahashi, Tadao E. Takiuchi, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Izumi, Hana Uno Shepard, Yoshiyuki Ogasawara, Takeo & Hazel Nishinaka, Carmel Kamigawachi (Watsonville), Dr. & Mrs. Ross T. Eto, Harry Gotanda, Ted N. Hirata, Edward S. Ikemura, Mr. & Mrs. Yuki Minaga (Chicago), Dr. Mitsuo Tomita (San Diego), Robert Ishii (San Francisco), Dr. Frank Y. Kitamoto (Bainbridge Island, WA.), M. & Mrs. Tai Motowaki, Mrs. Ruby K. Nakano, Lily Ota Shirakawa (Chicago), Dr. Ronald Tsuji (Sacramento), Dr. & Mrs. Thomas G. Samter (Milwaukee), Eugene D. Omi (Redwood City), Art & Hedie Kumada (San Jose), Chrys & Robert Ishiguro, Michiko Machida, Dr. Wynn Matsumura (San Francisco), Jack K. Ota, John S. Murakami, Gabor L. Szegedy (San Mateo), Mr. & Mrs. Sam Sano, Midori Nishi, the Rev. & Mrs. Frank Omi (El Cerrito), Kimiyu Kake, Mr. & Mrs. Mikoto Nishio (Fresno), Dick J. Kobashigawa, George A. Yanase, George & Sumiko Hirokane, Morris Hosoda (Cupertino), George Takeuchi, Megumi Naramatsu, Patti Honda (Chicago), Takeo Frank Sugano (Chicago), Teruo Kamoto, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Mukai, Douglas M. Ninomiya (Boise, Id.), Lester K. Yoshida, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Rosenthal (San Francisco), Mr. & Mrs. Tad Mura-naka, Fredrick K. Fukutaki, Minnie & Ken Osaka, Chizuko Suda, Minoru Fukuhara, Alfred Horibe, Mr. & Mrs. Shag Okada, Fred S. Kai, Mr. & Mrs. Nob Tanji, May Watanabe, Sonny M. Teranishi (Reedley), Mac Morioka (Detroit, MI.), Aki Yotsuue (Puyallup, WA.), Ryo & Yoko Hashima, Tosh Hori (Mercer Island, WA.), Tad Masaoka (San Mateo), Dr. & Mrs. Reynold Kagiwada, Sho Ichikawa, Kenneth Kumagai, Patti Hirahara, Mr. & Mrs. Michio Nagai, Budd S. Fukey (Seattle), Henry Tanaka (Oxnard), Lillian Kawarantani, M. Akagi (Endicott, N.Y.), Ada Endo (El Cajon), Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kawakami, Joseph M. Hirata (Silver Springs, MD.), Don T. Fukushima, Mr. & Mrs. Harry S. Asato and Rodney & Diane Masumoto.

\$36—Haruto Tomita.

\$30—R. Hosozawa, Eisho Kishimoto, L.K. Suzuki.

\$25—Amimono Club, Mrs. Asako Koizumi, Shiro Shiraiishi, Katsumi Sakaguchi (Delran, N.J.), Yuriko Yamashita (Berkeley), Mr. & Mrs. Masao Mori, Kazuo & Sachiko Sakamoto, Seiko Yakami (San Francisco) and M. Nishimoto (in memory of Kikutaro Nishimoto).

\$20—Keith Kurakawa, Y. Shinomori (Tenniko), West L.A. Kendo Dojo, Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Tanida, Shizuo Tomita and Tadashi Oshita.

\$15—Misa Tsuchihashi.

\$10—Charles Matsuhira, Jiro & Ruth Murata, Martha A. Yakushiji (St. Louis), Shunichi Namba (Chicago), Tsukasa Mukai, Osamu Ko-

Two Nikkei win flu shot suits

HONOLULU—Two Nikkei who suffered the Guillain-Barre paralysis syndrome after receiving government swine flu shots settled their suits out of court early last month.

Kenneth Hazemoto, a 45-year-old Nisei meteorologist, settled for \$2 million on March 2 after he had filed a \$4 million suit against the U.S. government. Hazemoto suffered the paralysis after receiving the shot on Nov. 23, 1976.

Housewife Helen Tamashiro, 76, agreed to accept \$85,000 on the following day as an out-of-court settlement for her \$2 million suit. She had received her inoculation on Oct. 6, 1976 and suffered the same ailment afterwards.

The tax-free \$2 million settlement for Hazemoto is believed to be the largest settlement in a swine flu damage suit in the U.S. #

PC People

● Press Row

Mary Fujii Henshall, a retired teacher and Boise Valley (Id.) JACL member, recently placed first in the Cavalcade Essay Contest of the Idaho Press Tribune on Feb. 20. Henshall, who is also a contributor to the PC's Holiday Issue, won \$150.00 for her story, which paralleled her own family's experience of moving to a new home to that of her father's. #

● Radio-TV

A San Francisco TV station, KPIX (5), focused on the issue of whales during the week of March 25-31. The program, "The Great Whales with Loretta Swit," featured Dr. Clifford I. Uyeda, past JACL National president, on the final day of the series. Uyeda has been interested in the anti-whaling issue to see that the campaign is not directed toward Japanese Americans. #

kado, T. Fukushima, Masayuki Uto, Katsumi Murakami, Margaret Finney (Las Vegas), Saki Oura, Teruko Okano, Gichi Ushiroji, Minoru Sakaiye, Robert Y. Kuge and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Y. Iwamasa.

\$5—June Horikiri and Mr. & Mrs. George Watanabe.

NEW PLEDGES December, 1980

\$5,000—Marukyo, U.S.A., Masaru Okamoto and Dr. Ronald Akashi.

\$2,000—June Keika Tokuyama.

\$1,300—Umeko Tosaya.

\$1,000—George & Chizuko Minami, Dr. Kunitaro Tsugawa, Dr. & Mrs. Harold Harada, Mr. & Mrs. Don C. Oka, Kiyoshi Kagawa, Mr. & Mrs. Taro Saisho, Dr. & Mrs. Tom Watanabe, Toshio Fujita and Mr. & Mrs. Mamoru Kanda and Kazumi & Florence Kondo.

\$400—Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Hiraga and Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Doi.

\$300—Mr. & Mrs. Minoru Kosaka.

\$200—Michael C. Hosokawa (Columbia, MO), Mr. & Mrs. Joe Uyeda, Akito Shikuma (Watsonville).

\$160—Lonny M. Ishihara (Palo Alto).

\$140—Tommy & Dorothy Hamade, Elmer Uchida, Mr. & Mrs. Akihito Matsukane.

\$105—Takeshi Morita.

\$100—Ken & Bonnie Kasamatsu, Helene Tosaya and Mr. & Mrs. Milton T. Kanatani (Colton).

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