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NLRB rejects Sanyo claim of

this past week (Mar. 30).

Sanyo had charged that one hurdle suggested foot-kissing was the "Japanese way." Advance on the job was dissatisfying, unionists in rejecting the complaint, noted NLRB regulations only bar "appeals which can have no purpose except to inflame the racial feelings of voters in an election. This is not to say that a relevant campaign statement is to be considered a sham." While Sanyo officials have not commented, if they pursue an appeal based on the local union, Sanyo may make legal history. "I can recall a case heard in Washington where the employer charged racists," according to an NLRB researcher, a spokesman. ERT writer from Collier noted both Sanyo and Sharp "have suffered the indignity of having unionists who bargain-basement." Both unions have protested the results, while Sanyo continued to push the point, saying: "We have a more lenient view of the line to be drawn on this issue." The heart of the matter remains to be determined, according to the NLRB, which will issue its decision in the near future.

Pbs rejects 'Hito Hata'

Los Angeles—The Public Broadcasting Service has rejected the Visual Communications Committee's 60-day grace period (March 11) recommending the station's license be revoked for unpaid debts.

In a meeting here April 11 by Friends of Visual Communications, Diane Kobliss, cited the board directors, explained the reasons given to vc for the rejection involved technical aspects: such as the film being too long to fit into the time period allocated, and that some portions were paced too slowly.

Both Kobliss and the film's executive producer Steven Tatsukawa felt that those aspects were "negotiable" since the film could be re-edited and the pace quickened to suit the needs of the program. However, Tatsukawa felt that those technical qualities were not the only considerations that led the board to their decision, and that the film would not appeal to a national audience. Yet, the reason for the film, he added, was to give the American public an idea of what the Asian American experience is like. PBS had initially showed interest in the film. A letter-writing effort and collecting signatures to show support for the film has been initiated. "We eventually get this film on nationwide broadcast if that's impossible,"

JACL reconstituted nat'l redress committee

San Francisco—Tatsukawa of Denver, Colo., newly ap

pointed chair (Mar. 10) of the National JACL Redress Commis

tee, announced the appointment of 12 members of the national commit

tee, as of April 6, 1981, to the newly reconstituted National JACL Redress Committee, and in so doing dissolved the then existing national committee.

Yasui was appointed to succeed him by National JACL President, James "Skeets" Tateshiki, and after consultations with various JACL district governors, Yasui re-appointed and appointed members to the National JACL Redress Committee.

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Nikkei mayor faces recall

UNION CITY, CA — A recall movement against Mayor Tom Kitayama has been launched in this small East Bay community here has resulted in the city council adopting a resolution that calls for a special election.

The leaders of the movement collected enough signatures for the election. They had previously asked Kitayama of using the city's police force against picketing workers during a labor dispute at his Union City Bakery. The mayor, who said Kitayama's role as mayor and businessman constituted a conflict of interest.

They denied the allegations, saying, "I'm just going to have a campaign," adding that he intended to run for reelection next year anyway.

Kitayama first became mayor in 1979, when he was elected by a city council by his predecessors.

After many re-elections, Kitayama became the city's first elected mayor in 1979.

JACL Olympics sign ups underway

SAN FRANCISCO — The JACL, alongside the JACL’s annual Council on the Arts and Entertainment, will be held by the National Council on the Arts of the U.S. Department of State.

Entry blanks are obtainable from Social Club, 364 Lytton Ave., Suite 203, Palo Alto, Calif. 94301-2589-2580-2574-2561.

BAAR requests Redress funds

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Bay Area Africans-Americans, currently preparing legal and constitutional action against the coming hearing of the Commission on War-time Relocation and Internment of Japanese Americans, is now soliciting monetary donations to enable it to present its case.

Russell Matsui, BAAR member, and the request for the contributions will be used as "legal fees" and that he and other lawyers, law students and law firms will continue to volunteer their time and share in the expenses incurred in this undertaking.

However, BAAR needs funds for the considerable expenses incurred in maintaining communica
tions with other legal researchers in New York, Washington, Seattle, Los Angeles, and other cities. Leso of the JACL.

BAAR is relying primarily on community support in fundraising efforts, according to the chairman, Tetsuro Nakamura.

Donations may be sent to BAAR, c/o Minami, Tomine and Lewis, 370 Grand Ave., Oakland, Calif. 94610.

Awards

Dr. George Nakashima, a Chouckil
la, Calif., sculptor for the past 30 years, was named "Outstanding Artist of the Year" by the Asian American Art Centre of the Central California Optometric Society and presented a plaque for "distinguished services" on March 20.

The Northern California Chap
ter of the ARCOS Foundation, (Achievement Awards for College Scientists) awarded a scholar
dhip to Derek Obata, an engineer
dearing degree at UC Berkeley, at their Ninth Annual Spring Awards Luncheon on March 5.

Japanese-Taiwaneso, agency manage
er of the Federal Life Insur-
ance Co., was named the "Ma
ner of the Year" Award for 1980.

Obituary

George H. Takemoto, 61, of Temple City, Cal., died April 2 at the City of Hope Hospital following an illness. He was a 1937 graduate of the University of Southern California. He is survived by his widow, Betty, a Robert, a Donald and a James.

Tateishi dinner RSVP due April 20

SAN FRANCISCO — The NWC/NPD intended dinner for John Tateishi, entwined chairman of the JACL redress committee and now serving as team coordinator on redress, will be held Friday, March 1, 6:30 p.m. at the Jack Tar Hotel. Tickets at $25 per person or $250 per table of 10 may be reserved until April 20 through the Tokyo Tabi JACL, Headquarters, 3160 Sutter St., San Francisco, 94115. Tickets at the door will be $30.

Alleged 'steel dumping' by Japanese company investigated

SAN FRANCISCO — A previously secret U.S. Customs Service affidavit revealed March 24 that a U.S. subsidiary of a giant Japanese steel manufacturing company allegedly violated U.S. steel pricing laws in a "steel dumping" conspiracy by using a phony "window plant" in Taiwan.

Named in the affidavit filed in support of a search warrant was Mitsui Buddha K.K., a U.S. subsidiary, Mitsui Co. Ltd., Inc., San Francisco/French, New York. Anamese of the Mitsui office here insisted the firm is "law abiding" and denied the violation. It also believes the U.S. government made an illegal search of his office Dec. 5 when it seized 200 boxes of Mitsui records.

Customs agent Thomas Y. Yasuda said the affidavit Dec. 2 and he had sought the search warrant to some Mitsui Co. documents from offices in the two cities.

Yasuda, a veteran agent of the Japanese and various companies since 1979, "engaged in a conspiracy, practice and policy to defraud the United States Customs Service by submitting false documentation to hide the true origin of certain steel products (i.e., wire, rope, wire, nails, rolled coils, rolled steel sheets) imported into the United States by Mitsui and its sub- company and from which American customers were charged.

Asian women study seeks Nikkei response

SAN FRANCISCO — The first major study on the education and career goals of Asian American women is currently underway in three schools in the San Francisco area.

The survey, funded through the U.S. Department of Education and the Women's Educational Equity Act, is asking 800 Asian women students about their educational and career choices.

Survey coordinators are using Japanese and Korean American schools at San Francisco City College, CSU Hayward, and Berkeley City College, to identify a list of names, address, phone number and major to WERA Project, c/o ASIAN INC., 1014 Bush St., San Francisco.

Univ. of No. Carolina honors Nisei M.D.

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — The Univ. of North Carolina honored its Nisei medical department chairman of anesthesiology, Dr Kenneth Sugakai, native of Hollister, Calif., by dedicating a library in his name. A graduate of Denver University with medical degrees from Univ. of Iowa and Washington, St. Louis, Sugakai taught at Cal. and completed a fellowship at the U.S. Air Force and in 1974 joined UNC where he has been department chairman for the past 10 years. He is brother of the late James Sugakai of Indianapolis, Ind., Professor Gertrude Fujii of Valley College and Little McCabe, both of Los Angeles.

Military

An Oakland arm's base compo
mer, Ernest Yoshiro Hara, was named Handcapped Eme
ployee of the Year by the Army's World-Wide Military Traffic Man-
agement, Command. Hara, who has been deaf and mute since birth, completed an outstanding record for job performance as a computer team leader in spite of his handicap and his braille book's "The altar of the staff" and has never missed a deadline.

Music

Kazumasa Kuwata, assistant conductor of the Oakland Symphony Orchestra, will conduct the orchestra's concerts during the regular 1981-82 season on Feb. 13, 21 and 27 in 1982. Numbers include "The Flute Escapades from the Fantastique Garden" by Tchaikovsky, "Transart Concerto" by Hamblin and Burtler "Symphonie Fantastique".

Meet the people at California

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June 15 deadline for Clavell literary prize

Los Angeles--The third annual American Japanese National Literary Award will be presented to this year's best short story entry at the Miss Los Angeles-Japanese American Beauty Pageant on July 18 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, it was announced April 6 by Fred Ishimoto, chairman of the AJLNA.

The 1981 award will go to the writer of this year's finest short story reflective of the Japanese American (Issei and Nisei) experience. The experience of Japanese in Canada and South America are also eligible. The winner will receive a $1,000 cash prize and a trophy which will be presented by "Shogun" author James Clavel.

Eligibility for competition is limited to persons with at least one parent of Japanese ancestry. The contest, otherwise, is open to all persons regardless of age or amateur/professional writing status. All entries must be original and previously unpublished, written in English (1,000 to 2,000 words) and incorporating some aspect of the Japanese American, Canadian or South American experience.

Entries will be retained by the AJLNA for the use by the foundation for documentation, history or publication or any other use to support the AJLNA Foundation.

All entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. June 15. For information write to American Japanese Literary Award, Los Shipyd-Ishimoto, 8721 Stout Blvd., Suite 210, Los Angeles, CA 90009 or call Fred Ishimoto (213) 682-7007.

LOVELY CANDIDATES--The Miss Gardenia-JACL contest in recent years has completed the chapter's annual coronation dinner-dance April 18.

L.A. to celebrate Heritage Week

Los Angeles--The third annual Asian Pacific Heritage Week will be celebrated May 7-14, highlighting the many contributions of the Asian Pacific community. A kick-off dinner is scheduled for May 7 at 7 p.m. at the Misto Restaurant. The East-West Players will perform a special opening night production of "Godspell!" May 14 and there will be arts and crafts as well as cultural exhibits throughout the week. For information call the mayor's office at (213) 685-4200.

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Among a host of other commendable endeavors, he has written several papers and books, as well as given speeches and presentations on the topic of American history and culture. His work has been widely acclaimed and recognized, and he continues to be a leader in the field of history and education. His contributions to the field have been significant and enduring, and his legacy will continue to influence future generations. His dedication to the pursuit of knowledge and understanding is an inspiration to all those who seek to explore the depths of human experience and the mysteries of the past.

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Denver, Colo.

One of the immensely dramatic but little known events in the context of World War II is the account of what happened to Japanese colonists who were left behind in North Korea immediately following the surrender. After the United States dropped its nuclear bombs, Soviet forces moved in and North Koreans imme-

diately fled to escape pillage and rape. A few Nisei were involved in this sidelight of history. Shin Higashi, a native of Canada, was working as a newspaperman in Manchuria. He captured the Russian side of things in the Lake Baikal, as I recall, and it was years before he was permitted to return to Japan where he joined the Tokyo bureau of the Associated Press.

And, if I remember correctly, Betty Yumori of Los Angeles can tell a harrowing tale of fleeing from North Korea with her family just a jump ahead of the onrushing Russians. Later, when the United States dropped its nuclear bombs, Soviet forces moved in and North Koreans immediately fled to escape pillage and rape.

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COURAGEOUS LEADERS

In the past, I have written brief articles about Dr. F. Carole Fujita, a pharmacist with the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Initially she grieved, through departmental channels, to no avail. She then decided to act, to maneuver to improve her situation. She decided to promote herself but not follow through by the department. After her department failed to respond favorably to her grievance she took her fight to the civil service commission. The commission ruled in her favor and found that she was a victim of discrimination. They recommended that the Health Department promote her to the next available pharmacy supervisor position. At this point the department becomes very suspect in its efforts to comply with the recommendations of the commission. Also there are often questionable moves, which appear retaliatory, made by the Department.

The department's first offer of a promotion was to a position

BY THE BOARD—by Dennis Kuniaki

IT'S OVER!!

Los Angeles
After 48 hours of socializing with old friends and making many new friends, attending educational and informational workshops, I would be remiss not to share some of my personal reflections on the California / Nevada / Arizona / Japan / Hawaii Tri-District Conference over the April 3-5 weekend in Los Angeles.

Obviously, the presence of Commissioner Joan Bernstein, and JACL's National Committee for Redress Chairperson Min Yasui, added tremendously to the program. Likewise the absence of Nisei actor Yuki Shimoda, due to health problems, made me sad and concerned for Yuki and his family. However, during our closing session on Sunday morning (yes, it was terrible having to get up so early!) several comments were offered which weren't expected, but which, I feel, have definite bearing on the continuance of JACL as a viable organization.

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Nikkei professor's office hit by racist vandalism

CHICAGO— Local JACL Chapter President John Tam expressed his dismay last month upon learning of an anti-Japanese American incident that took place at the University of Chicago on Feb. 6. The incident occurred in the university's professor's office, which was ransacked, set afire and defaced with swastikas and the slur, "Jap Go Home."

Although authorities are unsure of the vandals' motives, the professor (who requested anonymity) told the Globe Democrat that he believes the attack on his campus office resulted from the growing resentment against Japanese products and Japanese-American culture in turn, is attributed to the frustration over the state of the U.S. economy.

Tani said he has also learned of similar incidents occurring at Cornell University in New York and Wesleyan University in Georgia.

"These racist attacks are alarming in light of the recent events in America, movements such as the Ku Klux Klan and the National Party," he added. However, he pointed out that JACL Chicago Board COMMAND University President Hanna Gray, who expressed his concern over the implications of the incident and said that "nothing can diminish the pain of the experience." The board also called upon universities to "respond publicly to these racist attacks" since these institutions are "symbols of enlightenment (which) makes them ideal targets for the prejudiced and ignorant."

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NYPD recruiting Asian Americans

NEW YORK—The New York Police Department issued a public appeal to recruits among Asian Americans in an effort to recruit the most qualified and conscientious Asian-American police officers.

"We are recruiting Asian-Americans because they are well-suited to the job of police," said Colonel Richard Lee of the recruiting unit. "We have only seen now 35 Asians in a total police force of 25,000 only one Asian-American as a detective in the force."

The department hopes to enroll 200 Asians in the police force. Examinations for the next class will be held June 23, and the deadline for application is May 8. For information, call (212) 571-6550.

Los Angeles Japanese American Chamber of Commerce

The LBJ headquarters have identified the following chamber activities:

- The "mock hearing" was held at Columbia University in the World Room (920 W. 124th St. and Broadway, New York, N.Y.) from 4 to 5 p.m. Many are expected to really enjoy the experience, especially those who are half-Asian and/or have only lived in Japan.

- Comments written on the survey form revealed that those who were against Redress gave reasons such as not wanting to see the Japanese as not the only group to feel the "sting" of racial prejudice in the United States.

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Japanese Tourism Overseas

A recent item in the Japanese press reported that 221,910 Japanese visited Guam in 1980, or about six per cent of the more than 3.5 million visits to the island abroad last year. Undoubtedly, this was a source of lucrative tourist dollars for Guam.

One wonders why there is such an interest in the small island, which offers hardly any activity other than the sunshine and the beach. Public safety on the island, while better than in most part of the United States, has been deteriorating as the crime rates go up. Nighttime strolling too far from the hotels can be an invitation to trouble. Rare indeed the case can be said for Honolulu, where friendly and naive tourists are often the victims of both drunks and the underworld. The wary American visitors are less likely to fall victim to the Japanese tourist.

Reprints from many areas indicate that the Japanese tourists are preyed upon - in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Paris, London, Rome, Manila, Hong Kong and Honolulu. Hundrds of tourists report to the consoles every month about stolen money and passports. Some criminals specialize on the Japanese tourists because they tend to carry a large amount of cash for the purpose of buying gifts for relatives and friends. Naively, they never ask their way of money as they purchase items at stores and shops and are spotted as potential marks by the thieves. "Pickups" also specialize on Japanese men, knowing that they usually have more than cash in possession. The thieves find out later that they were not only relieved of their loneliness but also that they have been robbed.

Living in a relatively crime-free country, the Japanese are less concerned with the potential of crime. Except in a few isolated sections of major cities, Japan is one of the safest countries in the world to move about at night, unless he or she takes the necessary precautions.

Over all the world, tourist groups of Japanese can be seen at the Tower of London, the Louvre, the leaning Tower of Pisa, the Angkor Wat of Cambodia, the Kowloon in Hong Kong. The reasons why most Japanese tourists travel in France, Italy, and England are that these are the best examples of the countries visited. Furthermore, the Japanese are used to traveling in groups from their academic days, when the schools all scheduled overnight trips.

PRELIMINARY 1980 CENSUS REPORT:

ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES

The following figures are based on the Preliminary Population censuses of February 1981. The Census Bureau data by race, which became available the last week of March on computer tape, were in the late stages of preparation and published versions of the data, below, are extensions based upon the above factors. The final and official figures and Atlas of Asians in the U.S. and the visiting from the Bureau of Census are not yet released.

District / County 1980 Total Pctg Asian

LOS ANGELES-SAN DIEGO

Los Angeles 7,477,657 6 448,659
Orange 1,731,579 2 77,779
Ventura 529,899 3 19,897
San Bernardino 839,157 2 17,863
Riverside 669,923 3 20,647
San Diego 1,861,846 5 93,092
Santa Barbara 236,600 4 8,990
San Luis Obispo 119,784 4 4,791

(S-County Total) 13,748,586 4.6 669,299

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA* 4,516,468* Alameda, Contra Costa, Mar, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sonoma, Solano, Alameda

SACRAMENTO VALLEY*

(Six Counties Total) 1,059,029*Colusa, Glenn, Sacramento, Sutter, Tehama, Yuba, Butte

CENTRAL COAST & VALLEY

Butte (147,837*)-Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, San Joaquin, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus, Tulare, Fresno

SIERRA*

(Seven Counties Total) 370,054*Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Mariposa, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Sierra, Tulare

NORTH COAST*

(Seven Counties Total) 346,019*Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma, Trinity

SHASTA*

(Seven Counties Total) 346,019*Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Mariposa, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Sierra, Tulare

*Region Total

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