Sansei photojournalist wins Pulitzer prize

NEW YORK—Photo journalist Taro Yamasaki of the Detroit Free Press won the Pulitzer Prize feature photography award for a grim series of pictures taken over a 10-day period at the state prison in Jackson, Mich., the world's largest walled prison, it was announced here April 13.

The selection marked the first time a Japanese American has won the coveted award.

Yamasaki, 35, is the oldest son of world-renowned architect Minoru Yamasaki and wife Terri (see Hi-ma-ka, former of Los Angeles). The Japanese American photojournalist has an older sister and younger brother.

During his stay in prison, Yamasaki interviewed prisoners and guards alike, and in a series of articles beginning Sunday, Dec. 14, 1980, chronicling the poor conditions in the prison and the low morale permeating the prison itself.

His story was described in detail and his photos were in color for the entire series. The article and pictures drew national attention.

Taro's sister, Susan, is a school teacher, and they have two children.

The Pulitzer winner attended the University of Michigan but left the school one month before graduation, stating: "I didn't need a degree to become a photographer."

However, he did become a professional photographer immediately and started a construction firm. He later went to Denver and set up a photo lab in the city.

Taro was hired by the Detroit Free Press and became a staff photographer.

(The winner also has an uncle in Los Angeles, Joe Yos of Joseph's Men's Store, an aunt AK, wife of Dr. James Yamasaki, and another uncle, James Himmidako.)

Earlier Pulitzer awardees of Japanese ancestry include Yasu- shi Nagas, Tokyo Mainichi News, for best spot news photography in 1961; Kyoshi Sendaru, Japan-born photographer for UPI, in the same category in 1966; and Yoshio Sa- kai, UPI, for feature photography in 1969. In 1973, UPI-born photographer Paul Stahl of UCLA, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in Music.

The Pulitzer Prize awards also had its brouhaha in the judging which involved Nisei journalist Bill Honokawa. (The biggest combina¬tion was to come the next day when the Washington Post announced it would return the award for best feature writing by Janet Cooke about an elderly beatnik, after she admitted the story was fabricated in part.)

For the first time since 1980, no prize was given for editorial writing, although three finalists were announced. They were Kirk Schaffner of the Boston Globe, Jack Burkey of the Los Angeles Times and Morris A. Thompson of the Charlotte Observer.

Bright hope seen for shuttle

WASHINGTON—The JAC (Japanese American Citizens League) has just commended Richard T. Nakasone for his "JAP" trademark fight continues.

The JAC has been working for the past ten years (news¬men in) to design in (the spaceship) enough space for "the safe return" of the crews. Yamasaki's findings last month by Robert O'Brien in the Detroit Free Press were "impossible to ignore."
WASHINGTON—Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Cal) is preparing a constitutional amendment that would declare English as the country's official language. He said March 26 that he wants to head off the kinds of divisions over language that plagued Canada (French and English) and Belgium (French and Dutch).

Hayakawa added that his amendment would preclude the necessity for city council meetings to be held in both English and Spanish, in the cities such as Los Angeles.

"I want to preclude the situation in Canada where a law isn't a law until it's printed in French and English," noted Hayakawa.

Public signs are fine in two languages, but legal and public documents should be protected from forced translation, according to the Republican senator.

LCCR appoints new executive director
WASHINGTON—The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR) named Ralph Graham Neal as executive director of the 31-year-old coalition. He was chief legislative counsel to former Sen. Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts and most recently served in the same position with Sen. David Durenberger of Minnesota.

In making the announcement April 1, LCCR Chairman Clarence Mitchell, indicated that Neal, a senior Senate staff leader on civil rights issues, has had a long history of working with the Leadership Conference. A native of Brooklyn, Neal has been a graduate of the University of North Dakota and the Univ. of Chicago Law School. The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights is a Coalition of 150 major national organizations representing Blacks, Hispanics and Asian Americans, labor, the major religious groups, women, the handicapped, minority businesses and professions seeking to advance civil rights for all Americans through enactment and enforcement of federal legislation. The JACL is a charter member.

Film-Stage
The Oakland Ballet received good reviews from The New York Press for its spring season opener March 21 at Zellerbach Hall, Berkeley, and special mention was given to Carolyn Goto for her performance in the "Rites of Spring" number.

BROTHERS' ACT—Meet Firefighters Mark (of Station 11, MacArthur Park) & Scott Akahoshi (of Station 63, Venice) recent recruits of the City of Los Angeles Fire Department. Over 200 vacancies still need to be filled. Special testing will be given in East L.A., April 25. To be scheduled, call the Police and Fire Selection Unit at 485-2934 today!

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San Francisco—A 25-member Buddhist congregation was given city approval April 12 to hold services in a small Marina district home, despite the furious protests of a group of neighborhood residents who claimed the new arrivals would disrupt the peaceful area.

The neighbors expressed fears that the shiny new sect would bring extra cars to the home at 1400 Jefferson St. at the corner of traffic-clogged Marina Blvd. They claimed the Buddhist temple would be at odds with the residential area.

But the arrival of the Japanese religious group in the neighborhood clearly provoked strong emotions and fears among the crowd of some 60 residents who attended the planning commission hearing.

"I don't need any more culture from a foreign land," said Dr. Francis Quinn. "This Buddhist group of people is trying to invade the Marina district," he said.

That comment drew a broad outburst from Commissioner Son Bierman. "We are all to blame," he said.

Many members of the group doubted that the group would live up to its pledge to keep services to one hour during each of seven consecutive days per month and to limit the numbers attending to 25 members at a time.

Planning Director Dean Macros recommended against the move, but a majority of the planning commission voted 5-2 for it.

Like Bierman, Commissioner Jerome H. Klein indicated that the honor of the testimony was disturbing to him.

"No one has suggested this Buddhist temple may be a Temple Lake," a reference to a Japanese internment camp of World War II.

In one of the afternoon's more calmly delivered statements, Commissioner Dr. Yozo Nakashima (the NO-WIDC governor) declared that he would vote to grant the permit.

"Because of my Japanese background," he said, "I know this sect. I am firmly convinced this group will abide fully by the conditions (including the maximum of 25 persons a visit)."

Beeing Dr. Nakashima's words, Patrick Cataluna, a Marina resident and an attorney, demanded that the dentist and Bierman disqualify themselves, the latter because "her mind was made up beforehand."

"By the doctor's statements," argued Cataluna, "he cannot vote fairly.

At that point, Dr. Nakashima identified himself as a member of the United Methodist church, saying, "I am not a Buddhist and have nothing to gain by this permit."

Cataluna said, "I find this offensive. I do not take this position lightly."

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WHITTIER
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According to an in-depth feature published by Ed Handbury of the Whittier Daily News, the target was set by Edward T. Smith, an attorney from Lake Elsinore, who was put in charge of managing the site.

An owner of the home under construction on the Whittier site, said, "We were told to expect a lawsuit." He added, "The company has been very cooperative and helpful in making sure everything is done legally."
Budget

The $800,000 annual JACL budget is beyond the comprehension of most members. But the members are entitled to know how the money is spent. Many can comprehend the treasurer's report. What others want is an overall understanding with figures into minute details.

Salaries and related costs account for 50 percent of the total expenditure. By categories Pacific Citizen accounts for 4 percent of the expenditure. For example, the 3rd quarter (Jan-Mar) was generated by the PC primarily as ad revenue. The cost of the PC was over $25,000 a year. The staff travel expenses, exclusive by PC and a membership dues, are an economic constraint on the organization.

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A Pleasant, Relaxing Evening Being Together

Denver, Colo.

At one time the lure of green pastures elsewhere pulled away three of our four offspring. Only Susan and her husband, Warren, remained in these parts. My husband, Lloyd, resigned from the Air Force, and she and their two children moved back to Denver. A year ago Pete and his wife, Cheryl, left the girl across the Northwest to take a job in Denver. That leaves only Mike and his wife Betty and their children as among the missing.

They live in Missouri.

Since, at any rate, these days, we are relatively close knit, the girls rarely delight to go together. A few weeks ago two birthdays coincided, and merge extreme times it was a birthday party.

Matt received a number of presents, including soccer shoes so he could run faster for his team, a bow and arrow set, a digital alarm clock that glows in the dark, and an apple pie baked by his aunt Susan, who is the designated pie-baker of the family.

As a matter of fact, Susan had baked two pies, one for dessert and one for Matt himself, and Matt's mother had baked a fancy angel food cake. You see, some of the girls are dainty eaters and some are cake-eaters and both tastes had to be catered to.

After the dessert had been stowed away, someone mentioned which of his presents he liked best. This is usually an area of ignorance for me. The girl across the table, Matt asserted that he liked his personal pie the best. So you can see where his priorities lie.

Later on, Susan was persuaded to sit down at the piano and perform. She was quite rusty at first—teaching school and raising a son and running a household doesn't leave much time for practicing the piano. But after while the white old teacher returned, and she demonstrated that all those expensive music lessons hadn't been in vain.

Needed: An ‘Ethnic Anchor’

By M.M. SUMIDA

"History shows that financial power and political power eventually merge and unite to do their work together.

Justice William O. Douglas, U.S. Supreme Court

Lobbying is nothing new—all it takes is MONEY to influence Washington. It is big business and the stakes are "high." Sometimes it may call for some unethical but accepted practice. In extreme cases the actions of the lobbyist may call for the willful violation of the Constitution or some laws in order to get the results desired. All lobbyists should be held accountable for any violations of the civil law and the actions that result from their lobbying activity.

In 1978, James Madison wrote in the Federalist Papers: "A landed interest, a manufacturing interest, a mercantile interest, a monetized interest and many lesser interests grow up of necessity in civilized nations and provoke to different causes, actuated by different sentiments and views. The regulation of these various and interfering interests forms the principal task of modern legislation and involves the spirit of party and action in the necessary and ordinary operations of government."

The lobbyists from monied interests and powerful organizations influenced the politicians, the press and government officials including the military in perpetrating what is called "the Vietnamese War." Lloyd U. said that was the "worst single violation of civil rights of American Citizens in our history" when they launched a campaign to evacuate and destroy the Japanese American citizens in concentration camps during World War II.

Today, almost 200 years later, the need for controls on the lobbyists for the vested interests is so much greater because the abuses are so much worse. The precedent established in World War II, using "military necessity" and "national security" as a "cover," became the "blueprint" for abuses by the government, which led to the "Watergate," "Elvisberg case" scandals and others.

Economic Reason Laid Bare, Not 'Military Necessity'

Austen Anson, secretary-manager, Grover Shipper Association of Salinas, member of Executive Committee of Associated Farmers, and author of "Monetary Ship Farmer: A plan of aggregation of money interests in the West, appeared in Washington D.C. after Pearl Harbor and put out a high powered, highly sensationalized staff of Washington, D.C. Army officials and the press, to plant the seed that led to the evacuation of all Japanese including American citizens from the West Coast.

An article in the Saturday Evening Post (May 9, 1942) quoted Austin as frankly admitting: "We’re charged with wanting to rip the Japs for selfish reasons, and we might as well be honest. We do. It’s a question of whether the white man lives on the Pacific coast or the enemy."

It’s a strange thing, it seems that little children don’t have to be taught rhythm to go to Susan’s music, running from the popular melodies of the Fifites to boogie woogie, had toddlers like Steve and Tiffany jiggling and swaying in time.

There was nothing socially significant or redeeming about our evening together. There was no serious discussion about the objectives of the Reagan administration or the Polish crisis, or even of pressing local issues. There was just a lot of happy noise and confusion and chatter, with children underfoot and everybody enjoying himself and nobody mad about anything except momentarily when the two older boys, Matt and Jon, began to wrestle a bit too enthusiastically.

There’s nothing significant about this column, either. But it was such a pleasant, relaxing evening—just all of us being together and leaving our cares at home—that I wanted to tell you about it.

Oh, we have our problems like every other extended family. But most of them are not the kind that can be solved by worrying about them. Just being together is a great way for putting things in perspective. Try it sometime.
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PULITZER

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BASS

Vicenza, which was involved with the survivors, an annual memorial service in Honolulu, May 26-27.

Regarding the delay of the screening, Sakai realized that some parts of the film were not acceptable to the audience. He felt that some editing was necessary to make the film more suitable for public viewing. The screening was eventually held after the necessary adjustments were made.

Such space shuttle, according to Sakai, supposedly has the capability of 100 missions (Reagan's 1982 budget request included 3.3% of the city total of 7.071,030). White radiation, Sakai's group is responsible for analyzing some of the space shuttle's components and determining their life expectancy.

The local group is also forming a permanent group of supporters of the space shuttle, aiming to upgrade support for the space shuttle program now involved with the survivors, an annual memorial service in Los Angeles, as well as the screening of the film.

Kubo said later that a videotape of the film will be resubmitted.

The letter-writing and petition-signing campaign that the Friends of Virtual Community is initiating gets underway.

Hiroshima M.D.'s to visit U.S.

LOS ANGELES—A Nisei Hiroshima M.D.'s to visit U.S. during their time slot, rather, the length in time to relation to the development of the plot was the key issue.

One politician wanted to make clear involved the use of the term "standards," saying that PBS was not using the word "standards" to downgrade the film.

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Los Angeles—The Public Broadcast Service will review the Virtual Community's film, "Hito Hata: Raise the Banner" on television, the movie is submitted to them, said Wayne Godwin, PBS senior vice president in Washington.

In a telephone interview with the Pacific Citizen on April 13, Godwin said that "the public broadcasting program was not as realistically or as truly portrayed as we would like to have seen." As an example, Godwin said that the "overall impression was that the program was not as realistic or as truly portrayed as we would have liked to see." The "pacing of the film to us was slow...also for development goals,..." he added. "We felt that the film still made some, but not all changes, that the values in the film as we saw it, by that I mean the material that was presented to us, did not meet what we consider to be standards for national distribution.

Godwin said PBS did inform Virtual Community that the film is not a commercial format so that it would be suitable for national distribution.

Godwin also noted that PBS concern over the length of the film, 16 minutes, rather than 1,500 minutes time slot.

When PBS reviewed the movie, the reviewing committee will go over specific aspects which need revision with the film's producer, Steve Takataoka and one of the directors of the film, Dean Yamasaki.

PBS, according to Godwin, would not be able to give a specific time frame on the decision to reconsider the film's length.


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rights include the right to do business on a battlefield.

Lippmann knowingly with held the fact that only Japanese including American citizens were targets for the military action. He implied that American citizens were suspects for treasonable offenses of espionage, sabotage, and subversion activity. It was determined that the Nazis could have used about the Jews.

Lippmann revealed that public order and national unity were more important to him than human rights. He felt that the American military necessity or not he could be bought by special interests - he wrote on another date that "all principles are nothing more than the rationalization of special interests.

Lippmann's comments gave a powerful impetus to the demand of the other newspapers, Fair and yet, and McClatchy, were notable and carried on the propaganda and attack and started local citizens organizing to carry out the evacuation—raison d'être—"military necessity"—To be Concluded

COMMENTS

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KITA KYOKO, 58, of Fukuoka, mother of the largest number of children in Japan, died of breast cancer March 30, at the age of 38. Mother of 10 sons and 4 daughters, she became conscious of a hard lump in the left breast in the spring of 1979, after she gave birth to her 13th child.

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NEW YORK—An Asian count in New York city more than doubled in 10 years from: 94,991 to 231,505 (3.3% of the city total of 7,071,030). White population, 1,591,001, 284,849, Hispanics increased from 1,104,237 to 1,650,877; blacks up from 1,665,470 to 1,784,124; and American Indians from 9,000 to 11,024.

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NEW YORK—APRIL 27 was announced as the cut-off date to consideration for the JAL's flight to Mexico City and the first international Nikkei conference, July 28-29. And if the conference hosts, the original registration fee of $20 was raised to $81, it was announced by Jack Kubota, chairman of the JACOB and JACL Relations Committee, who visited with the conference committee in Mexico City in early April.

Those who have already signed up have the option to cancel and receive their money back, states George Kubo, who is handling JACL registrations at National Headquarters.

The registration covers four lunches, opening night supper, Seyma entertainment, and local hotel accommodation. The $818 motel trip to Mexico City. JACL members and family includes seven nights at Mexico City's Hilton Inn, ground transportation, fun time tickets, and one day trip to the tour. Reservations are first come first serve.

Kubota said a weather at the end of July in Mexico City will be pleasant with cool nights (because of the 7,800 ft. elevation) but with flaming climate around the world, "your game is as good as the next person's." Mid-July is supposedly the end of the rainy season, therefore the city will be clean, Diners in town flour and clean for tasting. At this time of the year, conference, these participating will be able to deduct the trip expenses, it was estimated.