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Tsujimura returns from Japan

PORTLAND, Ore.—Calling his trip to Japan a "memorable and valuable" experience, Dr. James K. Tsujimura, National JACL President, said that the Citizens League "can play a vital role" in helping to improve U.S.-Japan relations which inevitably affects the Japanese American community.

Tsujimura, who returned from a three-week visit April 22, revealed that Japan is aware of the problems that the Nikkei communities are facing due especially to the trade issue and that the Japanese government will do everything it can to help improve relations.

The JACL Japan Chapter has a very important role in providing the link between JACL and Japanese officials, noted Tsujimura and there is a need to tell the U.S. public about what Japan is doing in the area of economic and diplomatic relations with the United States.

Because of the enormous amount of information collected on his trip, Tsujimura said that through his regular columns in the Pacific Citizen he would report on the various aspects of the issues that were discussed.

His first one this week expresses his gratitude to the people he met in Japan and those responsible on both sides of the Pacific for the historic exchange and for making his trip a pleasant experience.

"I am glad to be back, but I wanted to stay longer," Tsujimura commented on his first trip to Japan. "I sensed a feeling of belonging while I was there, and my eyes have been opened to a beautiful country and its people."

PC Subscription Rates Going Up!

One of the best bargains has finally succumbed to spiraling costs. The Pacific Citizen reluctantly announces EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1981, that its subscription rate for Non-Members will be \$16 a year, \$31 for two years and \$46 for three years. Subscribers whose address labels show the code letter "R"—for Reader/Non-Member can renew at current rates (\$10 a year, \$19 for two years, \$28 for three years), provided the renewal is postmarked no later than May 31, 1981.

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Enomoto asks reinstatement with pay

SAN FRANCISCO—Former Dept. of Corrections director Jerry Enomoto April 30 asked the California supreme court to order his reinstatement along with back pay. He charged the Mar. 26 affirmation by the appellate court of the Sacramento County superior court's ruling was in error. It held Gov. Brown had the right to dismiss Enomoto and replace him with Ruth Rushen.

Enomoto asked the Supreme Court to order his reinstatement with back pay pending a hearing by the Board of Corrections.

Enomoto was appointed corrections director by Brown in December, 1975, and removed him from office in April, 1980, for what the governor said was a "normal course of administration".

JA's concerned with illegal alien laws

Los Angeles

Efforts to curb the illegal smuggling of Mexican laborers into the United States has gained support from some Japanese Americans as evidenced by their involvement with two Senate bills that will attempt to deal with the problem.

At the JACL's Los Angeles Tri-District Conference April 5, a resolution was passed in support of S 47, the U.S.-Mexico Good Neighbor Act introduced by Sen. Harrison Schmitt (R-N.M.) on Jan. 5. The bill proposes to establish a temporary worker visa program for Mexicans seeking employment in the U.S. The bill would establish a legal framework for Mexican labor in the U.S. and prevent its abuse by smugglers and "unscrupulous employers".

Sen. S. I. Hayakawa (R-Cal.) introduced a similar bill, S 930, the Guest Worker Act of 1981, on April 8. Final touches to this bill were added as Hayakawa met with Attorney General William French Smith and Rep. Dan Lungren (R-Cal.) the day before.

Both bills would establish a program of admitting Mexican nationals into the U.S. as nonimmigrants for temporary work, stressing the restriction which prohibits the displacement of a willing and qualified American laborer resulting from an alien's employment. Any employer who knowingly violates the terms of the program would face specific penalties.

Slight Differences

Each bill also has its own unique provisions. Schmitt's bill allows an alien a period of 240 days on a visa; Hayakawa's bill allows six months. Schmitt's bill terminates after 10 years; Hayakawa's after five.

Hayakawa's legislation would require a \$500 bond with the Mexican Government, posted by the applicant. At the end of their stay in the U.S., the deposit would be refunded with the prevailing rate of interest added.

Schmitt's bill proposes a quota system to determine the number of visas issued, with regulations established by the secretaries of the Agriculture, Commerce and Labor departments.

The objective of the two bills is to reduce the flow of illegal aliens into the U.S. and ease some of the tensions resulting from this problem. American workers would hopefully receive some protection from unfair competition, while Hispanic Americans would not have to face possible discrimination resulting from employer sanctions against the hiring of illegal Mexican immigrants.

Redress push in JACL: where is it now?

By PETER IMAMURA, PC Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO—As the day of the first hearing for the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians draws near, the JACL National Committee for Redress, as well as many chapters, must now step up its preparations for this historical event. Many JACL members are, perhaps, wondering how much progress is being made by the national committee, the districts and the chapters.

PC FOCUS

John Tateishi, staff coordinator for the committee, said that one of the biggest hurdles the districts faces is the reluctance of potential witnesses to come forth and submit their names for testimony. The major reason for this, added Tateishi, has been the aura of intimidation surrounding the commission.

He feels that community members with possible testimony should not fear the commission, for they are more concerned with acquiring information, rather than with "grilling" the witnesses.

Yet despite this possible feeling within the communities, Carole Hayashino, research assistant for the committee, reported that various districts have been able to attain the names of approximately 200 persons so far who are willing to come forth offering their testimony. Of course, time limitations may determine who will actually present an oral presentation, but the Commission will accept all written testimony.

In addition, Tateishi noted that testimony from historians, psychologists, social scientists and attorneys will be presented to the commission.

A random sampling of various districts and chapters indicate that community members are coming forth, but more are needed:

In the Pacific Southwest District Council, redress chair Harry Kawahara noted that he has acquired about 30 names. Among them are:

Fred Fujikawa, M.D., who practiced on Terminal Island; Frank Chuman, attorney and author of "Bamboo People" and an administrator at the Manzanar hospital; Marjorie Matsushita of Santa Monica, whose education was interrupted because of the Evacuation; actor George Takei; Morris Kight, a Los Angeles County Commission member; Dr. Junji Kumamoto, researcher at UC Riverside; Rev. Herbert Nicholson, who helped Nikkei resettle during the war; prewar hog rancher Harry Kitahara in Artesia, and Elizabeth Nishikawa.

New York JACL's Mock Hearing

Ruby Schaar, president of the New York Chapter, conducted a mock hearing at Columbia University April 25. She noted that out of 41 phone calls made to possible witnesses, only 10 (including herself) agreed to participate. Attorneys Min Yasui (who is also the JACL redress chair), Murray Sprung and Vivian Berger served as "commission" members for the practice session.

"I can understand why people don't want to (testify) because it's very painful. But I realize now that everybody must do this, or otherwise, these commission (hearings) aren't going to take off," noted Schaar.

"Every chapter should have mock hearings and workshops, and get people out even if they are going to suffer. They're going

to have to get all (their feelings) that's inside of them and bring them out," she added. "It's painful as hell, but they're going to have to do it."

Schaar said that oral testimony has greater emotional impact than any written report, and one of the important results of the mock hearing was that many Sansei and Columbia students told her after the session that they were deeply moved by what they had heard. The atmosphere during and after the hearing was "charged" with emotion and one person told her that there wasn't a "dry eye" in the audience.

The persons who took part in the hearing were:

Tom Kumitani, who was 7 years old at the time of the incarceration, but told of how it affected him later in life; Nobuko Narita; Richard Itanaga, of Fresno, who volunteered for military service from the camps; Motoko Ikeda Spiegel, who, during a college project in 1976, relived her camp experience, resulting in a skin ailment from the trauma; Henry Sugimoto, an artist who suffered hardships during those times; Haruko Brown, whose father was taken away by FBI agents; Kaneji Domoto, who told of the Evacuation's affect on his family's nursery business; Michi Kobi, an actress who spent her teens at Topaz; and Nobu Miyoshi, a Philadelphia social worker.

Midwest Redress Forum July 10

Midwest Regional Director Bill Yoshino said that a Redress Forum will be held in Chicago July 10. So far he has been receiving a few names for testimony, including:

Henry Ushijima, filmmaker; Ben Yoshioka, who lived in pre-war Los Angeles and is now a public relations man in Chicago; Sam Ozaki, teacher; Hiroshi Mayeda, former MDC governor and now a PR specialist; others include Ruby Suzuki, Frank Kajikawa and Tom Watanabe.

Seattle Redress Committee's List to Come

Cherry Kinoshita, Redress Co-Chair for the Seattle Chapter, said that community organizations, including the JACL, have so far compiled a list of 50 Nikkei who are willing to submit written and, if necessary, oral testimony. Although names weren't available, she added that Nikkei professionals (lawyers, social scientists, etc.), non-Nikkei friends of community members and non-Nikkei politicians as well as other professionals were stepping forward.

This early PC survey should not imply that other districts are not receiving any volunteers; for many other chapters are indeed seeking out testimony.

Tateishi wanted to note that JACL's committee is in no way

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Financial losses due to Evacuation Studied

LONG BEACH, Ca.—Financial losses incurred by local communities because of the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II could be as much as \$3 billion in lost retail sales statewide, according to Larry Boss of the Asian American Studies Center at California State University, Long Beach.

Boss told an audience (April 4) at the conference on the American concentration camp at Whittier College that property and sales lost during the time of the Evacuation hurt the whole business community because of the loss of "well-run businesses."

"Contrary to the belief that all Japanese were bad businessmen and lazy," Boss said, "studies of the community show a base of success by Japanese businesses."

Boss based his conclusions on a two-year study of individual records in the county archives for the city of Long Beach, which list a large number of prewar Japanese businesses.

Boss said records show that as early as 1916, Japanese Americans had demonstrated dominance over Caucasian-run businesses, especially in agriculture. "Japanese farmers could fill 150 box cars of cucumbers then," he noted, "and that was just in the Greater Long Beach area. Many individual markets were supplied entirely by Japanese."

Today, many of the areas where successful prewar businesses run by Japanese Americans were located are the sites of high-value business districts in Long Beach, according to Boss. But after the war, he added, the Japanese businesses did not return to the city.

"Immediately after the relocation order came," Boss said, "there was a take-over of Japanese businesses by whites, who continued to

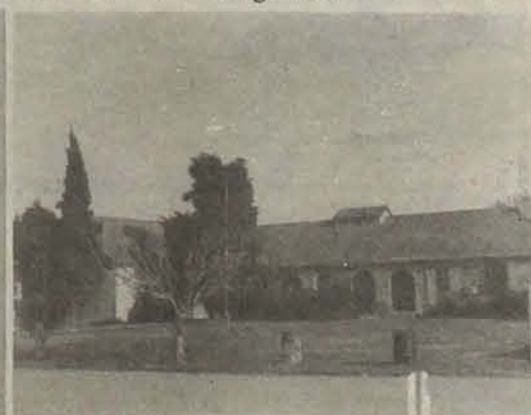
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Judge Madge Watai up to superior court

LOS ANGELES—Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. elevated Nisei municipal court Judge Madge S. Watai, 53, of Gardena to the Los Angeles superior court on April 9.



WALNUT GROVE: THEN (1918) & NOW (1981) — Over the Memorial Day weekend (May 23-24), the east side of the Walnut Grove community by the Sacramento River is having its first reunion that is attracting many of its prewar Nikkei residents (about 90% of them never returned after



Photos from Pedro Isao Hamada Collection the Evacuation). Bottom photos show the "main drag"—hardly changed except for the pavement and automobiles. Upper photos show a family in a 1918 Model T and Kawashimo Gakuen, which was built in 1928, as it looks today. (Story on Page 2).

Walnut Grove reunion to attract over 500

By SHIG SAKAMOTO

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—There was a town some 50 years ago with less than 200 Japanese families and it was a typical small farming town nestled just off the high levee road some 20 minute drive from Sacramento. Actually it was a town divided not by railroad tracks which often separated the two classes but a river—the Sacramento River—where the whites lived on one side and the orientals on the other with a lone bridge connecting the two communities.

The Japanese were of course the majority in this town—Walnut Grove. There were also some Chinese and Filipino residents and the three ethnic were the merchants and the business people who not only catered to the locals but to hundreds of farm laborers which used to flock into town during the harvest seasons, generally swelling the population two fold. Many laborers were the migrant Issei who moved from one orchard to

another following the harvest seasons from the San Joaquin valley to the peach country areas of Yuba City and Marysville.

Although 90% of the Japanese resident never returned following the Evacuation, some are living close enough (Sacramento) to continually maintain close ties with its former hometown and remain active in the church and community affairs.

The once all-oriental grammar school still stands. The remodeled Buddhist church stands proudly as a focus for community affairs.

(Until about 1939, the small communities of Walnut Grove and nearby Isleton and Courtland each had separate grammar schools for the Caucasian and Oriental children.—Ed.)

It was in those early years that the Issei merchants who let their Nisei offsprings carry on. Nisei who were mature enough then to establish their own business included Gilbert & Shizuko Matsuoka and the Watanabe families (both chefs at Amache Camp Block 7H); ex-collegian and pro boxer Dix Koga (friends claim he spent more time on the canvas than his own two legs) and George Kawamura were barbers; Tosh Matsuoka succeeded his father in the town's only shoe repair store. This is where it all began for the Inaba brothers who ran a grocery market branching out to sister Mabel's Stockton store and Flu Inaba's Fresno outlet and into the final growth of the present North American Food Distributors, an Oriental food distributor.

The Hayashi Company, owned by Ralph Takao Sugimoto, is the lone grocer remaining and as the Issei and the Nisei retire, the prospect of the businesses continuing

here looks dim as the heir apparents, the Sansei, mostly prefer the big city opportunities in better job and security.

To rehash old memories, over 500 are expected to relive the small town atmosphere in this one-time reunion being formulated under the direction of Isao Pedro Hamada, assisted by James Aki Watanabe and George Kawamura. The reunion will be held in both Walnut Grove and Sacramento.

Registration fee is \$30 per person, and sent by May 15 to: Pedro Isao Hamada, P.O. Box 745 Walnut Grove, Ca. 95990 (916) 776-1456.

Imperial Valley reunion planned for November

EL CENTRO, Ca.—Nikkei in Imperial Valley, noting that former valley residents have held successful reunions in the past in Los Angeles (the April 25 dinner at the Proud Bird attracted over 300—some from Japan, Hawaii, Chicago and east coast), are now working on one here in mid-November, according to Pro Nimura, JACL leader here.

Actor Morita to m.c. 'Hito Hata'

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Actor-comedian Pat Morita is scheduled to emcee the program preceding the benefit showing of "Hito Hata-Raise the Banner" for Visual Communications at the Sacramento Community Center on May 9, 7 p.m. Floyd Mori, former state assemblyman, will also be part of the program.

Agriculture

UC Berkeley scientists are finding safe, non-polluting ways to control insect pests. Asst. Prof. Isao Kubo in entomology-parasitology, reporting to the American Chemical Society meeting in Atlanta April 2, said ground-up extracts from leaves and roots of an East African plant (Ajuga remota) used to treat malaria and high blood pressure were fed to the pink bollworm and fall armyworm caterpillars—both common pests in the U.S. cotton fields—which failed to shed their helmet-like moltings, and prevented them from feeding—dying apparently from starvation. Other pests, however, did not respond during the experiment.

Summer program

STOCKTON—A two-week summer institute for cultural understanding for Hispanic, Asian and Native American college students is scheduled for July 6-18 at Univ. of the Pacific. Funded by a \$10,000 grant from the United Methodist Church, the program at UOP will be one of three throughout the country. Interested students from the western U.S. will enroll at UOP, with other sessions at Oklahoma City University and The American University in Washington, D.C. For information: UOP Contg Edn and Summer Sess Office, (209) 946-2424.

Berkeley holds Heritage fest

BERKELEY—The Asian/Pacific American Heritage Festival will be held Saturday, May 9, at Civic Center Park, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For information, call Eddie Uyekawa (415) 849-4898.

Newly-arrived aliens in U.S. face new fed-income rules

NEW YORK—The Asian American Legal Defense Fund of New York recently reminded aliens that if they apply for Supplemental Security Income Benefits within three years after entering the United States, they are subject to tightened income regulations. As of Sept. 30, 1980, the income and resources of the alien's sponsor and of the sponsor's spouse are "deemed to be the income and re-

sources of the alien in determining the applicant's eligibility for SSI benefits as well as the amount of the benefits the alien is entitled to."

On July 9, 1980, President Carter signed into law the 1980 Amendments to the Social Security Act, under whose terms aliens who apply for SSI benefits for the first time face new eligibility restrictions.

The AALDF advised, "in applying for SSI benefits, the alien is required to obtain the cooperation of his or her sponsor in providing the necessary information and evidence. Also, both the alien and the sponsor are individually and jointly liable to repay any SSI benefits incorrectly paid due to misin-

formation provided or information withheld by the sponsor. Any incorrect payments which are not repaid will be withheld from any subsequent payments for which the alien or the sponsor are otherwise eligible under the Social Security Act."

According to AALDF, aliens who first applied for SSI benefits prior to Sept. 30, 1980 are not affected. Also not affected are aliens who become blind or disabled after entering this country, and those who enter as refugees or persons granted political asylum.

The State Department must notify prospective sponsors about their potential liability under the new law. Consular officers may not accept affidavits of support unless the new form notifying the sponsor of his potential liability is signed by the sponsor and attached to both copies of the affidavit of support.

L.A. dedicates new flower market

LOS ANGELES—The new \$10 million L.A. Wholesale Flower Market (on Wall-Maple-7th & 8th St. block) was dedicated April 29 by federal, city and business leaders. Next phase involves an eastward expansion of the mart covering the entire block to San Julian St., making the project "the largest and most modern in the U.S. and one of the major flower markets in the world", noted Ron Muranaka, president of the So. Calif. Flower Growers, Inc.

Courtroom

Judge Barbara Tam Nomoto, Santa Ana, is the first judge to be commended by the California Highway Patrol, Santa Ana Area, for her strong support of law enforcement in Orange County, "which has helped not only the CHP, but all law enforcement agencies in performing a difficult job that often goes unnoticed". CHP area commander John R. Clements added. Appointed by Gov. Brown in April, 1979, she is the youngest person named to the bench and presently assigned to the Central Orange County municipal court. Formerly known as Judge B. Tam Thompson, Judge Nomoto is of Chinese-Japanese ancestry and hails from San Francisco.

Awards

Scott Momii, director of the Yu Ai Kai of the San Jose Japanese American Community Senior Service, was honored Feb. 20 by the National Conference of Christians and Jews of Santa Clara County.

New foundation formed to push U.S.-Japan ties

NEW YORK—A Japanese group will contribute \$48 million for a new foundation which will work to improve ties between Japan and the United States, announced diplomat Angier Biddle Duke.

The United States-Japan Foundation is an independent, private grantmaking entity whose purpose is to strengthen cooperation and understanding between U.S. and Japan through each other's society, culture, arts, educational systems, economy and government.

The foundation will facilitate discussion among the citizens of

the two nations and will act as a forum for both nations to iron out their tensions.

"The average Japanese knows far more about the United States than the average American knows about Japan," said Duke, who added that the foundation will work to close up this "knowledge gap."

Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, former New York City Mayor John Lindsay, former president of Tokyo University Seiji Kaya, and Soichi Yokoyama, chairman of the Bank of Tokyo, were among those who worked to form the foundation. #

A-bomb film project aided

BERKELEY, Ca.—The Survivors Film Project, sponsored by the Japanese American Citizens League, has been awarded two grants: a \$15,000 grant from Hoso-Bunka Foundation of Tokyo, and a \$15,000 grant from the Columbia Foundation of San Francisco.

The documentary film about American atomic bomb survivors, produced by Steven Okazaki and Frances Politeo, will examine the physical, emotional, social, and financial repercussions of the estimated 1,000 A-bomb survivors now living in the United States. #

Officer who helped form 100th dies

HONOLULU—Retired Brig. Gen. Kendall J. Fielder, who was instrumental in the decision to allow Nisei soldiers to go to combat in World War II, died April 13 at Tripler Army Medical Center. He was 87.

During WW2, Fielder was chief intelligence officer for the U.S. Army in the Pacific. While in Washington for an intelligence seminar, it was his suggestion that prompted Army Chief of Staff George Marshall to form the 100th Infantry Battalion, which later became part of the 442nd Central Postal Directory, the most decorated unit in the war.

Born in Cedartown, Ga., Fielder graduated in 1917 from Georgia Tech and served as a second lieutenant during World War I. He came to Hawaii in 1938 as executive officer of the 22nd Brigade at Schofield Barracks, where his duties included training a National Guard unit. Many of the members of the Guard were Nisei who later joined the 100th. "That's when I got to know them and felt they were just like any other Americans," Fielder once recalled.

He was later made an honorary member of the veterans' Club 100. He retired as a brigadier general in 1953. #

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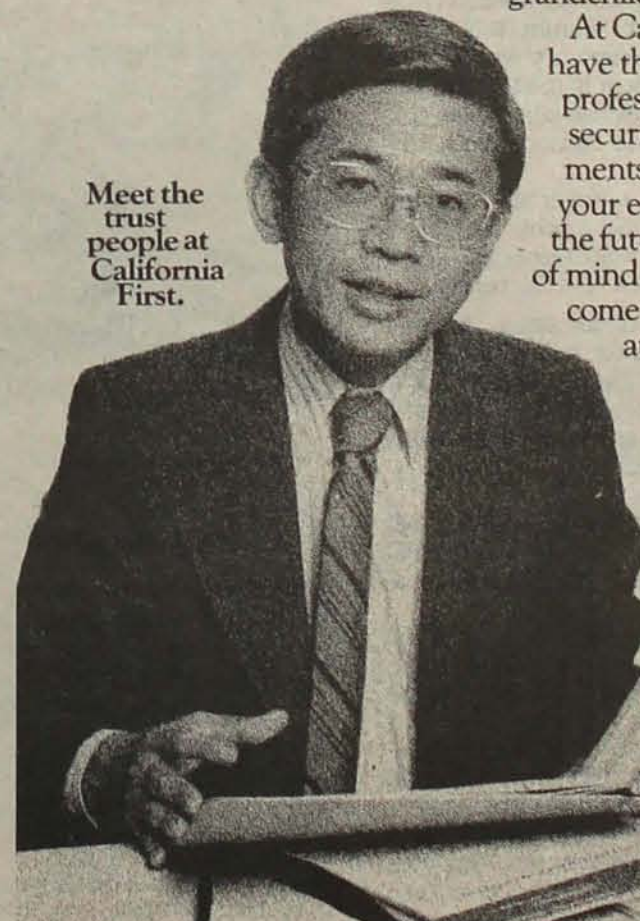
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Heroes and Symbols

During my visit with the amiable staff at National Headquarters in San Francisco last week, I was able to attend a tour of the "Go for Broke" exhibit at the Presidio Army Museum along with Ron Wakabayashi and his wife, Jean. The curator, Eric Saul, personally led us through it, and said that before he had gotten involved with this exhibit, he had never heard of the accomplishments of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Central Postal Directory.

However, he was indeed enthusiastic about his discovery, and through his research he has become a virtual expert in the history of the two units. I was certainly impressed by the pride and excitement displayed by Saul when he told us of the Nisei soldiers' heroics.

I had been particularly interested in this exhibit because I have a few uncles from Hawaii who served with the 100th/442nd. Among them was Shizuya Hayashi, who, for his gallant actions with the 100th, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest medal in the Army, as well as the Italian Cross of Military Valor, in 1944.

I learned recently that he was originally recommended for the highest award, the Medal of Honor, yet, as my aunt explained, he was denied the award, because of his Japanese ancestry. I mentioned this to Saul, who said that my uncle wasn't alone; many Nisei G.I.s were recommended for the Medal of Honor. However, Saul explained that they got the DSC instead because the 100th/442nd was compiling an enormous and fantastic record very quickly, and the Army never took time to realize just how extraordinary the Nisei were.

Financial loss

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run them with profit. But the community itself never recovered."

Boss said 90 percent of the Japanese businessmen in Long Beach suffered some degree of financial loss, while only four businesses were able to recover the wartime losses.

But the biggest loss of the business community due to the internment was in terms of projected retail sales, said Boss. "After 1942, the business community lost \$15 million in potential retail sales. Contrary to what we were led to believe, nothing filled the void when the take-over occurred."

(Anticipated income was non-compensable by the government when evacuation claims were being processed.—Ed.)

Boss said that judging from the pattern of financial losses in Long Beach, the state could have lost \$3 billion in revenue and probably more. But he added, "That figure doesn't begin to cover the social and psychological losses."

Boss said his research has also shown that, contrary to popular belief, the Japanese in Long Beach and most of California did not live in tight communities or "Little Tokyos". This is a significant finding, according to Boss, because "this was part of the justification for the whole Evacuation." Instead, the Japanese lived spread evenly throughout the state, except in San Francisco, he noted.

—Whittier Daily News

● Awards

Kaz Mori, a social studies teacher at Ygnacio Valley (Ca.) High School, was awarded a fellowship to visit Japan this summer as a guest of the Japan Institute for Social and Economic Affairs.

Although my uncle was very disheartened by how the Army treated him (and his buddies), he has since tried to forget the incident. The medal probably wasn't that important to him; I think the fact that the Army made an issue out of his race (they asked him if his parents were "pure" Japanese) was what upset him the most.

He never talks about the war, nor does he brag about what he did (he took out some German positions, saving other members of his platoon). My cousin once told me that her father doesn't particularly care to watch violence on television, for it brings back too many bad memories of the war. If you were to meet my uncle, you would never know that he was a war hero—a quiet gentleman indeed.



'FRIENDSHIP KNOT' — George Takei (left), pres., Friends of Little Tokyo Arts, and Nisei sculptor Shinkichi Tajiri stand in Little Tokyo's Weller Court where Tajiri's giant square knot will rise 28 feet from the mall, symbolizing the tie of friendship between the peoples of the United States and Japan. Commissioned by FOLTA and funded in part by a contribution from East-West Development Corp., the sculpture will be installed in July.

Noguchi helps form nation's first rules on 'pulling plug'

LOS ANGELES—Representatives of the medical and legal professions here announced April 6 that they have agreed on guidelines to be followed by doctors who must decide whether to "pull the plug" on certain types of terminally ill patients.

Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi, Los Angeles County coroner-medical examiner, and George Oakes, head of the medical-legal section of the county's district attorney's office, prepared the guidelines, believed to be the first of their kind in the nation.

The guidelines allow doctors to "pull the plug" in three sets of circumstances in which the patient's life is being sustained by a respirator: —When a patient has been pronounced dead after a physician has determined the person "has suffered a total and irreversible cessation of brain function."

—When a patient whose death is imminent has signed a valid form, called a Directive to Physicians, which expresses the wish that no heroic measures be used to sustain life.

—When the medical record contains a written diagnosis of irreversible coma, confirmed by a physician who is qualified to make such decisions. Medical evidence to support the diagnosis is required, as well as an indication from the patient and his family that no artificial life support is desired.

Noh luminary to lecture at JACCC

LOS ANGELES — Fusataka Homma, designated an "Important National Cultural Asset" by the Japanese government, will lecture at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, on Friday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.

He will lecture in Japanese with slides, and Michele Garza, who has

I suppose there are many Nisei veterans like him; they don't like to brag about, let alone remember, the Second World War, except to recall the friends they made. It must have been especially difficult for the Nisei soldiers to serve at that time, for in addition to the combat itself, they had the burden of being wrongly associated with an enemy nation.

I've always heard, at least within the Japanese American community, how proud we are for what the Nisei of the 100th/442nd did to "turn things around" for all Japanese Americans during the war. And rightfully so, for no one can deny that their accomplishments will always be a symbol of pride for the community.

As Saul commented, the American public certainly needs to know about these men (and in other units, women), who served their country despite the atmosphere of those times

and the treatment they received from some members of the upper ranks in the Army.

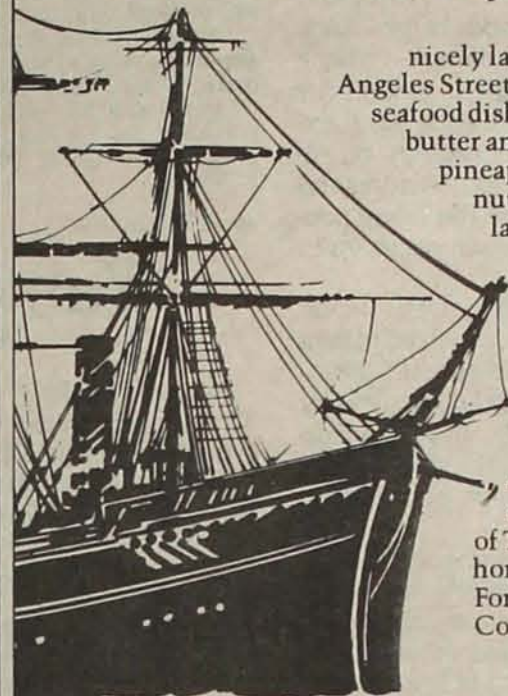
But most importantly, I think that many veterans would ra-

ther be remembered as "equal citizens" than heroes, and that in their own way, they were able to make life a bit easier for their community, as well as for

themselves. History may always remember the 100th/442nd for what they did; let's hope it never forgets them for who they were, as well. #

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Japan Trip

(Part I)

Portland

When great crescendos of gratitude swell within, the simple phrase—"Thank you"—seems inadequate a conduit for such overflowing effluence and expression. Yet I would certainly be remiss if I did not attempt to convey my appreciation and publicly thank the Japan Foundation and the many people whose endeavors effected the first such program in the history of JACL.

It was the sponsorship and generosity of the Japan Foundation which made what originally appeared to be a "mission impossible" not only possible but, indeed, a reality. Their hospitality and kindnesses shown to me by its president, Mr. Kentaro Hayashi; the managing director, Kuniyoshi Date; director Takeshi Komiyama, and travel, tour and appointment coordinator, Ms. Kikuko Shimizu, are greatly appreciated.

The grant was initially submitted through the office of Consul General Hiroshi Kitamura of San Francisco. We acknowledge with sincere gratitude his sensitivity and concern for the Nikkei, his perceptual understanding of the inner play of inter-nation (U.S.-Japan) relations upon the Japanese Americans and his conceptual vision regarding the necessity of promoting better understanding between the peoples of the two countries. Our thanks also go to Consul Y. Ono who served as liaison officer in San Francisco.

The International Relations Committee (IRC), chaired by Chuck Kubokawa, and a working nucleus from the San Francisco Bay area, were invaluable in their assistance and contribution. The JACL brochure, written by Peter Takeuchi, was translated by attorney Frank Kasama into Nihongo, which proved to be an impressive asset as well as an informative aid in Japan. Plus Dr. Clifford Uyeda and many others laid the groundwork for this educational and cultural venture via the countless hours of conferences and correspondence.

Much credit goes to our national and regional staff, past and present, without whose concerted and continued efforts this project would not have reached fruition.

A trip of this magnitude and importance doesn't happen overnight nor without a great deal of planning, organization and combined efforts of the many whom I may have inadvertently failed to mention but to whom I feel equally indebted.

In particular, I sincerely thank the entire membership for allowing me the honor of representing JACL on the first exchange of its kind. It is my hope that I was a representative worthy of the trust and responsibility placed upon me, one who reflected due honor upon our organization and its membership. It was a privileged opportunity, a memorable experience, one which I hope to share with the membership in a series of forthcoming articles.

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May 4—WRA transfers Tule Lake project to Bureau of Reclamation, last of the camps for WRA.

May 6—Seventh Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation awarded 442nd for its final offensive of Italian campaign in April, 1945 (western anchor of Gothic Line, which had withstood Allied offensives for five months, was completely overrun by the 442nd RCT in four days, liberating Carrara, La Spezia and later Genoa).

May 6—Returning Issei evacuee (Torao Takahashi, Los Angeles) files suit to test alien fishing ban in California.

May 7—Gen. Joseph Stilwell confers posthumous Bronze Star to Issei mother of Pfc. Cooper Tahara, Florin, at San Francisco JACL's Nisei GI testimonial dinner in Hotel Whitcomb.

May 10—Pulitzer Prize for distinguished editorial writing awarded to Hodding Carter, Greenville (Miss.) Delta Democrat Times publisher, for his Aug. 28, 1945 piece, "Go For Broke!," the 442nd RCT motto.

● TV Review

'Yankee Samurai'

By DAN NAKATSU

San Francisco

"Yankee Samurai" is an unusual and noteworthy 50-minute TV documentary that unfolds an astounding facet of the Pacific War, long untold because of military secrecy. Oddly and curiously enough, it is a film done, not by Americans but by Japanese, for TV in Japan — by Nippon Broadcasting Corporation (NHK), Japan's national public TV network. Shown nationally in Japan twice last December and seen by an estimated 20-million viewers, it is based on the 1979 book, "Yankee Samurai," by American author Joseph D. Harrington, deceased in 1980. It was aired locally by Fuji TV (26), on April 19.

It is an absorbing revelation of a substantial part of America's tremendously effective military intelligence operations in that tragic war, which began with Pearl Harbor in 1941 and finally ended in the devastation and unconditional surrender of Japan in 1945. These were far-flung, ingenious secret operations that trained and pitted thousands of Nisei and their knowledge of the Japanese language against Japan, home land of their parents.

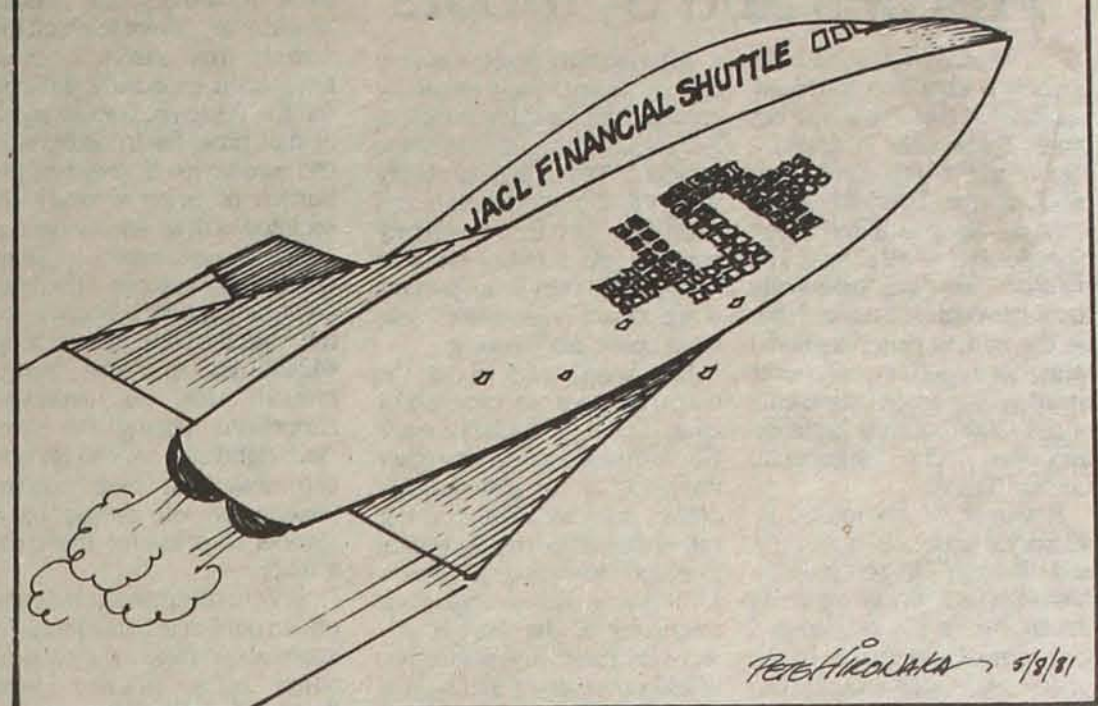
As indispensable translators, interrogators and interceptors of enemy communications, the Nisei were superbly effective in producing intelligence of all sorts that guided Allied strategy and operations. They have been credited with shortening the war by two years and saving countless Allied lives. Yet, what they did has had to remain largely unknown and hidden all these years.

Surprisingly, the story began in the fall of 1941 even before Pearl Harbor at Crissy Field, a small airfield in the shadow of the Golden Gate Bridge at the Presidio in San Francisco. With admirable prescience, a handful of astute U.S. Army officers — who had been American military attaches in Japan and were acquainted with the difficulty of mastering the Japanese language — foresaw a dire need for American soldiers capable of deciphering the language in the event of war with Japan, and they began a secret military intelligence language school in November of that year in a small hangar that still stands today. Ironically, this was only a stone's throw from the headquarters of the Western Defense Command, under the very nose of Lt. Gen. John L. Dewitt, commanding general, who in 1942 ordered the forced evacuation from the West Coast of all person of Japanese lineage, publicly uttering his distrust and contempt for them with the venomous statement, "A Jap is a Jap." These stinging words were seared in the minds of the Nisei as being symbolic of the hate and prejudice that they would have to overcome.

Dewitt or no Dewitt, however, and despite undeveloped teaching materials, the school was begun with some civilian instructors and 60 Nisei students, already in army uniform as draftees, some of whom were Kibei, who had been educated in Japan. From this early makeshift school there grew later the extensive U.S. Defense Language Institute of today, located in Monterey, Calif., which has trained over 70,000 military linguists through the years. In an odyssey which reflected the War Department's concern at that time for the wartime security of the students, the school was moved in 1942 to racially more hospitable Minnesota at Camp Savage, a secluded former Civil Conservation Corps camp 20 miles south of Minneapolis, then in 1944 to better quarters at Fort Snelling in St. Paul, and finally back to the West Coast after the war to the present site in Monterey.

From the beginning class at Crissy Field, even before it could be graduated, some initial language intelligence teams were urgently dispatched in 1942 to Attu and Guadalcanal, the earliest desperate island battlefields of the Pacific War, where their courage and effectiveness were tested and proven beyond any doubt. Their able performance quickly led to growing demand from the field for more men like them, bringing about a very rapid expansion of the school in Minnesota, and it also prompted the War Department from 1943 to actively seek Nisei volunteers for intelligence and combat duty. By the war's end, over 5,000 Nisei in language intelligence detachments were located everywhere in the far-flung war — throughout the Pacific and even in Burma, India and China. In Europe, they intercepted the ene-

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my's diplomatic communications there. After the war ended, they served invaluable to bridge the language gap in the Allied Occupation of Japan.

In Europe, over 9,000 Nisei fought valiantly in Italy and France as the famed 442nd Infantry Combat Team, winning recognition as the most decorated unit of its size and duration in U.S. military history (over 18,000 medals and awards). Upon returning from Europe, the unit was acclaimed and honored in a presidential review in Washington, D.C. by President Truman. Their motto, "Go For Broke," became an American idiom meaning "Now or never — Shoot the works! Give it everything you've got!"

But the devastatingly effective intelligence operations of the Nisei in the Pacific War remained, of necessity, a guarded military secret largely unknown to the American public until only very recently. Concerned veterans of these operations had long wanted their story told for posterity, but it was not until 1979, and only after three years of exhaustive research by the author, that this was brought to light in Joseph D. Harrington's "Yankee Samurai", which intrigued NHK as being an extraordinary subject worthy of being told on national TV in Japan.

In the words of NHK film director, Shin Matsuo — noted in Japan for his brilliantly researched documentaries — who scoured archives in the U.S. and conducted extensive interviews with widely scattered veterans whom he painstakingly tracked down, the story presented "a uniquely compassionate, significant human drama which could have happened only in America, of great interest to the people of Japan."

While he was aware of many astounding, even unbelievable exploits and experiences of the Nisei language soldiers, it was more germane to him to relate the history and results of what happened, rather than recounting the military exploits or heroism per se of the Nisei. And although the film was originally planned for 90 minutes, a paucity of suitable material caused its contraction to 50 minutes. Indeed, the military secrecy exercised during the war had caused only limited usable visual records and materials to exist today. That NHK was able at all to do the film under these circumstances is quite remarkable, a documentary accomplishment of lasting credit to director Matsuo and his creative tenacity.

(A videotape of the NHK TV documentary, "Yankee Samurai", with English subtitles, will be available soon through the MIS Assn. of Northern California. Organizations interested in seeing this may contact Peter Takeuchi at JACL Headquarters.—Ed.)

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

Ye Ed at Japan Times: K. Murata

Washington, D.C.

About a half dozen years ago—it could be longer, time flies so swiftly these days—Mas Ogawa stepped down as editor of the Japan Times and was succeeded by Kiyoaki Murata. The Japan Times is that country's largest English language daily and one of the country's important newspapers regardless of language.

Ogawa, a Nisei product of Southern California, had gone to Japan before the war after completing his education in the United States. Murata was Japanese, but he had spent some of his most important formative years in the U.S. In a sense, then, the change in editors marked a milestone in the history of Japan's English language press.

But there is a human and more interesting story below the surface. I had known a little of it, but got the details from Murata himself in Washington a few weeks ago between sessions of the U.S.-Japan Editors' Conference.

Kiyoaki Murata was born near Osaka. He had a great-uncle, Zenbei Murata (for some unknown reason he went

by the name J. Murata) who had migrated to the United States and entered the floral business near San Leandro, Calif. On one of his trips back to the old country Zenbei took a liking to Kiyoaki and offered to sponsor him if he should ever want to study in the United States.

By the time Kiyoaki was ready to accept the offer, Zenbei was dead and war between the United States and Japan appeared a definite possibility. Nonetheless, Kiyoaki applied at the nearest American consulate for a student visa with his great-uncle's widow as sponsor. And by some stroke of good fortune, the visa was approved. And then a lad of 18, arrived in San Francisco a scant six months before Pearl Harbor. He was taking a concentrated English course at Drew High School in San Francisco when war came.

When the Evacuation was ordered, Murata left for Visalia in California "free zone" with his aunt. When eastern California was evacuated, Murata went to Poston where he remained behind barbed wire for nine months. Some of the time he spent teaching Japanese to Nisei who went in government service. But the Japanese schoolboy

had no intention of staying in camp for the duration. Despite his recently acquired enemy alien status, he applied for and was granted indefinite leave. He also was given a different visa which enabled him to work for a living, which he could not do as a student.

His first stop was Chicago, and after being told he couldn't enroll at the University of Chicago because of classified national security work under way on the campus, he went to Carleton College in Minnesota. Carleton gave him a bachelor's degree in political science. After the war he returned to the University of Chicago for a master's, also in political science. Today, he can't recall a single unpleasant experience. Murata finally returned to Japan in 1948.

While in Chicago during the war, FBI agents called on Murata and pumped him for a number of hours. They wanted to know about the circumstances of his arrival in the United States, and how he had happened to be a member of his high school rifle club. Only later did it occur to Murata that he might have been suspected as a possible Japanese agent sent to the U.S. on an assassination mission.

When he applied for work at the Japan Times, Kimpei Shiba, the veteran editor, said a man had just been hired and there was no opening, but wanted to test Murata's English. He was given a pencil and paper and told to translate an editorial from a Japanese newspaper. Then, as an afterthought, Shiba asked if Murata could type. Not only could he type but he could translate almost as fast as he could work the machine. Murata was hired immediately.

Murata has just completed a book manuscript on his U.S. experiences. Tentatively titled *Saigo no Ryugakusei* ("The Last Overseas Student"), it is to be published later this year. Oh, yes, he asked the FBI for a copy of the report it had on him under the Freedom of Information Act, and eventually got a somewhat censored four-page typed document.

One never ceases to be amazed at the fascinating individual stories of the Evacuation period. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

'Japanese Time'

Philadelphia

WHETHER IT BE a "katsudo-shashin" (as they were called), a judo *taikai*, or the annual *kenjin-kai* picnic, one thing was certain: it never started at the scheduled hour. As a lad, if I arrived at school after the last bell rang, I was docked as having been tardy; and my parents did not look kindly upon such notations on my report card. And so there were a number of occasions that I dashed through that schoolroom door, panting. Thus with such stringent standards being imposed on me, I could not quite understand why, at the same time, my Issei parents, and the Issei in general, started a social affair... late. Always.

BECAUSE I DARED not ask for an accounting from my parents for this phenomenon of chronic delinquency, in my young mind I sought to rationalize this discrepancy. I say "discrepancy" because when it came to matter of work (or school), punctuality was the "order of the day." Indeed, particularly if working for someone else, we had to be out in the fields before starting time. I'm sure a number of you Nisei will recall those days.

WELL, ANYWAY, the way that young lad figured it was as follows: When it came to non-economic (or non-scholastic) matters, our Issei parents relaxed a bit. Not only that, but because

they worked so hard until the last light of day, and then went home to bathe (no one would ever consider going to a gathering without soaking in the *o-furo*), then eat, etc. It really took some doing to get to the evening's affair, even late. Well, that's the way that young mind rationalized it and thus not be critical of the Issei.

THEN THE YEARS went by. That once-young lad was to be dismayed that the offsprings of the Issei (that's us), also observed what, by that time, was known as the "Japanese Time" syndrome. The Nisei being entitled to some sympathy and understanding as well, I scratched my mind for another rationalization, but darned if I could come up with one. Indeed the Nisei were worse: they not only didn't start on time, they didn't end on time. More than one banquet has been excruciating for me as a result.

IN ALL FAIRNESS, though, I soon found that my fellow Nisei were not the only ones. There was "Colored Peoples' Time" as they smilingly, and apologetically, stated it. And "Pilipino Time," "Polish Time," and whatever any other ethnic group one may choose to name.

SOME YEARS BACK, while working in a Tokyo law office, I arrived each morning very punctually on time. Indeed, with my "field" working background, a bit before starting time. In the belief that the Japanese were fanatically punctual in whatever they do (witness their trains, arriving and leaving), I was flabbergasted to find that the lawyers and staff would drift in at various times after the hour. Some as late as one-half to one hour late, regularly. I should add, however, they worked past the closing hour, at times as if there were no clock and no home to go to.

AND SO IT is that today, I've arrived at the ecumenical conclusion that lateness is a universal phenomenon. But it may be only the Nisei who invoke that phenomenon at both ends, particularly when it comes to putting on a banquet. With that I'll probably never be invited to another Nisei dinner program. Oh, well.... #

GUEST'S CORNER:

'Call me Jodie'

By HARRY KAWAHARA

Los Angeles

Good vibrations probably best describes my feelings after meeting Joan Bernstein, Chairperson of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, at the Tri-District Conference in Los Angeles. After being introduced to her, the first thing she said was, "My friends call me Jodie." That was an immediate clue to her informality, naturalness and down-to-earth qualities.

There was a unanimous feeling among those who met her she has all the characteristics of being an excellent chairperson for the commission. She came across as being warm, intelligent, fair and endowed with good common sense.

I especially appreciated her sensitivity to the anxiety witnesses have about appearing before a commission body. In order to relieve some of those fears, she indicated a willingness to be flexible in the arrangements of the hearings. She alluded to the common TV image of hearings where the commissioners sit behind big desks elevated above worried-looking witnesses. She said some of the hearings could be conducted informally with a few commissioners sitting around a table with two or three witnesses in a seminar mode.

Commissioner Bernstein's background helped her develop a keen sensitivity for people. She grew up in a small town in Illinois, a child of immigrant Jewish parents, aware that she was different. For example, her family did not celebrate Christmas as almost all others did in her community. She also spent a great deal of time and energy in assisting Jews who managed to escape the concentration camps of Europe during World War II.

After we said goodbye to her following the conference, we were all in agreement that we had met a good person.

Preparations for the commission hearings have accelerated since it was learned that the Los Angeles hearings will be held this July. Most of our efforts now are directed toward the identification of potential witnesses for the hearings. We have been encountering some difficulty in finding witnesses who feel OK about doing this. It is possible that they do not want to recall some of the bad moments in camp and/or feel intimidated by the possibility of appearing personally before the commission. I can understand those feelings and respect them.

However, I believe there are people who are willing to testify but need to be gently nudged and encouraged to do so. Some

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Bookshelf

• Book of Miso

Condensed and revised this year (April), "The Book of Miso: Food for Mankind", written and illustrated by William Shurtleff & Aiko Aoyagi, comes in paperback now (Ballantine: \$3.50). With an introduction to miso cookery, it contains over 400 recipes from soups to sauces to sandwich spreads. Information not in the original 1976 edition has been excerpted from their forthcoming "Soyfoods History".

Ballantine previously published their "Book of Tofu" (\$2.95) and the authors (Soyfoods Center, P.O. Box 234, Lafayette, CA 94549) have published *Tofu & Soy Milk Production*, *Miso Production*, *The Book of Tempeh* (Harper & Row), *Tempeh Production*, and *The Book of Kudzu*.

Wells Fargo pledges

LOS ANGELES—The Wells Fargo Bank, through its Wells Fargo Foundation, has pledged \$15,000 to the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, sending a check for \$5,000 with their letter of notification from Richard J. Borda, executive vice president. Equal payments of \$5,000 will be made over the next two years.

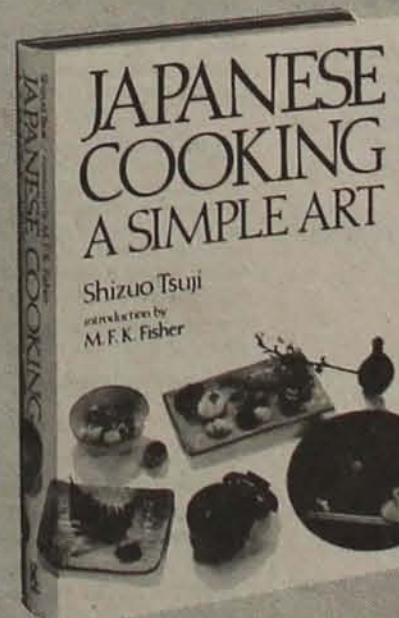
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On Being a Governor

San Francisco

What is the role of a District Governor? As I took office in November, 1980 that question quickly came to mind as a first consideration, in order to properly serve the District membership. Beyond the usual responsibilities, there does not seem to be any significant role for the Governor. Each person can make it whatever they choose it to be.

It is my belief that the Governor's role is to assure that the best interest of the Chapters are represented at the National Board. It is also important that all issues relevant to a specific District are fully aired and hopefully brought to an amiable resolution. Too often concerns are given very late and it is difficult to give proper notice to all interested persons. Too often concerns are discussed locally without District-wide input due to lack of notice.

Reading the minds of other people has not been one of my abilities. No matter how often we have asked for input in the past, there is very little response. There is always a lot of grumbling that certain things were not done. It is very difficult to work in a vacuum. Be up front and tell it like it is. We accept all comments good and bad.

One of the more common traits of Japanese Americans is that of not stepping forward to volunteer. There are many people who wish to participate in the various activities of the District Council but are reluctant to inform the leadership. The best result for a particular concern can occur if those with the interest would volunteer their time and efforts in a timely fashion. So far our District has been fortunate in that most of the committees are led by volunteers who are very capable and have made the commitment to serve the membership. I also know that everyone will give his/her full support and cooperation to them for the year ahead.

One issue which became very clear at the most recent Tri-District Conference was the supposed lack of involvement and decision-making by the women who attended and participated in the Conference. There was a concern raised that all the more important roles and decisions, involved men only. It may have appeared that way, but I don't believe that there was any conscious effort to include women nor to exclude them. Apparently, the enlightened person should make a conscious effort to include women in the various roles and decision-making process. That seems to be discrimination in reverse if you have to do something with special attention and effort. I would ask and hope that every person who wishes to be involved in any special project or program let it be known to the leaders. Part of the function of the Executive Board is to be a sounding board for concerned members-at-large.

If you really want JACL to maintain its viability and existence only the active involvement of the membership through and with the leadership, can this occur.

JACL can decline in its impact if the membership and the local leaders do not give constant input and guidance. I believe that the leadership is willing to work together with everyone to assure the growth and continued viability of JACL. Step forward and be recognized!

HEARINGS

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Japanese tend to "hang back" on this sort of activity, so a bit of prodding may be in order. It is important to have a strong pool of witnesses so we can present to the commission a good cross-section of internees who were negatively affected by the detention camps.

Persons who are willing to serve as witnesses for the hearings at Los Angeles are urged to call John Saito, Southern California Regional Director, (213) 626-4471.

NCWNP-DC seeks nominations for 1981 JACL Scholastic Honor Roll

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL No. Calif.-W. Nev.-Pacific District Council annually recognizes outstanding high school graduates in class and community with an award. Since there is no cash grant added, financial need has never been a consideration in determining the awardees, pointed out Wilson Makabe of Reno, DC scholarship chair.

Applications are due June 30. Program is open to high school seniors whose parents or guardians are current JACL members in the district. Candidates must have a 3.6 GPA minimum, mention their personal scholastic honors and extracurricular activities, work experience and their collegiate interest or major.

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Nat'l JACL Board to meet May 29-31

SAN FRANCISCO—JACL National Board will convene here at National Headquarters starting May 29, 7 p.m., and adjourning by May 31, noon, it was announced by Ron Wakabayashi, national director. Reports from national officers and staff, including the recent Japan trip by President Jim Tsujimura, are on the agenda.

REDRESS

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trying to "compete" with other redress organizations, such as the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations and the National Council for Japanese American Redress.

Dr. Clifford Uyeda, associate chair of the JACL Redress Committee, also felt that other organizations should seek redress in their own ways, for diversity within the community is understandable.

Tateishi also noted that JACL is attempting to acquire endorsements from other civil rights organizations, such as the NAACP and the ACLU.

JACL Redress Guidelines

This past week the JACL received criticism from some community vernacular newspapers, both on the west and east coasts, especially regarding the Redress Guidelines, because of their vagueness.

Tateishi and Uyeda both feel that the guidelines are somewhat open-ended for a reason: both the commission and Congress should have the responsibility of determining what the appropriate remedies should be, after studying the evidence. Tateishi added that this will be the most difficult task that both the commission and the JACL will have to face.

Schaar, perhaps, summed up the importance of the hearings for all organizations seeking redress, stating that the government will be giving the JA community its one big chance to set the record straight:

"Everybody has to feel that this is the most significant and important (issue) in their life at this moment. Otherwise, it's not gonna go."

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Renew JACL Membership

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DENVER, Colo.—Interest in assisting Asian American projects in Colorado was indicated by the statewide Colorado Humanities Program (CHP) committee acting chairman Minoru Yasui as \$150,000 in funds are available for grants this year. Grants may range between \$15,000 to \$30,000.

Deadline for submitting proposal on CHP forms with 28 copies is Aug. 1, attn: CHP, 855 Broadway, Boulder, Colo. 80302

(442-7398). All CHP grants must be matched dollar for dollar with other funds either in cash or in-kind services. Last year, CHP funded a \$15,000 grant to publish 40,000 copies of "Indo-Chinese in Our Midst".

Yasui added his office would assist interested groups in preparing grant applications for CHP funds.

Asian art group
DENVER, Colo.—Denver Art Museum's Asian Art Assn. members will tour the hidden treasures of its department storeroom and plan summer workshops on wood-block prints and ceramics. #

Business
United Bank of Denver announced the appointment of **Peter Hosokawa** to vice president. Now the largest bank in Denver, the second son of the Bill Hosokawas recently joined UBD and was its market manager in the corporate banking group. He has been in banking 11 years.

California First Bank recently named **H. Harry Kitagawa** vice president-manager of the Orange County Airport office. A native of Japan, residing in Irvine with his wife and two children. Kitagawa is also a member of the Greater Irvine Industrial League. #

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Awards

Minoru Yasui, director of the Denver Commission on Community Relations, received an award of appreciation from the Colorado Chapter of the American Jewish Committee at its 75th anniversary dinner April 21. He was among those community leaders whose commitment to principles of human liberty enhanced the quality of life for all people.

Donna Fujimura of Chino High won the \$100 Chino Soroptimists Club citizenship award recently. She is the daughter of the Tom Fujiwaras and niece of Riverside JACL board member Kiyo Hanamura.

Courtroom

Formal enrobing of 12 new judges in Los Angeles occurred April 3 at the county courthouse. Superior Court Judge **Hiroshi Fujisaki**, a West Los Angeles JACLer who has assumed his duties, was among the 12.

The UPI Mar. 26 noted Judge **William Marutani** of Philadelphia prohibited striking city transit workers from picketing Conrail train stations. His preliminary injunction was made permanent because the union is on strike (since Mar. 12) against the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority and not Conrail.

Government

Nisei community activist **Betty Kozasa**, 60, of Los Angeles has been appointed a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging by Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. She has been active in voluntary action and foster grandparent programs in Los Angeles. The White House Conference will develop a comprehensive program and policy on aging.

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14 Nikkei win \$1,000 Merit scholarships

EVANSTON, Ill.—Fourteen more Japanese American high school students won the \$1,000 National Merit scholarship, it was announced April 22 by the Nat'l Merit Scholarship Corp. In all, over 1,200 grants were awarded. The Nikkei are:

Calif.—Kenji Miyasaka, Culver City HS; Mark Shimoza, Christian HS, El Cajon; Katherine K. Koyanagi, Gardena HS; Mike Hiramatsu, Homestead HS, Los Altos; Hawaii—Thomas Y. Fujita, Univ. Laboratory HS, Honolulu; Joan R. Najita, Kaimuki HS, Honolulu; Mari L. Taketa, McKinley HS, Honolulu; Blaine Yokota, Leilehua HS, Pearl City; Idaho—Mark H. Yasuda, Caldwell HS; Illinois—Roger M. Nozaki, Lyons Twp HS, La Grange; New York—Paul I. Sagawa, Brockport HS; Naomi Hasegawa, Peru HS, Plattsburg; Okla.—Nina T. Morishige, Memorial HS, Edmond; Utah—Paul Hiroji Nakayu, Roy HS. #

'Order of Canada' for Sansei stolen

TORONTO—Dozens of the coveted Order of Canada medal have been stolen, some of them ending up in museums but because some appear in pawnshop windows, which the government regards as defaming the order, they are being disposed of outside Canada, according to the Toronto Star, with noted Dr. David Suzuki among the victims.

The Order originated in 1967 during Canada's centennial to recognize outstanding achievement. Suzuki, who once was active with the Chicago Jr. JACL in the early '60s, was recognized in 1977 for his works in genetics. He is professor of zoology at Univ. of British Columbia and conducted science shows over Canadian Broadcasting Corp.'s TV stations.

Two Issei, Genzo Kitagawa of Regina, Sask., and Masajiro Miyazaki of Kamloops, B.C., are also members of the Order of Canada, both longtime leaders in their respective communities.

Medals are reported to range in price from \$300 to \$6,000. #

Government

In Washington, D.C., Dr. **Alvin T. Onaka**, 34, was appointed Executive Director, Commission on Population and the Hawaiian Future, State of Hawaii. Onaka will direct the commission in researching and advising the governor, legislature and other state agencies on the impact of population growth on all aspects of the quality of life on Hawaii's people.

Science

Alan K. Okinaka, a Hawaiian Telephone Co. employee, and David J. Horton and James C.P. Lum, two former employees, were awarded a \$20,000 prize April 3 by the company for developing a new type of "transaction telephone," which can be used for credit card and check verification.

Waialua High senior **Iris Terashima** was a first place winner in the senior research division of the 24th Hawaiian Science and Engineering Fair April 3-4. Terashima studied sugarcane juice as an alternate energy source. #

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