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## Redress commission asks Paul Bannai to head staff

WASHINGTON — Chairperson Joan Bernstein of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians this past week (May 4) asked former Calif. State Assemblyman Paul Bannai of Gardena to head the commission staff as director.

The Pacific Citizen was also advised Wednesday that Bannai, 60, an evacuee who was moved from Boyle Heights, Los Angeles, to Manzanar, accepted.

He left Friday for Washington to establish the office.

During the Congressional Easter recess, Rep. Daniel Lungren (R-Cal), CWRIC vice-chair had conferred with Bannai on various matters, including the redress commission staff position.

### 'Excellent Credentials'

In Denver, Min Yasui, chairman of JACL's National Redress Committee, indicated his pleasure at the selection and stated that Bannai has excellent credentials for the position.

"The appointment of Bannai demonstrates that chairperson Bernstein is indeed sensitive to the JACL and the Nikkei community," Yasui stated. "It is very important," Yasui added, "that a person of Japanese ancestry with special knowledge of the experiences undergone by the Nikkei in 1942-46 have significant input in the responsibilities of the commission staff, and we are therefore gratified by the selection of Paul Bannai as staff director."

Bannai (R) was the first Nisei



Paul Bannai

elected to the state legislature in 1973 and served until he lost his re-election bid last year. His political career began in 1971 as a Gardena city councilman. A realtor by profession, he was on the city planning commission in the late 1960s and was its chairman when elected to the city council.

### Personal Profile

After leaving Manzanar to study at Drake University in Iowa, Bannai served in both the 442nd and MIS, ending his WW2 military career in Java, Bali and Timor representing U.S. forces at Japanese surrender ceremonies.

His wife, Hideko, decided to finish her education at the time Bannai entered public life as their

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## Nisei teacher's firing upheld

### PC UPDATE

MERCED, Ca. — Dismissal of eighth-grade teacher Mitsue Takahashi by the Livingston school board was upheld May 1 by Merced County Superior Court Judge Donald R. Fretz. She had sought reversal to the board's 2-1 ruling which alleged that she was incompetent because she had no control over her students (PC 12/12/80 and 3/6/81).

Fretz, who replaced Judge George G. Murray, ruled from the

bench that the school board was not required to set objective standards for a teacher's competence as it relates to student conduct.

Takahashi had claimed that the school's administrative panel did not give her a fair hearing and that the school district's charges were false, exaggerated and misrepresented. She also contended that the

Livingston School District's standards of teacher competence were ill-defined, an issue her attorney, Ernest Tuttle III, emphasized at the hearing.

Principal Dale Eastlee had previously testified to 12 incidents of her incompetence in discipline between 1977-1979. Principal Hamilton Brannan, who replaced Eastlee, had concluded in less than a year that Takahashi could not control her students and filed a Notice

of Intention to dismiss her in May, 1980. But both admitted that her students met standard academic goals.

Takahashi countered her success in meeting the academic standards of the school district disputed the allegation of her inability to control her students.

### Intends to Appeal

Calling the charges "ridiculous," Takahashi, who has been teaching at the school for 20 years, told the Pacific Citizen May 7 that she would appeal for her reinstatement. "It appears to be that they're

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## Goldberg says Supreme Court erred on E.O. 9066

BY PETER IMAMURA

LOS ANGELES — Although Justice Arthur J. Goldberg of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians was unable to attend the May 7 dinner meeting of the Japanese American Bar Association (JABA), he was still able to deliver a very poignant and inspiring speech through his spokesperson, Lois J. Wilzewske, executive administrator of the CWRIC.

The retired Supreme Court Associate Justice, absent due to ill health, said that it would be premature of him to anticipate what the commission would recommend as remedies for the internment victims after the hearings. However, Goldberg lent his personal views on the legal issues of the Evacuation to the audience of about 300 at the New Otani Hotel.

Citing the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the constitutionality of Executive Order 9066 in *Korematsu v. the United States*, Goldberg said, "It has long been my view that *Korematsu* is one of the worst decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States; perhaps, second only to *Dred Scott v. Sanford*, which, in large measure, precipitated the Civil War."

He continued, "For me, the applicable constitutional principle was stated by the Supreme Court in the great case of *Ex parte Milligan*... in that case, which declared invalid the action of President Abraham Lincoln of denying habeas corpus to persons charged with disloyalty to the Union, while the regular courts were functioning in the District of Columbia, the Court said:

"The Constitution of the United States is a law for rulers and people, equally, in war and in peace, and covers, with the shield of its protection, all classes of men, at all times, and under all circumstances."

Goldberg felt that if *Ex parte Milligan* is right, which he believes it to be, then *Korematsu* is "very wrong." He noted that such politicians as California Gov. Earl Warren, who was later

known for his liberal stand on civil rights, supported E.O. 9066. However, this fact simply proves, according to Goldberg, that "great cases, like hard cases, make bad law" and that "almost no one in authority is immune from war hysteria."

He added, "It proves, as Justice (Frank) Murphy warned us in *Korematsu*, how necessary it is to guard against falling 'into the ugly abyss of racism'."

He continued, "The basic question before our commission is: what can we appropriately recommend to redress a constitutional violation of such magnitude?"

On this question, Goldberg said that he is aware of the division within the Japanese American community. He then recalled what a Nikkei friend, who is against monetary restitution, told him on the matter: "He said that the real question is how to restore to Japanese Americans the 15 years of life they lost, due to the five years of internment and the ten following years of

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## Long-awaited Levine study on Issei-Nisei-Sansei printed

CHICAGO — The scholarly JACL-JARP volume, "The Japanese American Community: A Three-Generation Study" by Gene N. Levine and Colbert Rhodes (\$23.50, New York: Praeger Publishers) has been printed. It is now available through JACL offices in Chicago, San Francisco, Washington and at Los Angeles in the Pacific Citizen office at \$17.95 cash & carry or \$18.95 postpaid.

Levine's special study, which began in 1963 with the Issei survey, sought to discover how the Japanese American community has managed to retain its solidarity, despite all the contrary pressures for assimilation and acculturation. He addressed the question by concentrating on the Nisei, using the Issei as the basis and employing the Sansei data to gauge outcomes.

The appendix to the 242-page book includes the Nisei and Sansei questionnaire. Of particular value are the 87 tables showing sociological and behavioral attitudes.

## Carole Fujita's battle for promotion succeeds

LOS ANGELES — Dr. F. Carole Fujita's bid for a promotion culminated April 6 when she was named Pharmacy Supervisor I at Harbor/UCLA Medical Center, ending an 18-month endeavor that involved community support because the promotion had been denied on racial grounds.

While the Support Committee for Carole Fujita was elated over the appointment as "a significant community victory for Asian Americans and women", it also pledged to continue similar efforts to help another Nisei pharmacist, Dr. Charles Hayase, who had been passed over for promotion.

Four representatives of the Support Committee had met March 9 with Supervisor Ed Edelman and his senior deputy, Jim Miyano, and requested board intervention to resolve the job discrimination against Fujita. Edelman agreed to follow-up. The four representatives were:

John Saito, PSW-JACL regional director; Adol Aguayon, pres., L.A. County Asian American Employees Assn.; Wilma Casaciang, and Irene Hirano, Asian Pacific Women's Network.

On the Hayase issue, the Support Committee's concern was also pointed out to Robert White, director, L.A. County Dept of Health Services. It charged the county with possible retaliation against an employee who exercised his right to speak out. Hayase, with 11 years experience in the county, a Ph.D. degree in pharmacy and previous supervisory experience, has scored 1 or 2 in past promotional exams. He has filed a grievance against the county.

The support committee contended that in the selection process involving Hayase, one of the county interviewers who heard Fujita during the commission hearings was also aware of Hayase's testimony.

## 'Japanese Camp Newspapers' available in 50 microfilms

WASHINGTON — The Library of Congress Photoduplication Service can provide the microfilm edition of the Japanese Relocation Camp and Assembly Center Newspapers. Publications from all 10 relocation camps and the two assembly centers are present in the file. The Library of Congress collection—no doubt, the best in the United States—has been microfilmed for reasons of preservation.

Although histories exist about this unpleasant and embarrassing chapter in American History (Edward H. Spicer's *Impounded People*, 1969), the Japanese Camp Newspapers record the concerns and the day-to-day life of the interned Japanese Americans.

Although articles in these files frequently appear in Japanese, most of the papers are in English or in dual text. Many of the 50 titles constituting this collection are complete or substantially complete. The files have been carefully collated and omissions are noted.

## Reischauer ends an era at Harvard

BOSTON, Ma. — Prof. Edwin O. Reischauer, 70, delivered his farewell lecture April 22 at Harvard University's Yenching Institute though he intends to stay for another year working on his memoirs.

When he began his graduate studies 50 years ago, Asian studies was of little academic concern. Interest in the field seems to be booming today, Reischauer noted.

Substantial files included which are worthy of special note are: *Rohwer Outpost*, *Poston Chronicle*, *Gila News Courier*, *Tulean Dispatch*, *Granada Pioneer*, *Minidoka Irrigator*, *Topaz Times* and *Heart Mountain Sentinel*.

Contributions are being solicited by Mas Hironaka, c/o San Diego JACL, P.O. Box 2548, San Diego, Ca 92112, to purchase the LC microfilm edition of "Japanese Camp Newspapers" for the Pacific Citizen. Any overages will be used to purchase other LC microfilms related to Japanese American history and for microfilm reader-printer maintenance. Checks should be payable to "San Diego JACL-PC Project".

Also available are two studies dealing with the history of Military Intelligence Service Language School during WW2:

#49479: USWD Gen Staff G-2 Div. MISLS: The Training History of the Military Intelligence Service Language Schools (1949). 2 reels \$38.00.

#49480: USWD Gen Staff G-2 Div. Japanese Language Program at the Univ of Mich by Joseph K Yamaguchi, Ann Arbor (1943-46). 2 reels \$32.00.

These studies emphasize organizational problems and basic instructional materials, reproductions of captured documents, information on Japanese military terms, orders of battle and data gleaned from Japanese radio broadcasts dealing with conditions just prior to and at the time of V-J Day.

## Redress committee sets guidelines for witness

SAN FRANCISCO — The JACL National Committee for Redress disclosed its process for identifying witnesses who wish to testify before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. This information has been sent to JACL chapter presidents and chapter redress representatives.

Each chapter is expected to form a "witness search committee" for the purpose of identifying potential witnesses within its geographical community. These search committees can then forward their lists of biographical information of potential witnesses to JACL Headquarters.

Individuals who wish to appear before the commission should submit written testimony and contact their local JACL chapter or the National Committee for Redress at the JACL Headquarters.

To assist those wishing to present testimony to the commission, JACL is preparing suggested guidelines and sample testimony. In addition, JACL chapters will be sponsoring community training sessions to discuss format, and procedures for presenting testimony to the Commission.

The JACL Redress Committee

emphasizes that it does not judge nor determine who will have the opportunity to testify before the commission. That decision is reserved to its staff.

However, the JACL witness identification process was established to ensure many and varied presentations of wartime experiences before the commission. The JACL chapter lists are to be

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### Yasui asks for hearings at 10 cities

DENVER, Colo. — Min Yasui, chairperson of the JACL National Committee for Redress, formally requested by letter May 2 to Commission Chair Joan Z. Bernstein that the hearings be held in the ten cities originally recommended by the JACL: Chicago, Denver, Fresno, Los Angeles, New York, Phoenix, Portland, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Seattle.

In addition, Yasui has also requested the commission to hire interpreters and translators for their staff to accommodate the Issei, and that the commission consider all requests from persons interested in testifying and submitting testimony.

### NCWNP-DC holds own fete for Tateishi

SAN FRANCISCO — John Tateishi had received the JACLer of the Bienium award at the 1980 national convention here for his leadership, sacrifice and time put into the organization as national chair of the JACL redress committee.

His being a Northern Californian, the home district council was not to be denied as the past governors of the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council and the regional director held their own "thank you" party May 1 at the Jack Tar Hotel—where the 1980 Convention was supposed to be staged but relocated due to a labor crisis.

Many of the 250 present repeated to George Kondo, regional director, what a fine and cozy dinner it was for Tateishi. American-style kalua pig was the main dish; Rep. Norman Mineta, Dr. Jim Tsujimura, Min Yasui and Ron Wakabayashi spearheaded the line-up of speakers—plus other impromptu encomiums. Rep. Bob Matsui was ill and unable to attend. Telegrams were read from Senators Dan Inouye and Spark Matsunaga. Scrolls from the state assembly, state senate, the City's merit award, the NC-WNPDC resolution, and other mementos and tokens of appreciation from chapters, including Alameda and West Valley were heaped upon the one-time college English instructor who is serving as staff coordinator for the JACL redress committee.

Also recognized and given a gift was staff researcher Carole Haya-shino.

Dr. Harry Hatasaka of Sequoia was emcee.

Other credits go to Ninomiya Nursery of Richmond and Taxie Hironaka of San Francisco for the flowers.



✓ This corner of the PC shall be "home" for much of the news and reference material from the JACL National Committee on Redress. Commentary from readers, chapter or districts will be found on the usual pages devoted to opinions. —Editor.

## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF WITNESS

## Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians

(1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (4) Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) U.S. Citizen: Yes ☐ No ☐ Perm. Resident: Yes ☐ No ☐

Naturalized Citizen: Yes ☐ No ☐

(6) Generation: ☐ Issei, ☐ Nisei, ☐ Sansei, ☐ Yonsei,  
☐ Kibei, ☐ Newcomer.

(7) Were you interned during World War II? Yes ☐ No ☐  
If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

(8) Residence before internment: \_\_\_\_\_

(9) Occupation before internment: \_\_\_\_\_

## WORLD WAR II INTERNMENT, LOSSES

(10) Assembly Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

(11) Concentration Camp: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

(12) Res. after camp \_\_\_\_\_ Postwar employment \_\_\_\_\_

(13) Estimate your monetary losses (or your family's if you were not of age at the time) due to the incarceration:

☐ Less than \$10,000 ☐ \$25,000 - 50,000  
☐ \$10,000 - 25,000 ☐ Over \$50,000  
☐ Unknown

(14) Nature of the testimony you would like to present, (indicating whether it will be written, oral or both).

(15) Can you suggest others who may wish to testify?

✓ This form may be given to the chapter president or sent immediately to National JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, Ca 94115, (415) 921-5225.

## Acknowledgement

JACL-PSWDC REDRESS  
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Hiroshi Uyebara/Aloha Grocery (LA), George T. Aratani (Hollywood).

PSWDC Redress Goal: \$50,000.00  
Total to Date: \$13,006.00

Contributions to the "JACL-PSWDC" should be sent to P.O. Box 189, Monterey Park, Ca 91754.

## New BCA bishop installed

SAN FRANCISCO—Bishop Haruo Seigen Yamaoka was installed as the head of the Buddhist Churches of America April 25, the first American-born bishop to be installed in this post in its 82-year history.

He succeeded Canadian-born Bishop Kenryu Takashi Tsuji in a ceremony held in the BCA head chapel in the Buddhist Church

## Women's Network to hold 2nd confab

SAN FRANCISCO—For those interested in the concerns of all Asian/Pacific women, the California Asian/Pacific Women's Network will hold its second statewide conference May 29-31 at the Amfac Hotel, San Francisco International Airport.

## Redress Guidelines

Adopted Feb. 6, 1981, by National JACL Board

I. PURPOSE: (a) To achieve redress for all persons who suffered injustices by official actions of the United States Government during World War II, as a result of the issuance of Presidential Executive Order 9066 and other associated official actions of the United States Government.

(b) To deter the reoccurrence (sic) of such future arbitrary action by the government which is contrary to the principles upon which this nation was founded.

II. BASIS FOR CLAIM: Individual and community injustices and losses suffered arising out of the issuance of Presidential Executive Order 9066 and other associated official actions of the United States Government.

III. ELIGIBILITY: Beneficiaries of any remedies enacted by (the) Congress, in connection with the exclusion and subsequent internment of civilians during World War II, shall include those who were forcibly expelled by the military and detained, or who were compelled to move because of military orders in force or pending, and all those who were affected by Executive Order 9066 and other associated actions of the United States Government.

IV. REDRESS: (a) The United States Congress shall be called upon to appropriate a total monetary sum based upon:

1—Property damages incurred by those affected by the forced expulsion and incarceration, determined by agencies of the United States Government. This amount shall be appropriately adjusted for the intervening years since 1941.

2—Personal losses and injuries suffered as a consequence of the actions of the Government.

Payment and receipt of any monies appropriated by Congress shall be free from any federal, state or local taxes, and shall not escheat to any state or municipality, and shall not affect eligibility to receive any benefits.

(b) In addition, the United States Government shall be called upon to appropriate or otherwise make available funds or resources in special programs for the benefit of those classes and groups excluded and/or interned under Executive Order 9066 and associated official actions of the United States Government.

V. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS: Congress shall establish perpetual, non-profit foundations to administer such funds appropriated by the Congress. Disbursements from such funds shall be in accordance with such rules and regulations to be established by said foundations, it being explicitly understood that individual payments shall be made from such funds, as well as other disbursements, such as social, civil rights and educational programs in redress of those communities which were physically and sociologically disrupted as a direct result of the issuance of Executive Order 9066. #

of San Francisco.

Yamaoka, 47, was born in Fresno and is a graduate of the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley.

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forwarded to the commission staff in Washington D.C.

JACL Redress Coordinator John Tateishi stated that further information on the witness identification process or guidelines for testimony may be obtained from JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, 94115. (415) 921-5225.

## Government

Joyce Inouye-Seymour, a 32-year-old paralegal secretary and legal assistant in San Francisco, was appointed to the State Board of Cosmetology last month by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.

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## And On TV . . .

Los Angeles  
Last week, a local TV station (KTLA-5) presented a week-long series of "kung fu" movies from the Republic of China, calling the shows "A Tribute to Fists of Fury". Apparently, these films were being shown to coincide with Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week.

Unfortunately, these films are not very flattering to Asian Americans: in addition to the bad acting and sub-cranial plots, they also depicted the Japanese as the loathsome villains, always plotting to take over China, rape its women, etc.

When these films were originally released in theaters,

they caused quite a stir in the Nikkei community. The Chinese film companies who made these epics probably had their reasons for always depicting the Japanese as the bad guys; perhaps the Chinese government would not allow them to make films showing their people fighting amongst themselves, so they had to find a convenient "enemy" which could be easily cast within their budgets. Or, there might have been other political reasons.

Whatever the filmmakers' motives, KTLA certainly used some bad judgment in televising them—one of the reasons for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week is to encour-

age unity among all Asian Americans—and these films are obviously no tribute to the progress they've made.

On the other hand, the same station did show a film late one night that has not been seen for a while—"Flower Drum Song." Although this film was a bit corny and in many aspects, stereotyped, it did have, at least, a few redeeming qualities: an all-Asian cast with Asian leads; and perhaps, most importantly, it was an Asian American love story. This film was made 20 years ago; when was the last time a commercial film with all these features released?

And speaking of mass media, a very prominent member of this profession here in Southern California dropped by the PC office. Tria Toyota, anchorperson for KNBC's Newscenter 4, came in to do a little research for her UCLA class.

Since I had never met her before, I didn't even recognize

### Nikkei charged with threatening Carter

FRESNO, Ca.—A Fresno man, Farrell Isamu Honda, pleaded innocent to charges that he threatened the lives of President Carter and President-elect Reagan on Jan. 19.

A federal grand jury indictment alleged that Honda, 28, a former postal worker, mailed a threatening letter to Carter that also contained remarks about Reagan.

Honda, who also faces 17 counts of mail fraud, was ordered to stand trial in U.S. District Court here July 16. His defense attorney said that the letter "was not meant to be a threat" and was tied to friction with Honda's supervisor.

ble the early burning of the mortgage; former Congressman Jim Lloyd, then West Covina mayor when the center was being constructed; and Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Cal.), who was introduced as a onetime San Gabriel Valley resident (he was an internee at Santa Anita in 1942).

Shiro Takemoto and Yosh Sogio, both four-term JCC presidents shared emcee duties. Marvel Miyata was program coordinator.

tomo bank officials, guarantors of the loan and the donors.

Special appreciation was extended to Mrs. Hazel Roberts, who with her husband, took care of the center during the Evacuation period; Mrs. Kinu Yamashita, whose \$10,000 contribution made possi-

### Hibakusha radio show cited

ANAHEIM, Ca.—"Invisible Victims: Japanese American Survivors of the Atomic Bomb" won first place at the 1980 Public Radio Program Awards April 29 in the category of Station-Initiated News Coverage.

It was presented during the Corp. for Public Broadcasting convention here. The half-hour documentary, produced by Barbara Noguchi and Stan Kadani for Western Public Radio, San Francisco, examines the lives of some 700 Japanese Americans who lived through the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and returned to the U.S. only to face the long-term effects of radiation.

The documentary also focuses on their controversial attempts to secure medical aid from the U.S. government.

### Hibakusha symposium slated at U. of Wash.

SEATTLE—As part of their 1981 itinerary, the Hiroshima medical team examining atomic bomb survivors in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, and Honolulu, will conduct a symposium here on the effects of radiation on human beings at Univ. of Washington Health Sciences auditorium, Friday, May 22, 1:43 p.m. Featured in the program is a 30-minute documentary of damage wrought by the Hiroshima bomb. Seattle JACL president Lloyd Hara moderates.



Kashu Mainichi Photo

**MORTGAGE BURNING**—A \$170,000 mortgage for East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center's eight-year-old complex goes up in flames. Pictured are (from left) Rep. Norman Mineta (onetime resident of the valley—in 1942 at Santa Anita); center president Paul Imahara; Tom Yamashita, past center president; Stannyvonne Oishi, Miss '81 Citrus Valley; and Hiroshi Kawai of Sumitomo Bank of Calif., v.p.-mgr., Los Angeles office.

## San Gabriel Valley center pays off mortgage in 8 years

WEST COVINA, Ca.—A joyous occasion, the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, Inc., May 3 burned its \$170,000 mortgage, acquired some eight years ago to complete construction of its new complex here. Now comprised of four structures enclosing a central courtyard (where Sumitomo Bank of California planted a cherry tree as part of the celebration), cost of such a project would be over a half million dollars to start, JCC officials agreed.

Holding a candle with flame, Stannyvonne Oishi, '81 Miss Citrus Valley Optimist queen, lit the mortgage, which was being held by Paul Imahara, center president, who then dropped the flaming paper into an empty container, while the audience of about 200 applauded.

Joining in the celebration were civic dignitaries who helped launched the center in 1972, Sumi-

### Maryknoller marks golden jubilee

LOS ANGELES—Bro. Bernard Puthoff, M.M., celebrates his 50th year as a religious brother at Maryknoll chapel May 17, 10 a.m., with a Mass and a reception following in the hall. Assigned in 1938 to Maryknoll School here, it became a permanent post working with the Japanese Americans. During the Evacuation years, he accompanied the late Father Lavery visiting the various internment centers.

### 'Manzanar' pictorial

The price of the "Manzanar Pilgrimage" pictorial (Apr. 24 PC) should have read \$7.50 postpaid, Manzanar Committee, 1566 Curran St., Los Angeles, Ca 90026. Publication date was April 25 but a slight delay encountered with the covers has delayed its release. Those who remitted only \$6.50 are requested to add another \$1 which covers postage & handling.



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her at first (I probably would have if she had a TV set around her head).

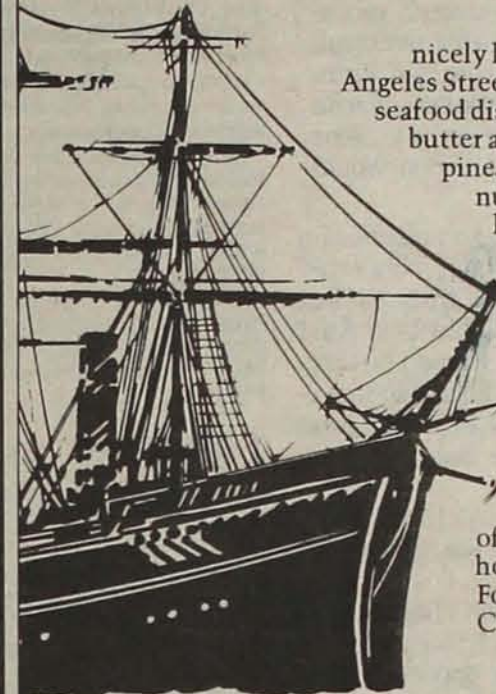
All kidding aside, Tria is a very charming and amiable

person and Carol Saito told me that she is very active in community activities (such as emceeing the recent Tri-District Conference).

It was very nice to meet someone like her; I guess from now on, Tria will be more than "just another pretty face" on the tube to me. #

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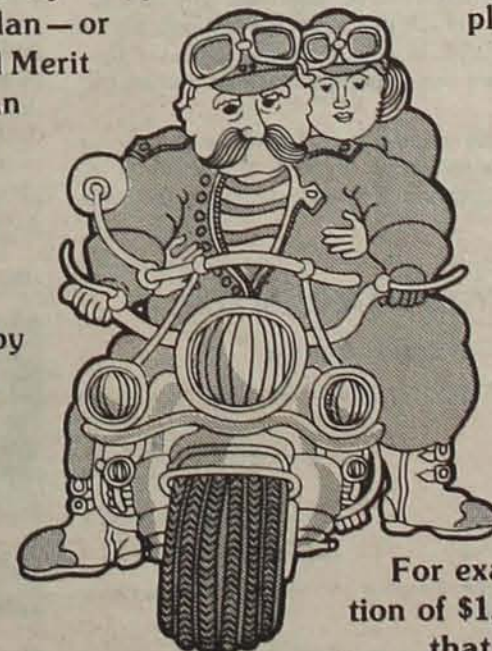
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## Japan Trip

Part II

The weather in Portland, early morning of April 3, was somewhat overcast. But by departure time from San Francisco to my final destination—Narita International Airport, the sky was clear and beautiful ... what I hoped would be an omen of things to come.

Thoughts raced through my mind. Bits and pieces of a huge puzzle finally coming together through concerted efforts of so many — and now the moment of truth, the last piece would soon be placed into position. Would it fit? Am I worthy of this honor and responsibility — would I be up to the task that lay before me — would I do justice in representing JACL? These were my concerns as I bade fond farewell to several well-wishers at the Sakura Room (courtesy of JAL).

With a roar of its jet engines, the B-747, JAL Flight #001, was airborne. I was tucked comfortably in seat 26K ready for the 11-hour flight to Tokyo.

Dick Yamashita, a member of the Japan chapter who was in the U.S. on business, was kind enough to arrange his flight back to coincide with mine. This opportunity to discuss the trip in depth was most invaluable.

The first problem, of sorts, encountered was in-flight. Because I look Japanese, it must have been taken for granted that I spoke the language. Although I can understand more than I can speak Japanese—which is very little indeed, my reading and writing are nil. But with my pidgin Japanese, we somehow communicated. One could not help but feel how lonely it must be for those who do not speak or understand the native language of the land. I now begin to understand what many Issei must have experienced and what many visitors are experiencing even today. Only a few hours into my journey and I had already broadened my perspective. As a result, I for one will extend my hand in friendship at every opportunity to those crossing our international borders. #

YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry Honda

## Our Assistant Pete

Last piece here was titled, "Cartoonist Pete". It's about time, you all meet our editorial assistant Pete Imamura—on the PC staff since the first week of February. A soft-spoken reporter, a 1978 UCLA graduate in communication studies and journalism who previously worked for a magazine in Hawaii (where his folks come from, though Pete is a native Angeleno, 25 years old, 5 ft 8, 145 lb.) and at the UCLA graduate library helping to computerize the library titles, he's reliving his UCLA Asian American courses on a daily basis keeping track or finding the roots of stories for us.

It might take another man (named Pete?) to allow us time to dash off more columns here—since we are in the midst of computerizing the PC subscription files and pasting up the 1980 Convention Minutes. #

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May 10—Nisei Veterans Assn., L.A., oppose separate Japanese American posts by American Legion or VFW.

May 11—Army assigns 6 Nisei MIS veterans to 8th Army war crimes defense office in Yokohama.

May 15—Over 800 evacuees moved into temporary Winona Federal Public Housing (auto trailers) Project in Burbank.

May 15—War Relocation Authority ends resettlement work; all west coast offices closed; L.A. County supervisors ask U.S. to keep WRA office in county open for unfinished task of resettling over 800 homeless evacuees.

May 15—Immigration appeals board hears JACL (through counsels A.L. Wirin and Saburo Kido) for delay in deportation of 100 Issei on "hardship" grounds; cite earlier case where 3,000 refugees were permitted to stay, though subject to deportation.

May 17—Restrictive covenants tested in Tom D. Amer (Chinese American) case in Los Angeles; served as combat photographer with U.S. Army's Chinese Infantry Unit overseas.

May 18—PC reprints Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial by Hodding Carter of Delta (Greenville, Miss.) Democrat-Times on "Go For Broke".

## Letterbox

### Mark Weber Article

In my letter to the editor (PC, 4/24/81) I mentioned favorably an article on the Evacuation written by Mark Weber in the Journal of Historical Review. (Spring, 81 issue).

I would like to call attention of the readers that the article itself is acceptable, but the publication in which it appeared is a pro-Nazi mouthpiece which is cleverly disguised as an academic research institute.

JAMES ODA  
Fontana, Ca.

### Netsuke displayed

SAN FRANCISCO—"Netsuke: Myth and Nature in Miniature," a collection of tiny, functional sculptures, are now on exhibit at the Asian Art Museum in Golden Gate Park through Sept. 8.

### PRIORITIES: Henry T. Tanaka

## Soul of JACL



Cleveland  
What keeps JACL ticking? Despite the unending fiscal problems, the repeated personnel squabbles and the seemingly lack of bold and forthright leadership at all levels, JACL stays "afloat".

I have a feeling that the continued life of JACL is due to the strong commitment of its membership, to values which were carried over from our Issei heritage and which were symbolized by the Japanese American experience during WW2. We've been exposed to such values as *giri* (obligation), *gaman* (withstand adversity), *enryo* (politeness), *haji* (shame), *Yamato-damashi* (spirit of determination). In the most positive sense, these values have been part of the Japanese American families.

Whether we recognize it or not, these values have been incorporated as part of the soul of JACL.

Some of these values have influenced our views, individually and collectively, of the objectives of JACL. To what extent do we desire to raise our level of consciousness and awareness on discrimination and human rights issues? To what extent do we desire to preserve the Japanese American experiences as part of our cultural heritage? Will we continue to be the only ethnic group that identify itself by generations: Issei, Nisei, Sansei, and Yonsei?

The soul of JACL reflects the values ascribed by its membership. When these values change substantially, so will JACL. #



### WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ron Ikejiri

## Bannai's Role

Washington  
With the appointment of Paul Bannai, former California state assemblyman from Gardena, to the position of executive director of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilian staff, in Washington, the Japanese American community can expect the fact-finding work of the commission to begin in earnest.

It is expected that the time-table for the hearings and the guidelines for the research work will be formally agreed upon by the commissioners within the next few weeks.

Over the past five months, the JACL Redress chair Min Yasui and Redress coordinator John Tateishi have actively developed the district and chapter participation in the upcoming commission hearing process. The time has come that your personal participation in the Commission process begin ... your personal involvement and spirited support in the Commission activities in the months ahead is enthusiastically requested! #



## TEACHER

Continued from Front Page

abolishing (teachers') tenure through judicial edict in California," she commented.

Fifteen incidents which spanned January 1978 through April 1980 were relied upon by the school board to show incompetence. Eight of these incidents involved her alleged failure to control her students; five centered on alleged failure to properly teach planned lessons and two involved children being transferred out of her class because they could not concentrate, due to classroom noise.

JACL employment practice committee chair Norman Ishimoto, a government employment investigator by profession, noted one student who had requested transfer from Takahashi's class had, in fact, advanced one year in ability in only three months.

Another charge was unfounded: for example, the school janitor purporting to have witnessed a student shouting an obscenity in her room later admitted during the initial board hearing last October that he saw nothing.

### Contradictory Decision

She was also puzzled by fact that she was once allowed to take her class, supposedly the most "unruly" in school, on a field trip by herself, with no incidents occurring which required disciplinary action. She questioned the principal's decision to allow her to go on the trip alone, when the school felt she could not handle her class.

Many of Takahashi's defenders had claimed testimony from students and several teachers supporting her was restricted at the October predissmissal hearing.

Another questionable point involves a claim made by Livingston School Superintendent Harold Thompson, who said that Takahashi's ability to control student behavior had been in question about 10 years, with documentation beginning about four years ago. The fact that the school took so long to oust Takahashi was debated by Takahashi's defenders.

The California Teachers Assn. provided Takahashi with legal representation and the JACL Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council had voted Feb. 15 to ensure that she received a fair hearing. JACL has not taken any stance on the charge of incompetence.

Ishimoto doesn't think a racial issue exists but the tensions for JACL are real: Takahashi is a JACL member as are two members on the board that voted to allow the superintendent to fire her. Ishimoto and Lorrie Inagaki, JACL legal and program director, have been on this case to determine whether Takahashi's civil rights were violated and if the school district had in fact proved incompetence.

Persons representing Takahashi's defense were somewhat surprised by Fretz's rather immediate ruling, considering the fact that he was new to the case, according to Inagaki. Tuttle noted that the judge read over a 400-page document on the case somewhat quickly as well.

Although it will take about 18 months, at the least, for Takahashi to get another hearing, she has asked Tuttle to file the appeal.

"I've devoted my life to the school," said Takahashi, who pointed out that she accumulated many college credits past her B.A. from attending many educational workshops. "It's not to easy to just walk away."

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

## Scholarly Looks at Japanized English

Denver, Colo.

For a long time I've been fascinated by the strange and wonderful things the Japanese do to the English language. I've written about this subject in several columns, but until recently I didn't know that scholars have made enough of a study to write at least two books on their findings.

The more recent is "Japanese and the Japanese Language and Cultural Change," by Herbert Passin, a serious Ivy League scholar who has spent some 15 years in Japan. My friend Kay Tateishi brought the book to my attention. The title, unfortunately, is terribly weighty for a tome that spends space for such matters as a discussion of the history of kissing in Japan.

Historically, Passin says, there was no agreed upon term for kissing although there were such gems as *kuchi-zuke* (mouth touching) and *kuchisui* (mouth sucking).

The other book is "English Loan Words in Japanese," by Prof. Akira Miura, a Tokyo native and associate professor of Japanese at the Univ. of Wisconsin who re-

ceived his doctorate at Columbia. I am indebted for this book to Jim and Mari Imai of Sunnyvale, Calif., who are aware of my language interests, and sent me a copy picked up in Japan. Miura's book was published in 1979 by Charles E. Tuttle.

Miura's book would indicate that if a Nisei or some other foreigner is unsure about his Japanese vocabulary, it's fairly safe to use the English word but with Japanese pronunciation. Take, for instance the word "cost", pronounced *kosuto*. If you wanted to assert that production costs had increased, it's a lot easier to say *kosuto uppu* than *seisanshi-josho*.

But there are some oddities. Take "quick," pronounced *kuikku*. Miura explains: "The usual Japanese word for quick is *hayai* or *subayai*. The use of *kuikku* is generally limited to ballroom dancing, in which it means 'quick-step'. A typical lesson in ballroom dancing is given by an instructor who demonstrates steps as he calls out, *Kuikku, kuikku, suro!*"

Miura introduces us to *Jiruba* which, oddly enough, is "jitterbug". "The fact that it did not become *jitabaggu* (which would have been the case if the Japanese, as they

normally do, had closely followed the spelling of the original English word) is significant. Obviously *jiruba* was a word brought into Japanese not by intellectuals, but by people who had actual contact with the GIs ... who were more interested in how the original word was pronounced by the GIs than in how it was spelled."

Some words taken on a meaning different from that of the original English. Take "cunning". *Kanningu* has come to mean cheating in examinations. A slip of paper on which a student scribbles answers to cheat in an exam is called a *kanningu-pepa* (paper).

And an *iguru* (eagle) isn't necessarily a bird. It's primarily a golf term for two strokes below par on a given hole.

Now let's turn to *basuto* or "bust". Miura tells us the practice of having one's bust, waist and hips measured to have clothes made was introduced to Japan with Western civilization. At first bust, waist and hip were translated as *mune-mawari* (chest circumference) *do-mawari* (body circumference) and *shiri-mawari* (bottom circumference). "These terms gradually came to be regarded as too direct and crude and were eventually replaced by less-direct loanwords: *basuto*, *uesuto* and *hippu*. And while we're in the general area, let's mention *buraja* for (brassiere) which Miura tells us has replaced *chichi-bando* from the Japanese for "breasts" plus the English "band."

The Japanese difficulty with "l" and "r" sounds has led to *boringu* meaning either boring a hole for oil, or bowling a ball. And, strangely enough, *Meriken* (a term I've heard was used by Japanese immigrants in Canada) means both "American" and "hard punch to the nose" or "fist clenched for a fight". 'Nuff said. #

### SPEAKING OUT:

## Nat'l Commission: A 2nd Chance

By GORDON HIRABAYASHI  
Chair, Seattle JACL Redress Committee

If the American government was caught with its pants down at Pearl Harbor, so were the Japanese Americans shortly after when the Exclusion Order was issued. To those who grew up in the human rights and protest era, it may appear unfathomable that the Japanese American leaders of 1942 could encourage as an act of patriotism and loyalty full cooperation with an order which violated their own constitutional rights as citizens. Neither desiring to vilify nor to justify, but simply wishing to understand how such a phenomenon can occur, it may be helpful to briefly explore the America in which the Nisei grew up.

Before World War II the Nisei daily experienced racism; civil service jobs were closed; many professional openings, like public school teaching and engineering were unavailable; restrictive covenants were legal, making most of the better residential areas open to "white Gentiles only." The good hotels and restaurants frequently were out-of-bounds to Nisei, and public facilities like swimming pools were either available at specified periods only or not at all. The Nisei were second class citizen and had to bend with the wind and quietly cope as their survival technique. Confrontation was abhorred as suicide, regardless of rightness.

On the other hand the Nisei learned at school about the flag salute, the Preamble and the Constitution, including the Bill of Rights and related amendments guaranteeing them citizenship regardless of race, religion, creed or national origin. They subscribed to the principles of American democracy not only 100% but with tremendous enthusiasm (as though to counteract the racism).

How did the Nisei rationalize these two realities? To the extent possible, they practiced compartmentalizing, that is, keeping the two realities apart, facing them wherever possible one at a time. But when the exclusion order was issued, the two realities inescapably confronted them simultaneously. What emerged was the "Quiet American" suddenly goaded into patriotic activism, resulting in the urge to subscribe to the government orders 100%.

To be sure there were other factors, like the sudden disappearance after Pearl Harbor of the experienced Issei leadership, coupled with the inexperience of the Nisei. And without developing this scenario in greater detail, it is bound to appear oversimplified. But whatever, if the Japanese Americans were less than prepared to confront injustice in 1942, we have a second chance in 1981 with the National Commission that is just getting underway. How are we going to respond this time? #

—Seattle JACL Newsletter

(Dr. Hirabayashi, professor of sociology at the Univ. of Alberta, is a visiting professor at the Univ. of Washington at the present time. This is the same person who had challenged the constitutionality of the U.S. government's curfew on all persons of Japanese ancestry including American citizens but no one else on the west coast because of war. Since the Congress in effect had ratified Executive Order 9066 by providing for penalties if military orders were violated, the U.S. Supreme Court in the Hirabayashi decision in 1943 held that the President and the Congress had the power to impose the curfew through the military and further held the curfew was a valid exercise of the "power to wage war successfully", in essence the right to discriminate racially. Whether all of the facts as available today sustain the judgment of the court will be a major concern of the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.—Ed.)

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

## Expletives: With an Accent

Philadelphia

IT WAS A holiday weekend: few vehicles were on the streets and the few early-risers were blankly gazing into the display windows of closed stores. I'd driven into town, determined to clear up some of that paperwork that was clogging my desk. But I decided I'd first fortify myself with early morning sustenance, perhaps a cup of coffee and an egg 'n ham sandwich. All the familiar restaurants were closed so I scouted some of the less familiar, small streets in the vicinity. I finally located one: it was what one may call a "hash house" but not being one who is unfamiliar with such establishments, I entered.

THE "ESTABLISHMENT" WAS doing a brisk business, dishing out generous portions of hominy grits, slicing thick ham portions from a sizeable hock, and heaping stacks of pancakes. As I was waiting, I observed one patron douse his stack with syrup—which is usual enough—then proceed to chop up the entire stack with his fork and stir the resulting conglomeration before attacking the mound. (Now, that was a "first" for me.)

I PLACED MY take-out order with the lady-cook, an Oriental that I surmised was of Korean background. The man-manager who was busy collecting money, clearing and wiping tables, serving what the lady-cook had prepared, was also an Oriental. In one of the booths along one wall, was a group of teenagers who were a bit energetic; some might say "boisterous." The lady-cook, who was busy with her grits, ham, pancakes, eggs and so on, didn't seem to have the time to notice. But not so the man-

manager: he proceeded to chastise the teenagers with expletives laced with a distinct Oriental accent:

"Whacha-mata you? Dees resuran! Nat a gadammu preygran. You be quiet, geeskrys." Well, accent and all, the message got through, and after some weak protesting, the teenagers did quiet down a bit. I quietly smiled to myself: the man-manager apparently learned some appropriately effective expletives early and well.

OUR ISSEI PARENTS were not heard to use English curse terms. I advisedly limit to "English," because in my day I've overheard some Japanese curse words being hurled during moments of frustration. The absence of English profanity in the Issei household was probably due largely to the relative social isolation of the Issei from the community at large. Nevertheless, we Nisei youngsters picked them all up soon enough in the schoolyard. But we weren't allowed to use them at home: our parents may not have used English profanity, but this didn't mean they didn't recognize it when they heard it. This I soon found out as a youth.

IT WAS THE Army experience where cussing, profanity, expletives and so on were adopted into our everyday language. But once we got out of the Army and settled down to married life, we returned to the "Issei household" where there was to be no profanity in the house, particularly in front of the children. I'm sure that that man-manager who handed me my egg 'n ham sandwich the other weekend morning, sanitizes his speech at home. But he surely could turn it on ... when he had to. #

NISEI IN JAPAN: by Barry Saiki

## JACL Visits Japan

Tokyo

Arriving on April 4, Dr. James Tsujimura had a free day on Sunday to recuperate from the jet lag, before beginning JACL's project in Japan: two solid weeks of activities which included numerous highlights. As an interested observer, let me cover the basic points, inasmuch as Jim's modesty may preclude some items.

On the 6th, he paid courtesy calls on the Japan Foundation, which funded the project, and the Foreign Ministry, which aided in governmental arrangements (with the strong endorsement of Consul General Hiroshi Kitamura of S.F.).

Following a visit to Japan Times for a chat with President Yoshio Higashiuchi (Stanford alumni), he made a courtesy call on U.S. Ambassador Mike Mansfield and enjoyed a friendly session. In the evening of the 7th, a dinner was hosted by Honorary Chairman Masaru Ikuka of Sony.

Following his visits to Nagoya, Hiroshima and Kyoto, he received an invitation to the Prime Minister's Garden party—an

affair normally reserved for the diplomatic corps. Further, he was accorded a courtesy call on Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki. This opportunity was of special significance since the Prime Minister was already heavily booked, preparatory to his projected visit to the United States.

In terms of publicity, Jim was interviewed by the Japan Times, the Asahi newspaper and the Morning Wide program of NHK, which reached 50,000, 8,000,000 and 25,000,000 people, respectively, or a large segment of both the English and Japanese reading public.

The 14-minute interview on NHK at 8 a.m., Saturday, April 18, exposed JACL to a national audience during the breakfast hour, with expert interpretation provided by JACL member Sen Nishiyama, who himself is widely known to Japanese TV audience for his exemplary performances during the Apollo moon landings.

By his visits to the Sony and Toyota plants near Nagoya, he obtained a clearcut impression of Japanese industry: the extent of automation and the degree of quality control.

As for culture, the visits to Meiji Village, Kyoto, Miyajima and the Kintai Bridge at Iwakuni were further embellished by a look at Kabuki, Noh, Takarazuka, the Asakusa Kwannon, a pachinko parlor and a "yakitori" eating establishment.

Also noteworthy were the courtesy call on Director Akihiro Takahashi, an escorted tour of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and call on Mayor Takeshi Araki of Hiroshima.

More than 50 attended the JACL dinner held in his honor the night before his departure on April 19. In his after-dinner speech, he covered not only the hopes of JACL but the impressions he received.

Above all, his first experience in Japan was very fruitful. He was able to meet and talk to people in all levels of Japanese society. He saw the energetic tempo of Japan, the beauty and order in the midst of congestion, and the progress and vitality of the Japanese social structure—all contributing to a viable impression. #

## REDRESS

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rehabilitation. He did not know the answer, and at the present time, neither do I."

The hearings, perhaps, will provide answers, speculated Goldberg, to these questions "which are necessarily involved when an unforgivable action, affecting so many people, occurs."

Goldberg also said that, perhaps, the monetary compensation already paid to internees was inadequate, and additional reparations could be justifiable. But he pointed out, "At this juncture, it would be inappropriate for me to express my views in this regard, until the commission completes its hearings."

The justice's speech closed: "I conclude, however, with the indisputable conviction: the evacuation and internment of Japanese Americans during World War II is utterly abhorrent to a free people who are dedicated to the principles set forth in the Constitution of the United States. Whatever we may do, will not make our fellow Americans whole." #



CHIAROSCURO: Reserved for Chapter Presidents

## From behind the gavel

By THOMAS T. HARA Twin Cities JACL

As the Twin Cities Chapter of JACL enters upon its 35th year of existence, I would like to share some remarks recently addressed to our membership chairman, in response to the 1981 membership renewal letter. The writer pointed out that: (a) he had never previously been asked to join JACL (nor was he aware



FROM PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: by John Saito

## Chickened Out

For the price and the menu, you can't beat a Chinese dinner. If you don't like beef, you can have pork. If you don't like pork, you can have chicken. If you don't like poultry, you can push aside all the meat and eat the vegetables.

Recently, I have been attending more than the usual number of testimonial, fund raising, and anniversary luncheon and dinners. This week I went to a \$30 dinner at the plush Beverly Hilton and guess what the main course was? Chicken a la something.

The following day, Toshiko Yoshida, PSWD secretary and past president of the L.A. City Human Relations Commission invited us to the HRC's annual luncheon at the elegant Music Center. Without further comment the luncheon menu was chicken, of course.

That same evening at the New Otani Hotel, the Japanese American Bar Association had a dinner meeting with former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg scheduled as the dinner speaker (unfortunately due to an illness he was unable to appear). Peter Imamura and I sat next to Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki and Eileen Kurahashi and I don't recall how the conversation progressed to the point where we were talking about the evening menu but the judge said he thought it was chicken. I had two immediate thoughts: oh no, not chicken again, and thank goodness I am not Jeffrey Matsui, he would have starved.

I have seen it done before, especially on Fridays, where the waiters would change meat and poultry dishes for fish. I asked the waiter if I could have fish instead of chicken and he said no changes could be made. He sort of insulted me and asked me if I wanted wine with my chicken. I feel as if feathers are coming through my skin and if I have to eat chicken again this week I am going to chicken out and run to the Far East Cafe and order me some Cha Shu and Pak Kai.

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of the local Chapter); and (b) if - as set forth in our letter - our membership included only 10 percent of the Japanese American community, this might reflect a failure to address relevant issues or, alternatively, the possible absence of "real" issues."

I find the latter observation interesting because it tends to reinforce my belief (first articulated in this space 15 months ago) that the 1980s will be crucial for the continued success and very existence of this Chapter: if we have no "real" issues or focus, or having them, fail to develop support and response, there is little point to maintaining a chapter. If the local desire is primarily for a social organization with an ethnic/cultural angle, then something like a "kenjin-kai" would be more appropriate at less cost: you don't need a JACL affiliation for that. If that desire is action-oriented toward sporadic social issues, then the gravity of a given issue will undoubtedly generate its own support on an ad hoc basis: again, a JACL relationship is not essential.

The problem with these alternatives is the inherent lack of continuity. The kenjin-kai have to atrophy and die as their membership pass away; whether or not there is anything to pass on, it fails because of a lack of receptivity and response by the next generation, its logical successors. The social or political action group does not suffer in the same way, for a given problem will be worked at until it is either solved or the support drops off. Rather, their problem is in identifying that a problem exists and then having to go out to rally support to meet it. I think that it is in this context that a JACL relationship makes sense, potentially encompassing both cultural and civil rights activities in an on-going organization that is available to respond to both.

The key words are "potentially" and "on-going," both of which translate into membership, at least stable but desirably expanding. It is an egg and chicken problem: no members, no results; no results, no members. The disquieting thing I have found in my fifteen months as local president is the lack of a suitable focus from our national organization. I have previously remarked that my impression of the National Council is that it seemed to be headed toward a Nisei retirement club (or, kenjin-kai type) syndrome, in which I see no real future. Such issues as are

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attacked in the PC (whales and, currently, redress) are those with seemingly rather limited appeal to Midwest and Eastern District Chapters.

Accepting the foregoing as "givens", I have to believe that our viability as a chapter depends upon our being able—by ourselves, in the final analysis—to identify issues and activities of a local nature and "worthy" of local support. If these elicit response and/or support from the national organization or other chapters, well and good; if not, so be it. To this end, your Board has authorized a new standing committee for long-range planning, chaired by Tom Moriguchi. Its objective is to identify our local problems and, more importantly, to assess our long run capacity to deal with these issues in a meaningful way. In any volunteer activity, the only things we have to give are time and money. If we will not have a commitment and purpose for these over the next two, five or ten years, then you, as members,

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should start thinking about when to schedule the final General Meeting, for the purpose of liquidating the corporation.

This is no easy task. The majority of our current membership is Nisei, which implies to me not only an age span but an attitude toward problems and solutions that differ markedly from Sansei (for which reason Tom's committee consists of both). We have all probably heard, for instance, that there is or will be a Nisei aging and retirement "problem." If there is, and if JACL is to meet it organizationally, it is obvious that ultimate support will have to come from younger generations (who have not exactly been banging on the door for membership).

The point of all this? For those who are JACL members, some thoughts on the problems I have perceived and outlined. For those who are not currently enrolled, some thoughts on an organization which is available for and in need of your talents. #

### NYT critic praises Momoko Iko's play

NEW YORK—Momoko Iko's new play, "Flowers and household Gods", produced by Tisa Chang's Pan Asian Repertory Theater at La Mama, drew raves from Mel Gussow, New York Times state critic, writing in the April 21 issue.

A story of a Japanese American family over three generations, the time is 1968—25 years after the Evacuation—when the family patriarch has died and the relatives have gathered in Chicago for the funeral.

In the four-year history of the Miss Chang's company, which has been enriching the local theater with Asian American stories of diverse backgrounds and encouraging emerging acting and writing talent, Iko's play is one of the "most praiseworthy ventures", Gussow concluded.

#### ● Awards

Three more Nikkei were named winners of four-year scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation on April 29. They are Jessica K. Kojiro of Mililani H.S., Hi.; Joyce E. Kitano, Faith Academy H.S., Manila, Philippines; and Robert Maki of Westside H.S., Omaha, Neb. #



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Other nationalities are also represented in the Jordan Park Complex.

#### ● Mt. Olympus JACL

Mt. Olympus JACL will plan the Memorial Day observance at Salt Lake City Cemetery at the base of the Nisei Veteran Memorial above 11th Ave. To prepare for the ceremonies, the chapter is cleaning up the Japanese section of the cemetery, on May 16 and 23, 9:30-4 p.m., turning over fallen headstones, restoring sunken or damaged stones and trimming the lawn and plots. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers. #

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"No where else has such a weekly free meal been programmed—including transportation," noted Dan Watanabe, JCP Board chair.

Under a CSA grant of \$6,000 (ending Sept. 1981) and a \$5,000 United Way allocation, the JCP luncheon program and monthly Issei Center activities are expected to be maintained till the end of September if further cuts are not imposed.

After meeting with the JCP bookkeeper April 22, the JCP board indicated while the contract with South Seas for the weekly luncheon should last for the full year, if the funds are gone, the Issei and Nisei elderly desiring to continue may come on their own to the restaurant by paying \$1.50, as suggested by the County Aging Services (\$1 for the meal, 50¢ to the Waitresses). The meal itself is contracted at \$3.40 by the county through Title VII Nutrition funds.

Alice Kasai has devoted over two years as a volunteer worker with JCP to assure success of this program. #

### Downtown JACL's Mother's Day fete set

LOS ANGELES—Four Issei women, Fujino Morey 94, Ai Hanafusa 89, Matame Shimizu 89, and Misao Kurata 86, will be honored at the 19th annual Downtown L.A. JACL Mother's Day luncheon May 23, noon, at the New Otani Hotel. The So. Calif. Japanese Women's Society are co-sponsors.

Mrs. Misao Hirohata chairs the lunch. Takito Yamaguma, who originated the event, will introduce past Mothers of the Year. For tickets, call Joe Hazama 680-2650, Mrs. Hirohata 628-1214 or Pacheco 972-5508 by May 20.



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## Mock hearing set for Seattle

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Special guests include Rep. Mike Lowry and former Sen. Hugh B. Mitchell, a member of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. Lowry is author of a bill that would provide direct monetary compensation to former internees for violations of their civil rights.

As "mock commissioners", Seattle City Attorney Doug Jewett, State Sen. Ruthe Ridder (D) and Municipal Court Judge Ron Mamiya will hear prepared testimony from three Nikkei witnesses and then comment on the effectiveness of their presentations.

The second half of the program centers on three redress proposals. Chairman Minoru Yasui of the JACL Redress Committee explains that organization's platform for a national trust fund. Chuck Kato, past president, Seattle JACL, presents a plan for individual redress payments. A third panelist speaks for those who seek no payment at all. Kathryn Bannai of the Asian Law Assn. discusses historical examples of redress.

Dr. Charles Z. Smith, professor of law at the Univ. of Washington, will be the moderator.

Results of the Nikkei Survey conducted in February will be distributed. Over 850 responded to questions regarding their experiences during and after camp and their opinions about redress.

The Community Committee on Redress/Reparations is comprised of representatives from Blaine Memorial Methodist, Faith Bible, Japanese Baptist, Japanese Presbyterian, Nichiren, St. Peter's Episcopal, and Seattle Buddhist churches; Nikkei Concerns, Nikkeijinkai, Nisei Veterans Committee, and four JACL chapters (Seattle, Lake Washington, Puyallup Valley, and White River Valley).

## Okrand to keynote redress forum

TORRANCE, Ca.—South Bay JACL forum on "U.S. Concentration Camps... Why?" will feature Fred Okrand as keynote luncheon speaker May 17, 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn here. Okrand, who is chief counsel today of the ACLU Foundation of Southern California, is remembered in the Nikkei-JACL community as the young attorney in the Oyama and Takahashi cases, which held state alien land law and state fishing law against the Issei unconstitutional.

As a prelude for the expected hearing in Los Angeles this summer by the President's Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, the Sunday afternoon forum focuses on events preceding the 1942 Evacuation, legal ramifications, psychological and sociological impact on evacuees, redress and reparations.

Speakers include Yuji Ichioka, Okrand, Harry Kitano, and Alan



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## H.S. contest has new deadline

SAN FRANCISCO—The deadline for entries for the Asian-American Pacific Islander High School Literary Contest has been extended to June 15, due to problems with the U.S. Post Office which caused some entries to be returned. Students should send their entries to: JAM Workshop, 1852 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115, Attn: AAPI Contest. For information call (415) 567-3851.

## Yu-Ai Kai to hold fashion show, May 16

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  - San Francisco—MACE instructions, Satow Bldg, 9am-3:30pm.
  - Mt Olympus—Clean-up, Salt Lake City Cemetery Nisei Memorial area, (lunch will be provided).
- MAY 17 (Sunday)
  - South Bay—Redress forum-luncheon, Holiday Inn, Torrance, 11:30-3pm; Fred Okrand, splr.
  - \* San Francisco—10th anny Kimochi-kai recptn, Japan Ctr Theater, 2-4pm.
  - Cincinnati—Bd mtg, Chas Longbottom's res.
  - \* Los Angeles—Bazaar-carnival, St Mary's Epis Church, 12n-10pm.
  - Los Angeles—SCYPCC 20th Reunion picnic, Whittier Narrows Rec Area (Legg Lake), 11am.
- MAY 18 (Monday)
  - Fresno—Woodward Pk Japanese Garden dedication, 9:30am.
- MAY 22 (Friday)
  - \* Portland—442nd HQ-HQ Co reunion (till May 25), Lloyd Ctr.
  - \* Seattle—Hibakusha symposium, U of W Health Sciences Aud, 14:30pm; Hiroshima medical team, splrs.
- MAY 23 (Saturday)
  - Downtown LA—Mothers' Day luncheon, New Otani Hotel, 12n.
  - Riverside—Graduates dnr, 1st Christian Church.
  - Seattle—Redress / reparation mock hearings, workshop, NVC Hall, 12:30pm.
  - Mt Olympus—Clean-up, Salt Lake City Cemetery Nisei Memorial area, (lunch will be provided).
  - \* Walnut Grove / Sac'to—Old timers' reunion (2da), W.G. Nihon Gakko; dnr-dance, Sat, 6pm, Sac'to Elks Club.
- MAY 24 (Sunday)
  - Stockton—Comm picnic, Micke Grove, 10am.
  - Detroit—Gen mtg.
- MAY 25 (Memorial Day)
  - Pocatello—Mem sv, Mtnview Cem, 10am.
  - Mt Olympus—Mem sv, Salt Lake City Cem.
- MAY 26 (Tuesday)
  - PSWDC—Nisei Rlys Comm mtg, J. Retirement Home, 6:30pm.
- MAY 28 (Thursday)
  - Sacramento—Gen'l mtg, Nisei Hall, 7:30pm.
  - \* San Jose—Sansei Club mtg, Sumitomo Bank, 515 N 1st, 7pm.
  - \* Los Angeles—Seinan comm sv ctr ground breaking.
- MAY 29 (Friday)
  - Nat'l JACL—Bd & staff mtg, Nat'l Hq, fr Fri 7pm-Sun noon.
  - Dayton—World a'Fair festival (3da), Conv Ctr.
- MAY 30 (Saturday)
  - Seabrook—Cult Awareness festival, Bridgeton City Park.
  - \* Pacoima—Benefit variety show for sr housing project, JACC, 7:30pm.
- MAY 31 (Sunday)
  - PSWDC/San Fernando Valley—Qtrly sess, Nisei Relays queen contest, 8:30 am, SFVJACC.
- JUNE 5 (Friday)
  - Monterey Peninsula—Reno bus trip (return Sun).
- JUNE 6 (Saturday)
  - Omaha—Ethnic Festival (2da).
  - \* San Jose—Grand sumo matches (2da), Independence High School.
  - \* Los Angeles—Retirement mtg, LTSC, 9am.
- JUNE 7 (Sunday)
  - Stockton—Schol Awd luncheon, Kazan Res't, 1 pm.

## SVF to host PSW quarterly

PACOIMA, Ca.—The Pacific Southwest JACL District Council will have its spring quarterly session May 31, 8:30 a.m. at the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center here with Cary Nishimoto, vice-governor, presiding. District governor Dennis Kunisaki will be in San Francisco the same weekend to attend the National JACL Board meeting.

Candidates for the 1981 Miss Nisei Relays contest will be judged during the lunch break. Host chapter president Tak Yamamoto of San Fernando Valley will extend greetings. Other reports are expected from:

Trust Fund, Roy Nishikawa; November PSWDC Quarterly Meeting, Kathy Chono; Tri-District Conference - Final Report, Dobashi/Fukamoto; 1982 National Convention, Lou Tomita; Asian Pacific High Blood Pressure Conference, Ed Lee; Ethnic Concerns, Gary Yano; Constitutional Revision and Redress Fundraising, Cary Nishimoto; Redress, Harry Kawahara.

## SVF benefit variety show for sr. housing set

PACOIMA, Ca.—A variety show to raise funds for the Nikkei Village Senior Citizens Housing Project will be presented by the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center, 12953 Branford St., on Saturday, May 30, 7:30 p.m. The 17-member organizations are all participating. For information, call Nancy Gohata 899-4237, John Nishizaki 363-8652, or Harry Nakada 765-9803.

## BANNAI

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three children were all out of high school. This past year, she was conferred her Ph.D. in education at USC. Their daughters Kathryn and Lorraine are attorneys in Seat-

tle and San Francisco Bay Area, respectively, and son Don runs the real estate business.

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