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Japan firms in U.S. can hire Nihonjin first

NEW ORLEANS, La.—A U.S. appeal court this past week decided a U.S. unit of C. Itoh & Co., a Japanese trading firm, can give preference to Japanese citizens in managerial promotions and pay.

A 1975 class-action suit by three American managers and salesmen in Houston contended U.S. job bias law (Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, providing no employer may discriminate in employment of individuals on the basis of color, race, national origin, religion or sex) forbids such practices.

The \$10 million class action identified the group seeking damages as "non-secretarial persons who are of non-Japanese national origin who have been employed, are now employed by the defendant at any of its offices throughout the U.S."

Itoh was justified, the court ruled, because a 1953 trade treaty permits it to hire executives and technical experts of its choice.

The decision could affect the estimated 6,000 foreign-controlled companies here and "create a dual employment system in the U.S.," Univ. of Texas researcher Carl Swanson warned.

In a similar case, however, a New York appellate court ruled that U.S. job-bias law applies. Sumitomo Shoji, the trading firm accused of discrimination in the New York case, asked the Supreme Court to settle the case.

Historic Occasion for JACL



Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki (r) and Dr. James K. Tsujimura, National JACL President, exchange views of international events as they affect the Japanese Americans during a courtesy visit in April by the JACL leader.

(Full report on Page 4 in the "President's Corner".)

San Francisco board of supervisors endorse redress

SAN FRANCISCO—A resolution in support of JACL's redress effort was passed unanimously by the board of supervisors of the city and county of San Francisco on June 15.

Introduced by Supervisor Louise Renne with a co-sponsorship of supervisors John Molinari and Carol Ruth Silver, the supporting resolution urges remedial action by the government, and supports issue of monetary compensation.

The resolution has been forwarded to the office of Mayor Diane Feinstein and is expected to be signed by her shortly.

John Tateishi, JACL redress coordinator, stated that the

success of the resolution was through the personal efforts of San Francisco JACLer Sally Osaki, staff member of Supervisor Renne. He added that the San Francisco resolution was the first to be approved by a major city with the exclusive endorsement of monetary compensation.

No. Cal. set for JACL state meet

HAYWARD, Ca.—Massive lineman Ken Bungarda, affectionately known as "Tarzan" by his 49er teammates, will present the trophies and medals to winners of the 4th annual JACL State track and field championship this Sunday, June 28, at Chabot College field here.

Participants are comprised of the winners from the recently held

'Crime mob' story on L.A. Koreatown upsets Koreans

By PETER IMAMURA
LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Times reported June 8 that the police here claim a "crime syndicate" exists in the city's Koreatown and Police Chief Daryl Gates has "identified the head of this organization."

However, some members of the Korean community aren't very happy with the police chief's claims nor with the Times' report, which they feel are both highly exaggerated and will do more harm to the community than good.

The article by Times' reporter Leonard Greenwood said that a "prominent member of the Korean community" is suspected of heading the organized crime ring, whose activities include extortion, protection for juvenile and adult thieves and burglars, and even murder. The suspected syndicate chief is supposedly middle-aged, has about half a dozen trusted aides surrounding him and, according to one Korean businessman, "has 400 followers."

Gates told the Times that the syndicate is involved with "the old-time protection racket" forcing Koreatown merchants to pay up in the face of threats of violence to themselves or their families.

Deputy Dist. Atty. Herbert Steinitz of the prosecutor's trial division said that the leader "guarantees that people who give him allegiance operate with impunity" and intimidates anyone from testifying against any syndicate members.

JACL Jr. Olympics here and the Nisei Relays at Santa Ana College. "We are certainly pleased," announced meet director Jay Sasagawa, "to have someone of Tarzan's size to present the awards to the young athletes."

Bungarda stands 6 ft. 6 and weighs 270 lbs., a second year man who is expected to start at offensive tackle this season.

But Gates also noted that the LAPD doesn't "have enough on (the syndicate leader) or his associates to take legal action."

Anonymity Honored
Howard Yang, former president of the Korean Association of Southern California, told the Times that there might be an occasional case of extortion in Koreatown, but he does not think there is an organized gangster mob.

"If it is going on, I think very few businessmen are being affected," he added. "If people tell you differently, they are exaggerating."

But the Times' article said that interviews with nearly a score of Korean businessmen and residents of Koreatown, all of whom insisted on anonymity, confirmed the claims of Gates and Steinitz.

Gates told the Times: "Our people know far more about what is going on in Koreatown, far more about Asian problems in general, than any other law enforcement group in the United States, but they don't know enough yet."

"Our information is not extensive and a lot of it is unverified because we don't have the resources to do it. But we have a good deal of basic information which gives us an insight into what is happening."

As a result of the Times' article and at the request of County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, a special task force to investigate the crime problem in Koreatown will be formed.

However, some well-known leaders of the Korean American community are angered by the Times' report, all saying that the article was unfair in coverage and that the existence of a "syndicate" is questionable.

Response Pending
K.W. Lee, editor of the Koreatown newspaper, said that many community members are in "an uproar" over the article, and that his paper will investigate the allegations reported in the Times.

Tong Suhr, a Koreatown attorney, said that he and other Korean Americans were "shocked" and angered by the story. He admits that Koreatown has its share of crime—burglary, assaults, etc., but not to such a wide-scale extent, as the Times article reports.

Suhr said that some community leaders got together after the article appeared and talked about how they could respond—perhaps a letter to the Times' editor.

Suhr said that if there is such a syndicate figure in existence, they would like to know who it is, even though the presence of a crime organization is unlikely. He also feels that if there is enough evidence against this crime leader, he should be named, because "the way the (Times article) is written, the whole leadership of the Koreatown is under suspicion. It casts

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Sansei named to L.A. court bench

SACRAMENTO—Jon Michael Mayeda, a Los Angeles deputy city attorney, was appointed to an L.A. Municipal Court judgeship by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. June 12.

The 34-year-old Sansei is a graduate of Dorsey High School, the Univ. of Redlands and the UCLA Law School. Admitted to the bar in 1972, Mayeda joined the City Attorney's Office in 1973, working in the criminal section and later in the general counsel division.

Mayeda, the son of Tetsuya and Yoshiko Mayeda, is currently vice-president of the Minority Bar Association of Southern California and a member of the L.A. County Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is also a member of the Japanese American Democratic Club and the Marina Chapter of the JACL. He resides in West L.A. with his wife Suzanne and son Eric.

Fr. Gromoff: himself an Aleut evacuee

In June 1942, about 850 to 1,000 Native American Aleut citizens and residents of the Pribilof Islands off the coast of Alaska, were removed from their homes by U.S. military authorities and taken to temporary camps in the Southeastern Alaska area, and remained at these sites until April 1945.

Fr. Ishmael V. Gromoff, an Aleut Russian Orthodox priest and a member of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC), had been among those who were evacuated during the war. He attended the St. Tihon's Seminary in Pennsylvania and returned to Alaska in November, 1941, a week before the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Gromoff said that on June 15, 1942, the U.S. Navy arrived on the transport ship Deloroff and ordered the Aleuts of St. Paul Island and other villages on the Aleutian Island chain, to pack up their belongings within 24 hours to leave the islands.

He pointed out that the military never told them why they were being evacuated. "They just told us to pack up and that

was it. They didn't say why they were doing it," said Gromoff, who was 17-years-old at the time.

Gromoff thought that the Aleuts were being removed as a safety measure, but he noted that they were the only ones being removed, while the Caucasian residents were allowed to stay.

In addition to St. Paul Island, Aleuts from the villages of St. George Island, Unalaska, Atku Akuton and Nikoliski totaling about 800 were removed and sent to dismal camps which were actually abandoned canneries, noted Gromoff. He was sent to Funter Bay, 40 miles from Juneau (other camps were located near Ketchikan and Wrangell, all in southeastern Alaska).

Gromoff stayed at Funter Bay four months, then moved to Juneau with his father. In 1943, he was drafted in the Army and sent to the Pribilofs to help St. Paul Island sealers. However, he noted that the people in the camps fared worse.

"The people from the Pribilofs and the Aleutian chain were in evacuation camps for

almost three years," said Gromoff, who pointed out, "At this time the Aleut people had suffered needlessly and in many cases died in the southeastern camps."

The Aleut priest said that the camps were administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of Indian Affairs. "During our stay we had no personal freedom," he added.

The Aleuts had been detained in camps two years longer than necessary be-

cause the military had occupied their homes and Gromoff said the Aleuts "could have gone home earlier" if the U.S. forces had not been there.

Gromoff also confirmed the fact that houses had been damaged and vandalized, and property was taken from the villages by military personnel, much to the dismay of the Aleuts who returned to their homes in May 1944.

However, Gromoff felt that most Aleuts were fortunate enough to get their jobs back when they returned from the

camp, in contrast to many Japanese Americans who lost their jobs or land because of the Evacuation.

Regarding the matter of redress, Gromoff will have to hear from the Aleuts themselves and it is "up to them" to suggest how the damages caused by the Evacuation could be remedied. The Aleutian/Pribilof Island Association has been working on gathering witnesses to testify but some people have been reluctant to come forward and testify, he noted.

PC FOCUS

Fr. Drinan has strong law background

Although Fr. Robert F. Drinan, of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC), was unable to comment on the redress issue until the commission begins its hearings, he did say he was "sympathetic" to the issue and will await more information from the CWRIC hearings.

Drinan was one of the many congressmen who co-sponsored H.R. 5499, the House bill which called for the establishment of the commission to investigate the internment of Ja-

pinese Americans during WW2.

The Jesuit priest and congressman has an impressive background in the field of law; having been the Dean and Professor of Boston College Law School in Newton, Mass. from 1956 to 1970. He was also a visiting lecturer at the Andover-Newton Theological Seminary in Newton from 1966 to 1968 and a visiting professor at the University of Texas Law School in Austin, Tx., from 1966-67.

Drinan is the first Roman

Catholic priest ever elected to the House of Representatives and even though he had no electoral experience, he defeated an incumbent congressman in both the primary and general elections of 1970. He then went on to win reelection for three more consecutive terms.

He was the first congressman to introduce a resolution to impeach Richard Nixon and voted to do just that part of the large majority on the House Judiciary Committee.

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Fr. Robert Drinan



Fr. Ishmael Gromoff

Redress Reports

District redress updates reveal wide span of effort

SAN FRANCISCO—Following reports by members of the National Committee for Redress of activities thus far initiated in their respective districts were filed with the redress coordinator at JACL Headquarters:

Pacific Northwest—George Hara

There have been numerous activities in the immediate Seattle area in preparation for the CWRIC hearings with witness training sessions and a successful mock hearing in May, which drew an audience of over 200. There was also a redress workshop sponsored by the Portland Chapter in which Min Yasui, Gordon Hirabayashi and commissioner Dr. Arthur Flemming participated.

It was indicated that surveys have been sent to Nikkei in the PNW and thus far has yielded about 12% in returns. Through the survey, the district has been able to identify an additional 30 potential witnesses.

No. Cal.-W. Nev.-Pac.—Chuck Kubokawa, Ben Takeshita

In addition to the many local JACL chapter and community events in which either of the district redress co-chairs have participated, they have conducted two district redress meetings to discuss preparations for the hearings anticipated in San Francisco.

All but a few of the DC chapters were represented by presidents or chapter redress chairpersons.

There has been a concerted effort to support the national JACL redress campaign through contributions from the DC chapters. Since October 1980, chapter contributions total approximately \$25,000; the district hopes to reach its quota of \$93,000. To this end, there will be a district-sponsored fund-raising dinner Aug. 15, which will feature as its main speaker the first Nikkei astronaut, Ellison Onizuka.

On June 14, the district sponsored a mock hearing at Laney College, Oakland, where approximately 200 attended. Acting as hearing commissioners were Contra Costa County supervisor Summe McPeak, UC Berkeley chancellor Michael Heyman and Emmy Award-winning documentary producer Renwick Breck (who is also chairman of Threshold, Inc.). Witnesses were heard in the morning. After lunch, Breck conducted a media workshop.

Other district events are in the planning stages. Chapters throughout are busy soliciting witnesses for the hearings, working with them on their oral and written testimony. This has been an on-going project within the district.

Pacific Southwest—Harry Kawahara

Two meetings have been held with district chapter representatives who have actively sought potential witnesses for the Los Angeles hearings. About 75 potential witnesses have been identified and the first workshop for these witnesses was held June 10 at Little Tokyo Towers, led by Phil Shigekuni and Harry Kawahara, with help from attorneys of the Japanese American Bar Assn.

At the May 31 PSWDC session, a mock press conference was held with use of the videotape. Assisting JACLers with their responses to questions were Frank Kwan, producer at KNBC (4), reporters Nancy Yoshihara and Bill Sing of the L.A. Times.

A testimony preparation workshop for witnesses is planned for June 26, 7 p.m. at Little Tokyo Towers. The mock hearing planned for tonight (June 26) will be postponed to a date between the CWRIC hearings in Washington and Los Angeles.

A multi-media presentation is being prepared by a team of professionals in Los Angeles that will dramatically depict the Evacuation and detention of Japanese during WW2.

It will be shown to the Commission at the L.A. hearings as well as to other interested organizations and individuals. After the initial showing, the presentation will be put onto film and used for educational purposes.

To date, the PSWDC has raised approximately \$15,000 for the national redress committee, of which \$10,000 has been forwarded to JACL Headquarters.

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, Saneisei, 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.



PC Archives (Dec. 1941)

CONTRABAND ARTICLES—Among the first Issei in San Francisco turning in shortwave radios and cameras to local police under a Dept. of Justice order are Genkuro Nishioka (left) and Frank Ijichi to Police Lt. Dan Collins who writes the receipt for contraband articles.

Central California—Tom Shimasaki

A district which only two years ago was reluctant to support the redress program has provided almost 100% participation in fund-raising efforts. The district chapters have been working hard at meeting the chapter allocations and in some cases have exceeded their quotas in supporting the campaign.

There have been some 20 witnesses thus far identified for the hearings. It remains unknown whether they will testify in a Fresno hearing or will appear at either San Francisco or Los Angeles.

Intermountain—John Tameno

Because of the nature of the Intermountain district, there has been some difficulty in securing witnesses, especially in view of the fact that there will not likely be a hearing in the district area. However, six persons have expressed their willingness to serve as potential witnesses and their biographical data sheets and testimony will be forwarded to JACL Headquarters.

The district continues to solicit witnesses for the hearings. There is currently underway an effort to raise funds for the National redress committee through the chapters. An attempt to solicit contributions from businesses will also be made.

Midwest—Henry Tanaka

The Midwest redress program is moving forward in anticipation of the Chicago hearings in early September. In the area of fund-raising, the district has passed the halfway mark of its \$30,000 goal with contributions totaling \$15,979.

Among the major area of concern is identification of potential witnesses. Although the process is just getting under way, the MDC chapters have thus far reported over 50 witnesses identified with the expectation that the witness ID program will be completed well before the scheduled hearings.

The Cleveland chapter recently held a workshop outlining points regarding witness preparation. Chicago has slated a series of summer workshops for preparation of oral and written testimony with use of videotaping equipment.

Public relations through media contacts remain a vital part of the overall MDC program, but contacts with major press sources haven't been established in many of the MDC areas for future articles on the incarceration and redress issues.

Eastern—Cherry Tsutsumida

Because of the particular nature of the hearings in Washington, D.C., preparations in the local area have focused on working closely with the JACL national staff. Currently, the Washington, D.C. chapter has been involved with coordinating witness roles of the local JACLers for the Washington hearings (July 14, 16; Senate Caucus Room) through its liaison with the Washington JACL Office and the redress coordinator in San Francisco.

In addition, the Washington chapter is planning a reception July 13 at the International Club as a fund-raiser towards the national JACL campaign.

The New York chapter conducted a mock hearing in May which brought together persons from the community as participants and observers. Organized by Ruby Schaar and featuring Min Yasui, the event proved to be extremely successful. New York is actively seeking witnesses who might possibly appear at the opening hearings in Washington.

The New England chapter has been involved in securing constitutional scholars who would be willing to submit testimony to CWRIC and participate as well as witnesses at either Washington or at a proposed legal symposium to be conducted by the Commission later this year. Many significant constitutional experts have thus far agreed to take part in the commission hearings and to submit testimony as have a number of social scientists from the Boston area.

Note: Because Min Yasui serves a dual role as JACL redress committee chair and Mountain Plains District representative, there is no report filed on his activities, which are too numerous to show here.—C.H.)

Yasui to appear on TV show

LOS ANGELES—Min Yasui, JACL National Redress Committee chair, will be interviewed on KNXT-TV's "2 With You" program on June 28, 11 a.m. as part of the station's "First Amendment Month" series. Also appearing on the program will be John Saito, JACL PSWDC Regional Director, and Michiko Machida, a former internee of the little-known Arboga assembly center, Tule Lake and Amache. (We erroneously reported last week that Yasui was to debate Lillian Baker—the show will actually be a discussion on the redress issue.

Testimony and Data Process

In the April 13 memorandum to chapter presidents and redress representatives, the JACL Headquarters redress staff requested names of witnesses, biographical data (use form below) and written testimony for presentation before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC). Following explains the Headquarters process on the handling of data sheets and testimony, which are forwarded to CWRIC, Washington, D.C.:

STEP ONE: LOG ENTRY

When data sheets and testimony (papers) are received, the names of witnesses or persons from whom testimony is submitted as well as chapter affiliation (if relevant) are logged; whether witness requests written or oral testimony, or both; and brief description of the content.

STEP TWO: ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Letters acknowledging receipt of data sheet and testimony are sent to persons who submitted them.

STEP THREE: FORWARDING TO CWRIC

Papers remain in the hands of the JACL redress staff only briefly (copies are made for JACL files) and transmitted to CWRIC, Washington, D.C. The JACL redress staff makes no judgment or screen the material as to quality or nature of the testimony.

While the process of recording biographical data and maintaining the files of written testimony is time-consuming for the HQ redress staff, this process was implemented in order that JACL can work more effectively with the CWRIC Washington staff as well as assist individuals with their written statements.

Therefore, it is requested that prepared oral statements and written testimony be channeled through the redress staff coordinator at JACL Headquarters.

Early '42 role of certain JACL leaders found shocking

TORRANCE, Ca.—"All the national offices of the JACL in 1940-41 had come into personal contact with federal investigative agencies—the FBI, military intelligence and naval intelligence. Close personal relationships characterize most of these top contacts," wrote JACL leader Togo Tanaka in an unpublished manuscript, according to the UCLA researcher in history, Yuji Ichioka, speaking to a group of more than 100 Nisei, Kibei, Saneisei, Yonsei and many non-Japanese in Torrance.

The engagement was a forum and luncheon titled "U.S. Concentration Camps...Why???", held at the Torrance Holiday Inn and sponsored by the South Bay JACL May 17.

Ichioka also quoted another former JACL leader James Sakamoto's testimony before the Tolan Committee in February 1942: "...Well, we have had this emergency defense council intelligence unit, as I mentioned, that was working in direct cooperation with the FBI...I can't give you an exact count, but I know definitely that our organization, both locally

and nationally, has, let us say in quotes, "turned in" people whom we thought should be checked into. Of course, we will turn in Germans and Italians too, and even good English American citizens, if we know they are subversive. We have been working chiefly among the Japanese, and we have repeatedly stated at our meetings that it is our loyal duty to filter out those among us who are disloyal, because our interest must be first for America and second for ourselves."

Reaction from the audience, which included many JACL leaders from the Pacific Southwest area, ranged from disbelief to affirmation. Many in the audience expressed that the presentation was inappropriate.

Others reacted positively to Ichioka's presentation, although conceding that it had little to do with the theme of the program. "...that certain JACL leaders passed on information about many Issei, Kibei and even fellow Nisei to American intelligence agents is an indisputable historical fact." Ichioka had made the statements

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AADAP offers community workshops

LOS ANGELES—The Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Inc. (AADAP) and the Little Tokyo Service Center will offer a series of five community seminar workshops on the interpersonal experiences of Japanese Americans through historical perspectives and also on current issues and concerns.

Noreen Matsushima, a Doctorate in Social Welfare, and Paul Chikahisa, a licensed social worker, will facilitate the series, which will run for five consecutive Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22, 29 and Aug. 5, from 7-9 p.m., at Service Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Ste. 411. For info call Bill Watanabe (213) 680-3729 or Patrick Ogawa 293-6284.

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Koreatown upset

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the entire community in a very bad light."

According to the Times' report, the LAPD keeps abreast of what's happening in the Asian communities through its Asian Task Force, and the police expert on Koreatown is Officer Paul Kim, 30, who has been with the LAPD four years. But Suhr believes that both Gates and Kim apparently don't know the community well enough.

Suhr also noted that most Koreans are, by nature, very individualistic and for this reason it is unlikely that so many, as the Times reported, would follow one man.

"If there are 10 Koreans (getting together) there are 11 organizations and 7 churches (formed from them)," Suhr said jokingly. Regarding the suspected syndicate leader who allegedly has 400 followers, Suhr, in jest, commented, "If there's a guy in Koreatown who can command that kind of respect, maybe we

should have that kind of leader here."

Community Pulse

On the Times' coverage of the story, Suhr noted, "There are a lot of sources available that the Times can check, such as the three Korean language newspapers (who are) very competitive and usually have their finger on the pulse of the community... I don't think the Times did their homework."

David Hyun, chairman of the Japanese Village Plaza, called the Times' article "horrible" and that it was a "total surprise" to him. He also said that if such a crime organization exists in Koreatown, he certainly isn't aware of it.

Hyun said he is willing to donate his time to help form a committee to investigate the possible existence of such a crime ring and to find out just how much truth is in the Times' article.

Hyun, who is planning to develop a village plaza in Koreatown, said that he doesn't think that the report will affect his project.

Although Rev. Matthew Ahn of the Korean Episcopal Mission learned about the Times' report through the Korean language newspapers, he felt that the story was "B.S." since he lives and works in Koreatown and his Mission is deeply involved with helping crime victims and crime prevention. He says he may know the "syndicate leader" that Gates refers to, but he doesn't believe that this suspect could head such an organization—because no one would follow him.

Called Fictional 'B.S.'

Ahn said that the police and the press are judging ethnic minority groups by their own standards, and called the Times' story "a white (man's) fictional story made out of the small defenseless community." He also recalled the "yellow peril" stories of the Hearst papers in the early part of the century.

Ahn's observation seems to coincide with a quote by Gates in the Times' article: "Go back into the history of the U.S. Whenever we've had a large number of immigrants who are culturally unaware and you are trying to assimilate them into this new culture you find this kind of thing (organized crime) emerging."

Suhr made an observation similar to Ahn's: "The story reads well—like the (ones about the) mafia or tong gangs. It's good copy—but it's exaggerated. You take away the word 'Korea' and substitute any other minority group—it would make a 'Godfather'-like story."

Ahn, like Suhr, also wonders why the Korean language press had not previously reported any stories about this crime ring. He too admits that there is a crime problem in Koreatown but that Koreans are the "last ethnic group in this country" that would get involved in organized crime, because there would be "too many chiefs and no Indians."

Ahn had other reasons why he did not think that such a syndicate existed. Having worked with youth gangs at his Mission, there was no indication of such activity. Also, in Koreatown, he noted, "everyone is busy making their own living at this point... no one would be interested in organizing such a criminal group." Additionally, most of the Koreans are handicapped in English, noted Ahn, which would make it difficult for them to organize.

Outsiders Wouldn't Know
The priest explained that crimes occur in small communities like Koreatown because of stress and language difficulties. The law-breakers in these cases need

help—but articles such as the Times' report don't help and Ahn plans to write to the newspaper. He added that persons outside the community cannot report a story about it accurately, com-

menting:
"In the early part of this century—the easiest targets were the Japanese and the Chinese. Now it's easy to make 'criminals' out of the Koreans and Vietnamese."

Pet bill killed by Assembly committee

SACRAMENTO—The bill that would prohibit the killing of domesticated dogs and cats for food was defeated by the Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee of the California State Assembly by a 7-0 vote June 3.

SB 49, introduced by Sen. Marz Garcia (R-Menlo Pk.) would need more study until the fall, it was decided by the committee. Garcia's bill had been approved by the state senate and similar legislation, introduced by Assemblyman Lawrence Kapiloff (D-San Diego), was approved by the same committee in February, but Kapiloff has not been pursuing it.

Existing law prohibits killing a dog or cat with the sole intent to sell or give away the pelt. SB 49 would make it a misdemeanor to kill either animal for the purpose of eating or allowing such an animal to be eaten by others, limiting the offense to domesticated dogs and cats.

The legislation was supported by several reported incidents from some Northern California newspapers, such as the San Francisco Examiner, and by the SPCA and individuals who claimed to have witnessed pet killings for food.

However, the bill was viewed by JAACL as anti-Asian, and national director Ron Wakabayashi had expressed his objection to Garcia in a letter (PC June 19) noting the bill would give the false impression to the public that the alleged instances of pet killing was occurring on a wide-scale basis.

Wakabayashi also felt that the bill would do more harm for people than good for pets saying, "The bottom line to the action has been that the welfare of dogs and cats has had a priority over the welfare of the Asian people in California."

Assemblyman Art Agnos, whose San Francisco district is 18 percent Asian, said the bill was a "racially and culturally insensitive solution to a problem that does not exist."

Audrey Noda, assistant to Assemblyman Art Torres (D-Los Angeles) informed the PC that SB 49 is currently under interim review.

Rules announced for Hayakawa Award

LOS ANGELES—The outstanding Japanese American high school teenager in the state will be awarded the Sen. S.I. Hayakawa Merit Award during the Miss Teen San-

CWRIC hearing prelude

LOS ANGELES—The Manzanar Committee series on the Japanese American Camp Experience is a prelude to the forthcoming CWRIC hearings. Meetings are on the JACCC 2nd floor from 7:30 p.m. on six successive Wednesdays ending July 15.

Being covered are the historical background to Evacuation, camps and their aftermath.

sei Pageant July 18 at Beverly Hilton Hotel. Scholarship, community activities and personal achievement determine the winner, who must be present for the award, under age 19 prior to the pageant date, of Japanese ancestry and apply before July 1 through:

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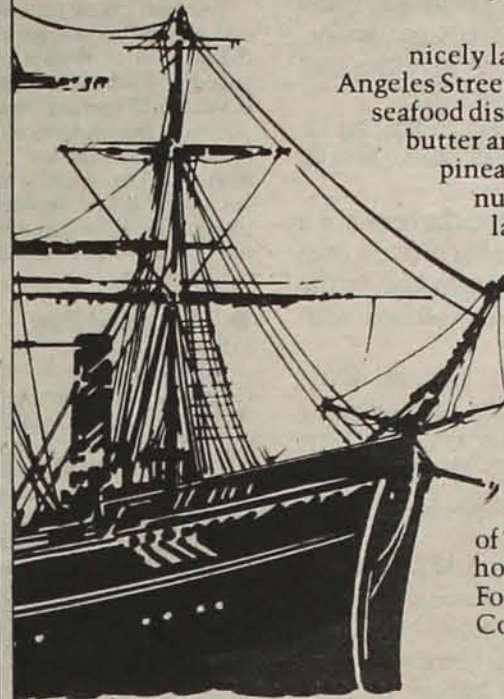
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When World War II broke out, thousands of Nisei immediately volunteers for the U.S. Army. Unfortunately they were later rejected, interned in camps, and treated as enemy aliens in the military draft system. But Nisei did not lose faith in America. JAACL cooperated with the government in the Evacuation, reserving the right to contest its constitutionality in the postwar period. It fought for reinstatement of the draft system for Nisei. This was an unpopular cause for many of the internees, particularly for those who had lost faith in America. However, history proved that JAACL was right.

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Japan Trip

Part VI Portland

Meeting a figure of great prestige and power has a profound effect, particularly if that person possesses qualities that generate genuine respect.

Such a meeting took place on April 14, 1981; just such a person was Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki of Japan.

As JACL's representative, I was accorded the honor of a courtesy visit with the Prime Minister at his official residence, an event unparalleled and unprecedented in the history of Japanese Americans and our relations with Japan.

I was met by Mr. Tamio Amau, Director General of the Public Information and Cultural Affairs Bureau, whom I had the pleasure of meeting on an earlier occasion. Mr. Amau introduced me to his Excellency in the formal reception room where (I noted as I signed the guest book) many heads-of-states are routinely received.

Had it not been for Prime Minister Suzuki's friendly, beaming smile, I might have entered his office with some trepidation. His personable manner immediately dissipated any reservations and restraints of rigid formality.

His awareness and knowledge of the impact of U.S.-Japan relations upon the Japanese Americans were readily apparent. And his sincere concern for the Nikkei, subjected to recriminations of backlash, was indicative of the sensitivity of a great man. Conveying his desire to mitigate these injustices, he stated that Japan would do everything possible to maintain peace and harmony with the U.S.

In the wake of the disastrous collision of the U.S. sub and the Japanese freighter, we discussed the necessity of communication between our two nations. When asked my reaction to the tragic incident, I replied that "a formal statement by the U.S. was indicated and that immediate remedial steps should be taken, the sooner the better", for to remain silent when an explanation is wanting is to risk misunderstanding and suspicion. (When nations and people fail to communicate, weeds of distrust and dissatisfaction crop up and, left unattended, can choke out a once healthy, thriving relationship.)

Thereupon the Prime Minister expressed his belief that a national organization such as JACL could be an important channel of communication and could play a vital role toward promoting goodwill and peace between the peoples of our two nations, a matter which we agreed was of utmost importance.

As we shook hands, we grasped the intricacy of our foreign policy ties and the inevitable intertwining of our mutually contingent futures.

The privilege of meeting other leaders of Japan heightened the honorary status accorded to JACL. In a round of courtesy calls, I met with Mr. Susumu Nikaido, an influential and powerful member of the Liberal Democratic Party. Other visits were arranged with members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Mr. Shinichiro Asao, Director General of North America Affairs Bureau; Mr. N. Ushiba and Mr. F. Togo, Special Advisors and former ambassadors to the U.S.; and Mr. Morihisa Aoki, Director of the Second Cultural Affairs Division (of whom I have fond memories. Mr. Aoki very graciously met with me despite a conflicting meeting with the 1988 Olympic planning committee, assuring me that discussing matters regarding JACL took priority, matters which were discussed at some length.)

I was impressed by their familiarity with the problems being encountered by the Japanese Americans and was grateful for their concern and expressed desire to assist and ameliorate the situation. Continued open communication with JACL, they felt, would serve toward that end. It was especially encouraging to note that they each felt that JACL has much to contribute towards promoting better relations between our two countries.

These were meetings that moved the soul and motivated the spirit. What remains is to translate it into action. The great leaders of Japan have expressed confidence in

Letterbox

● Redress

Editor: My dad, an Issei, was interned from Dec. 7, 1941, until he was released on Nov. 17, 1945. We received no financial support from Nippu Jiji (now the Hawaii Times) nor from any other agency. My brother was in the Army and had an allotment sent to Mother who helped my aunt in a lunchroom. Perhaps my Mother did not understand fully the application she had to fill for my brother, consequently my brother had to reimburse the U.S. government for what had been sent to her from his GI pay.

Would this come under the "redress" program? My brother is my half-brother, thus we had different surnames.

DORIS OBATA KUMPEL West Hempstead, N.Y.

War-time internment of civilians and the consequences thereof is the subject of review by the so-called Redress Commission (CWRIC). Situations such as described—the detention of Issei from Hawaii and the U.S. mainland after Dec. 7, 1941—can be expected to be presented in testimony. The Honolulu JACL chapter is researching this area specifically.—Ed.

● 'A Buried Past'

Editor:

Bill Hosokawa, in his column (PC, June 5), erroneously credits the JACL-JARP Committee with the publication of "A Buried Past: An Annotated Bibliography of the Japanese American Research Project Collection". As one of the principal compilers of the bibliography, I would like to inform PC readers that this is simply not true. The Asian American Studies Center at UCLA initiated and financed the bibliography. The Center in fact spent over \$25,000 in salaries over a 2 1/2-year period. An account of how the Center launched its work on the bibliography was even published in the PC, Feb. 8, 1974.

The only contribution the JARP Committee made was \$2,500 which went toward the preparation of the final manuscript. Thus the JACL-JARP Committee cannot be rightfully credited with the publication of the bibliography. The credit belongs to the Asian American Studies Center and its research staff.

YUJI ICHIOKA Research Associate UCLA Asian American Studies Center Los Angeles

DRINAN

Continued from Front Page

His candidacy for the House of Representatives began with his opposition to the war in Vietnam, and during his career he opposed Nixon and virtually all his works.

Drinan has been a controversial figure in Congress and there was a strong anti-Drinan vote in every election. Although he strongly favors aid to Israel and Soviet Jewry, his election opponents in 1972, 1974 and 1976, all Jewish, have accused him of being anti-Israel. Also, his stand on abortion is just as controversial: he opposes abortion but has written extensively on why government should not impose the beliefs of some on everyone, and therefore has voted against anti-abortion curbs.

In addition to being the first Catholic priest in Congress and the first congressman to advocate Nixon's impeachment, Drinan was also one of the last members of the House Un-American Activities Com-

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FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

Artistic Hands of Lily Havey

Salt Lake City

She was the perfect Nisei daughter. Obediently, even eagerly, she fulfilled her parents' expectations and more. It was not enough to achieve. She excelled at everything she touched. There were no failures on her perfect academic record. Failure had no place among great expectations. A familiar onus placed on children of immigrants.

My earliest recollection of Lily Havey is of her performance on a local program. She was then studying to become a pianist. The lessons had begun at the age of seven and continued for twenty years. This included advanced study at the prestigious New England Conservatory. Today, she states simply, with modesty or conceit, but in the tone of one stating a fact, that she thinks she could have become a concert pianist.

When she came to visit, one

mittee (renamed Internal Security before its dissolution). He joined that body to keep an advocate's eye on it, and was pleased to see it abolished in 1975.

Drinan's current associations include, among others, membership in the National Advisory Council of the American Civil Liberties Union and vice president of the Americans for Democratic Action.

Drinan has been the chairman for several legal affiliations, including:

Advisory Committee for Massachusetts, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; 1962-70; Committee on the Administration of Justice, Massachusetts Bar Assn., 1962-69; Section on Family Law, American Bar Assn., 1966-67, Committee on Family Law, Boston Bar Assn., 1960-64.

He has been the vice president of the Massachusetts Bar Assn., 1961-64 and a member of:

Executive Committee, Association of American Law Schools, 1966-67 and the National Executive Committee, American Jurisprudence Society, 1962-64.

spring afternoon, she asked if we could sit at the table by the window. It offers the best view of the upper garden. On the table are several glass objects. Orrefors, Italia, Blenko and others. From those, she chose the Spode, "Egghead." It is the most contemporary piece, a souvenir of one of my husband's trips to Bermuda. Lily lifted the object and used it as a prism. She exclaimed at the various reflections it captured. Her hands stroked the smooth glass. She held it during our entire visit.

"When I was a child," she said, "I was always fascinated with glass. My mother was employed by a wealthy family. Sometimes, I was allowed to accompany her. I remember the crystal collection the family had. Especially the rare and expensive cranberry glass that was detailed with real gold. It was kept in cupboards, so I was never allowed to touch it. But I spent hours, just looking and looking. I have always loved glass."

Today, Lily Havey is a stained glass artist. She has earned a respectable reputation among Intermountain artists. Her pieces hang in important displays and museums. The hands that were once so carefully guarded for their pianist's work now bear the nicks of her new profession. "I should have been an artist from the beginning," she says.

She remembers drawing pictures for her classmates in grade school. "They asked me

35 Years Ago

JUNE 29, 1946

June 17—Secretary Ickes supports naturalization for Issei, stay of deportation of Issei, in New York Post column.

June 20—L.A. superior court's injunction denying Saito family home because of racial covenants upheld by state supreme court.

June 25—First group of 552nd Field Artillery Nisei rotated home from Europe arrive in New York.

June 25—Longtime Peru Japanese (Iwamori Sakasegawa and Chika Yamasaki) file suit in San Francisco federal court to prevent deportation to Japan; charge they were "kidnapped" by U.S. immigration service in Peru and detained in U.S. (Crystal City, Tex., and Sharpe Park near San Francisco) since 1944 ... Nearly 400 were seized as "dangerous aliens", not allowed to return to Peru, and released May 9, "free to go to any country that will admit them", says Asst. Secretary of State

for them. They took them home and cherished them." The stained glass creations are products of painstaking designs. Pages of experimental forms. A Havey creation is a personal statement. They are unique for their abstract, contemporary expression. They also reveal her Asian heritage. It is not an accident. "I remember," she says, "staying after Japanese class to practice calligraphy. It so impressed my teacher that he mentioned this to all the parents at a gathering." Imagine, a student so absorbed, he said. The calligraphy learned long ago emerges in the stained glass work.

If this were the typical Nisei success story, it would end here. I probably wouldn't have written this piece. My curiosity was provoked by the transition of pianist to artist. It would seem that most people would be content to remain in a chosen field, particularly if one excelled at it. Lily Havey chose to risk her security for happiness. Nine years ago, she enrolled in a craft class for stained glass. "By the end of the first lesson, I knew I could do better than the instructor." It was the beginning of the change in Lily Havey's life.

"The expectations are still there, but they are now mine," she explained. Then, as an after thought, "Did you know that in the last two years I have learned to ride a bike and to play the flute?" She sounded equally delighted with both accomplishments.

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Spruille Braden. June 26—Earl Finch of Hattiesburg, Miss., confers with Pentagon regarding reception plans of 42nd RCT July 3 in New York harbor, Camp Kilmer, N.J., and in Washington.

June 30—War Relocation Authority officially dissolved; created by executive order March 1942 to assist 110,000 displaced Japanese Americans to new jobs and homes.

● Book

The charming art of Japanese folk song is imported to the West in an April book from the Univ. of Arizona Press, "Mountain Storm, Pine Breeze: Folk Song in Japan." (\$6.50, soft) by Patia R. Isaku, U.S.-born student in ethnomusicology at Wesleyan University, who offers many song samples in both English and Japanese.

Renew JACL Membership

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

Potpourri: Bulletins and Publications

Denver, Colo.

Things that You Can Learn by Reading: "Arts of Asia," a slick magazine published in Hongkong for collectors of Oriental art and antiques, reports that Dr. Yutaka Mino is curator of the Dept. of Oriental Art at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, of all places! But then Ron Otsuka holds a similar position at the Denver Art Museum, Denver, of all places! The magazine does not specify whether Dr. Mino is Japanese or Japanese American; that may not be pertinent information but it would be interesting to know. It says only that Mino holds a doctorate from Harvard University.



The semi-monthly magazine "Inquiry," published by the Cato Institute in San Francisco, in its April 27 issue carries an essay on the Evacuation by Richard Drinnon. Last fall he visited seven WRA campsites and was outraged all over again by that dismal episode in American history. Drinnon is identified as a senior fellow of the National Endowment for the Humanities who is writing a book to be called "Kindly Keeper: Dillon S. Myer and

America's Concentration Camps." That title would indicate treatment sympathetic to Myer, but the "Inquiry" essay makes some harsh judgments about a harsh time.

The May issue of "Moneysworth" reports that Dr. Kimishige Ishizaka, a Johns Hopkins University researcher, is hot on the trail of a way to suppress allergic attacks such as hayfever. He has found that pollens interact with immunoglobulin antibodies which touch off histamines which swell the allergy victim's blood cells, forcing fluid to spill into the nose and eyes and cause sneezing attacks. Most allergy treatments, the article says, are anti-histamines that reduce the release of the histamines. Dr. Ishizaka's approach is to get to the cells before the histamines are released. Dr. Ishizaka, a Japanese, and his wife spent some time working at the Children's Asthma Research Institute and Hospital in Denver.

Yoshiko Uchida of Berkeley, Calif., prolific author of books for children, has one called "A Jar of Dreams" coming out in the fall. It's about a Nisei child growing up during the Depression years, a theme that should strike a responsive chord in a lot of us older geezers.

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

'120,000 More'

Philadelphia

THE OTHER WEEK, while seated in a bus filled to capacity, I overheard a loud comment made by a young man who boarded the bus at one of the stops: "The trouble with this bus is that there are too damn many Jews on it." As he passed down the aisle, he repeated this poisonous diatribe. My hackles instinctively flared up and for an excruciating few moments, I thought a riot would break out aboard that bus—for the bus had gone through a predominantly Jewish section, picking up a number of passengers along the way. But to the patient credit of those already aboard, they simply ignored this ignoramus's taunt. Along with other passengers, I'm sure, however, I remained unsettled and taut.



SOME MONTHS GO, I saw a picture in one of the news magazines of young hoodlums—some might refer to them as "punks"—(and on that score I would give them no argument)—attired in black with swastika insignias, confronting an opposing group in a Jewish community in these United States. One of them carried an obscene sign reading "Six Million More". Undoubtedly, a number of you also saw that same picture. I don't

know what your reaction was: mine was one of trembling anger. I still cannot get over it. For the mentality that spews such offal continues to be out there, prepared, if given even the slightest chance, to implement that which they spew. Furthermore, I sense a disturbing increase of such vermin crawling out from under the rocks.

DISTURBING AS THESE signs are to me, a Gentile, I've often wondered what my reaction, physical reaction, would be if I were of the Jewish faith; if I had a relative who was among that tragic six million; if, indeed, I myself had been an inmate of those Nazi death camps. I must confess that I may well place a limit, a physical limit, on the "right" of free speech. Certainly, I would wonder if the ambit of the First Amendment, the intentment of our Founding Fathers, was to permit such open threats to one's welfare and life to go unchallenged. Most assuredly, I would remain diligent to the threshold where such "free speech" threatens to convert into implementation.

IN A FEW MONTHS there are to be hearings throughout this

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on JACL in the context of a presentation on events in the Japanese American community which preceded the Evacuation.

The program also highlighted keynote speaker Fred Okrand, Director of the legal staff of the ACLU Foundation in Los Angeles. Speaking on the legal ramifications of redress, Okrand underlined the fact that "the Korematsu case is still the law of the land. And it is still possible in the future that if a wartime situation should occur

and popular hysteria supports it (Evacuation in concentration camps), something like this could happen again." He stated, "You were indeed in concentration camps and deserve redress and reparations." Okrand was a key attorney in the Oyama vs. California and Takahashi vs. the Fish & Game Commission cases.

Other speakers included UCLA Professor Harry Kitano who spoke on the socio-psychological impact of the camps, and Alan Ni-

Latin American Chapter focus on Hispanic Nikkei

LOS ANGELES—JACL's newest chapter—Latin American—is based in Los Angeles but its membership is almost nationwide with focus on those persons of Japanese ancestry who speak Spanish and whose native roots are Latin American.

An immediate clue would be their baptismal names in the Spanish language, such as Luis, Reina, Roberto, Alejandro, Miguel, Alicia, Raul, Jose, Ernesto, Elena, Juana, etc., which grace the membership application forms.

(With the Southeast Cultural Chapter, also a Los Angeles county group, the two were recently chartered by the National JACL Board—under provisions of the newly adopted constitution. Previously chapters were chartered by action of the National JACL Council during a national convention.)

Its best press to date in a vernacular newspaper appears to be the big spread (in Spanish) with photos in the "Union", a Peruvian Nisei daily published in Lima, on May 16. Martha Tamashiro, secretary of the JACL chapter, was in Lima to encourage participation in the upcoming Pan-American Nisei Conference in Mexico City.

She credited Luis Yamakawa, a Peruvian Nisei, with organizing the Latin American JACL chapter. A Mexican Nisei, Consuelo Morinaga, is the chapter vice president.

The Latin American Chapter is promoting membership from among Nisei Latinos in Miami, New York, Chicago, pointing out that defense of human rights as the principal objective plus meeting social, cultural and humanitarian needs of the membership.

Of the Pan-American Nisei Conference, interest has been generated among Nisei in Argentina and Brazil, she added.

Before her return, she was asked by the Union to help promote the painting and song contests for all Nikkei to be held in Lima this November. #

Alameda carnival
ALAMEDA, Ca.—The Buddhist Temple of Alameda will hold its Vacationland Carnival and Bazaar, 2325 Pacific Ave., on June 27 and 28.

Japanese food bazaar
SACRAMENTO—The Parkview Presbyterian Church will hold its 11th annual Japanese Food Bazaar on July 19, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the church on 727 T Street.

An Issei History Project Committee has been established in the Denver area with the backing of the Tri-State Buddhist Temple and the Simpson United Methodist Church (and support of the vets of American Legion's Cathay Post and the Nisei Optimists) to record the life experience of Colorado Issei. The first stage is to tape in-depth interviews. "Since we are depending on people's memories," the committee's request for funds explains, "this will not be so much a factual history, but a compilation of personal experiences which reflect the lifestyles, character and struggles of this very special group of people." Ultimately, the objective is to publish the interviews... Incidentally, June 15 was the deadline for submitting entries for the American Japanese National Literary Award which offers a \$1,000 prize provided by James Clavell, author of "Shogun" and various other books. The entries must be original, previously unpublished and no more than 5,000 words, relating some aspect of the Japanese American experience. Unfortunately the rules include a slight racist touch; eligibility is limited to persons "with at least one parent of Japanese ancestry."

The U.S.-Asia Institute Committee recently installed Kay Sugahara, the New York shipping tycoon, as its national chairman. He met with his board in Washington on May. #

land on the question of incarceration of Nikkei and their parents in these same United States of America. If, for a moment, anyone deludes himself into thinking that the swastika-mentality differentiates between Jews and "Japs", such a person will be in for a very rude awakening. It may not take the form of swastika-banded thugs demonstrating, although this cannot be ruled out; rather, it will take place in various pernicious forms. It may be manifested by suited, respectable-appearing individuals; by "well-meaning" individuals who appear as harmless as a housewife; by infuriatingly clever, but blatantly erroneous, comments. Perhaps we have heard and seen some of these already. But if you neither hear nor see, nor recognize, the diatribe, one thing is for certain: it shall be there. It will be, among other things, a time for testing for the Nikkei.

THERE IS A common cause among all of us known as "human dignity". Equally, there is a common enemy which would seek to destroy that noble state without regard to race, religion, color or national origin: whether it be six million or 120,000. #

shio, Dean and Director of Student Development Program at CSULB, from the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRP).

Nishio made note of the fact that during the height of the Iranian hostage problem, the U.S. Government in its testimony to the world court had made the demand that the hostage families be compensated by the Iranian Government in direct monetary payments for false imprisonment and psychological injuries....

Nishio further noted that "It is time we as a community unite. We cannot point the finger to each other. The finger has to be clearly pointed at those who created the camps... and that is the U.S. Government and the forces behind the U.S. Government at that time."

Most of the questions from the audience were directed either at Nishio in regard to the redress campaign or Ichioka for his remarks about JACL and national-

ism towards Japan by the Issei community in the 1930's. In response to assertions that Issei nationalism could be interpreted as a justification for the camps, Ichioka stated that the "history of rejection (of the Issei) by the U.S. Government... forced their identity with the homeland. Their patriotic activity should by no means be interpreted as fifth column or subversive. It is a very strong American tradition for immigrant groups to support their motherland."

Regarding the upcoming commission hearing in Los Angeles, Nishio urged everyone to work through either their local JACL chapters or the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations.

In summary, the South Bay JACL forum was most informative, interesting and for some quite an eye-opener, but over all most successful, noted Mary Ogawa, chapter president. #

CLIFF'S CORNER: by Dr. Clifford Uyeda

Lorrie Inagaki

Attorney Lorrie Inagaki has been a staff person at the JACL National Hqs since October 1977. She graduated with distinction at the top five percent of her class from Univ. of Hawaii with a degree in Political Science. Her law degree was from Univ. of San Francisco.



She began as an administrative aide and research assistant to the National Director, then rapidly expanded her role to become the Legal and Program Director. Since last summer she had also taken on the responsibilities of the Associate Director position.

Having been closely associated with and aided by her work over the past three years, I can well appreciate her contributions to JACL. In her quiet but extremely efficient manner her output was staggering. Her legal research on legislative bills, employment discrimination cases and on various JACL programs were invaluable to us. She also played a major role in redrafting the JACL national constitution and bylaws in conformance with the new California nonprofit law.

What was both unique and most gratifying was her willingness and intensity with which she tackled the many requests made of her. This personal commitment was typical of her. Her husband, David, was also a familiar face at the National HQ where he helped during various functions in which Lorrie was involved.

May 31st was Lorrie's last day as a JACL employee. She plans to go into another field of work. She will not only be difficult to replace but she will be sorely missed by all those she so willingly and generously helped. We hold Lorrie Inagaki Hill in highest esteem, both professionally and as a person.

As she prepared to leave for a vacation back home in Honolulu her mind dwelled on JACL. She felt that JACL's existence and record for over fifty years as a civil and human rights organization just cannot be ignored. The national network we possess is matched only by a few minority organizations.

To become an even more meaningful organization Lorrie hoped that we will not shy away from bold stands on controversial issues. She also saw a need for JACL to develop much more sensitivity to the concerns of other Asian Americans. A willingness of JACL to spend more money on inter-ethnic Asian programs seemed essential to Lorrie if we are to play a leadership role among Asian Americans.

All those who worked closely with Lorrie knew of her commitment to these goals. I believe they are both noble and practical ideals for JACL to follow.

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Volunteers fixup and add to San Mateo office-annex

SAN MATEO, Ca.—The San Mateo JACL Community Center at 502 Second Avenue and its annex at 509 Second Avenue (across the street) are becoming the hub for community activity. Improvements continue to be made and those wishing to contribute items may call the office (343-2793).

JACL-sponsored trips originate here, the most recent being the May 28 trip to view historic and tourist sites in Santa Rosa, and one coming up June 19, courtesy of Eureka Federal Savings, San Mateo, to Presidio of San Francisco to view the Go For Broke exhibit.

Volunteers keep the office open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Roz Enomoto, senior outreach worker, and Jean Fujita, city community worker, are present at different times. Office also has a library. The annex is used for meetings and small socials.

Cleveland holds its 23rd graduates night

The Cleveland JACL and Japanese American Foundation, Inc., honored its area high school and college graduates June 20 at Lakeshore Towers. Onetime Sophia University professor Father Schuchert of John Carroll University was guest speaker.

The newsletter reported the names of 20 graduates who were honored:

High School—Kevin Doi, Tatsuji Ebihara, Alissa Furukawa, Juri Kimura, Ken Kozawa, Patty Lin, Susan Maki, Donna Nakamoto, Theresa Petras, Mie Saito, Heidi Sakai, Jeff Taketa, Nancy Takiguchi, Kristin Yamane.

College—Esther Akiba (Cleveland State), Joyce Asamoto (Univ. of Toledo), Randy Doi, Laura Fujimura (Kent State), Marjorie Ishige (Lutheran Medical Center), and Debra Shiozawa (Purdue).

Omaha JACL holds Graduation Night

The Omaha Chapter held its annual Graduation Night on Friday, May 29, in honor of those who

deaths

John M. Fujita, 66, inventor of the "No Name" fishing lure, died June 2 at Watsonville Community Hospital. Survived by br Frank, George and Jim; sis Mary; all of Watsonville.

Kiyo Imon, 92, of Gardena, died June 11 at a convalescent hospital. Survived by s Mas and 2 gc. (Her daughter-in-law Mary is a PC production assistant.) Mas formerly edited the Shin Nichibei English section and currently employed by Whittier Daily News.

Masanobu Morisuye, 83, retired Westinghouse design engineer, of Sharon, Pa., died June 8. A yobiyose (Japan-born son who was called to the U.S. by his father already here) who came with his mother at age 10, he attended grade schools in San Francisco, finished UC Berkeley in 1921 and had an MA in electrical engineering at Cornell before joining Westinghouse in 1923 at Pittsburgh. He also organized Scout Troop 12 in 1915 while a sophomore in high school and was honored for his pioneering work in 1960. He received the Silver Beaver Award in 1955, was active in church work and professional societies. He became a naturalized citizen in 1953, being one of the earliest Issei in the nation to apply. Surviving are w Kikue (nee Hasegawa), d Jean Conklin, Eleanor Wilhelm (Germany), br Jo (Sharon), 3 gc.

"Choppy" Suyeoo Kanagaki, 55, of 7730 LaMancha Way, Sacramento, Ca., died May 18 of a heart attack at Kaiser Hospital, Sacramento. Funeral service was held at Sullivan Chapel, Colusa, May 21. Beloved brother of Masaru, Santa Clara; Teruye Omaye, Colusa; Chiyoko Ishigaki, South San Francisco.

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The annex is a partitioned 150-sq. ft. section of the office of local attorneys Jim Ono and Peter Hom, who offered the JACL the space at no cost except for utilities. The annex has been carpeted, tables, chairs, bookcases, coffeemaker added, thanks to members and friends responding to an April call for furnishings.

A schedule has been posted for use of the annex by various organizations. It has made the community center office clear for

New York JACL to honor local grads

New York JACL and the Japanese American Assn. jointly honor award-winning graduates June 27, 6:30 p.m., at the Ginkgo Garden, 199 Amsterdam Ave.

Berkeley JACL awards scholarship

Derek T. Furuichi was named recipient of the \$300 Berkeley JACL scholarship for 1981. The chapter award goes to a deserving high school graduate who is a student member or whose parents are chapter members. The son of M/M Jim Furuichi and a Berkeley High graduate plans to major in aeronautical engineering at San Jose State.

Pre-med aspirant wins S.F. JACL award

SAN FRANCISCO — Donna Keiko Ozawa, daughter of the Koji Ozawas, 3008 Pine St., a recent Lowell High School graduate, was named winner of the 1981 San Francisco JACL scholarship. Presentation will be made at the next chapter board meeting July 7 at the Sumitomo Hospitality Room, it was announced by Allen M. Okamoto, scholarship committee chair.

She plans to study medicine with specialization in nutrition or pediatrics, starting this fall as a pre-med at Mt. Holyoke College in Massachusetts. The chapter award is based on scholarship, extracurricular activities, references and financial need.

graduated from 6th and 8th grades and from high school.

Recipient of the \$200 Chapter Scholarship for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement in High School was James Kiyo Kawamoto of Omaha's North High School. He ranked 8th in a class of 313 and had a grade point average of 3.95. He was class president and a member of the varsity football and swimming teams. He is also a member of the National Honor Society. James plans to enroll at the Univ. of Nebraska at Lincoln this August and major in business administration. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kawamoto. John Kawamoto is chapter president, serving a second term.

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The San Mateo JACL Community Center hosted the June 10 meeting of the Bay Area Japanese Senior Centers, comprised of representatives from different senior programs in the Bay Area.

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NISEI IN JAPAN: by Barry Saiki



Soviet Game of Chess

Tokyo

February 7, 1981 was officially designated as the first Northern Territories Day by the Japanese Government, in commemoration of the Russo-Japanese Treaty of Commerce, Navigation and Delimitation that was signed

on Feb. 7, 1855. That old treaty definitively marked the border between Russia and Japan as the waters separating the Etorofu and the Uruppu islands.

Uruppu and the island chain to its north were called the Kuriles and was Russian territory until the end of the Russo-Japanese War of 1905, when these and the southern half of Sakhalin were ceded to Japan.

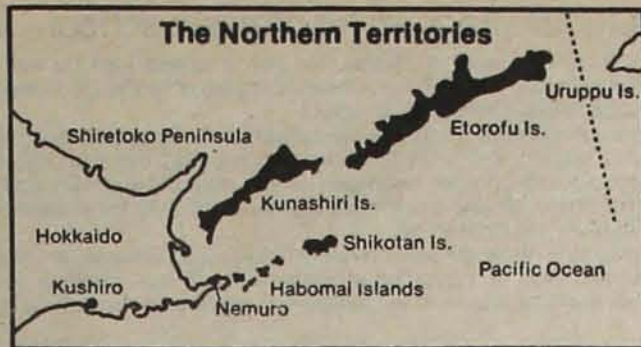
At the end of World War II, with the Four Powers having agreed that Japan would be limited to her four main islands, Okinawa was taken over by the United States, while the Soviets took back what Russia had lost in 1906 at Portsmouth, as well as the Northern Territories, which were basically Japanese lands as attested in 1855.

The Japan-Soviet Declaration of 1956 did concede that Japan had territorial rights over Habomai and Shikotan, two of the four islands in question. Moreover, Japan continued to maintain her rights over both Kunashiri and Etorofu.

Shortly after Japan regained sovereignty on April 28, 1952, the leftists in Japan staged a series of demonstrations in order to have Okinawa reverted back to Japan. In fact, the demonstrations reached high tempo in the latter part of 1960s, over 2,249 square kilometers of land (888 sq.mi.), comprising the Ryukyus.

In June 1968, the United States returned the Bonin, the Volcano (Iwojima) and Marcus Islands. Then, on May 15, 1972, Okinawa and the Ryukyus were reverted to Japan, with the U.S. retaining rights for military bases there.

Meanwhile, in spite of the continual Japanese request for the



return of the northern islands, the USSR has persistently refused to consider formal discussion for their return. In recent years, she has stationed a division of troops on Etorofu for reasons unknown.

The Japanese desire to regain these islands are obvious, since they are from 2 to 15 miles off the coast of Hokkaido and have been used by Soviets to disrupt Japanese fishing within their own 12-mile coastal waters.

Why does the USSR, which already controls one sixth of the world's entire land area, want to retain the 1,968 sq. mi. of islands, in the northern Pacific, not far from the Aleutian chain? Plausible reasons are as follows:

- 1—Soviet policy has been, never to relinquish any property once she has gained control. Historical examples are Finland's Karelian Peninsula, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, eastern Poland and areas along the USSR-China border. The invasion of Afghanistan shows that Soviet acquisitiveness is far from satisfied.
- 2—The control of these small islands gives the USSR complete juris-

dition over the Sea of Okhotsk, which is rich in marine resources and has been traditionally the fishing grounds for the Japanese.

3—Possession of these islands also means that the Soviets can operate patrol ships just off the coast of Hokkaido and can restrict the free passage of ships in the seas north of Japan.

4—Like a well-placed pawn, the islands also serve as a bargaining chip as well as threat in a Soviet game of chess that regards the sign of humanity as a sign of weakness.

The Northern Territories Day, formally established by the Japanese Diet in mid-January, has caused the Soviets to publish in the Pravda at least two separate statements that the Japanese Government was inciting an anti-Soviet mood and that no territorial issue existed.

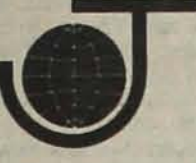
While the Yalta and the Potsdam agreements declared that Japan would be limited to her four main islands, it was the United States, which suffered the greatest losses in the Pacific theatre, that returned to Japan the Ryukyus, the Bonins, the Volcano and Marcus Islands. As for the Soviets, they entered the war, knowing that Japan was ready to surrender, one week before the end. With no hardships, she regained Sakhalin and the Kuriles and took the Northern Territories as well. On the basis of these historical facts, who can doubt the sincerity of the U.S. Government over that of the Soviets.

Calendar Non-JACL Event

- **JUNE 27 (Saturday)**
New York—Schol dnr, Ginkgo Res't, 7pm.
Chicago—JASC annual mtg, JASC Bldg, 7:30pm.
Lodi—Concord oldtimer's reunion, Mickie Grove, 11am.
San Francisco—Redress forum, Christ Presbyterian C, 2pm; Yori Wada, mod.
- **JUNE 28 (Sunday)**
NCWDC / PSWDC—JACL all-state track championship, Chabot College, 9am.
Reno—Picnic, Bower's Mansion.
Sonoma County—Picnic, Howarth Park, Santa Rosa.
Philadelphia—New Memb social.
Chicago—Hiroshima Kenjin picnic, East River Park.
- **JULY 4 (Saturday)**
San Diego—Comm picnic, Silver Strand St Beach.
St Louis—Chapter picnic.
Chicago—Natsu Matsuri, Buddhist T of Chi.
- **JULY 5 (Sunday)**
Seabrook—Comm Appreciation Picnic, Parvin St Park.
Honolulu—JACL picnic, Kaiaka, St Park, 9am.
- **JULY 6 (Monday)**
Fresno—Bd mtg, Cal First Bank Hosp Rm, 7:30pm.

- **JULY 9 (Thursday)**
Hilo—Summer Inst for Educ Rsrch on A/Pac Americans (July 9-16), UH-Hilo campus; concluding sess (July 17-24), Kamehameha School, Honolulu.
Hoosier—Bd mtg, Dave Lower's res, 7:30pm.
- **JULY 10 (Friday)**
Cleveland—JAY Retreat (3da), Clay's Park.
Los Angeles—JACS Award dnr, Hyatt Regency, 7pm.
- **JULY 11 (Saturday)**
Los Angeles—Lotus Festival, Echo Park (2da).
Monterey—Obon Festival (2da), Buddhist Church.

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