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Asian Pacific advocacy group set to open office

SAN DIEGO, Ca.—After its second state board of directors meeting here Aug. 14-15, Dr. Allan Seid, president of the newly incorporated Asian Pacific American Advocates of California (APAAC) optimistically assessed the fundraising strategies and plans for the advocacy office in Sacramento.

"We are gratified by the endorsements of over 110 organizations from throughout the state and have a good headstart on fundraising," said Seid. Although Labor Day, Sept. 7 will mark the official kickoff of fundraising and membership activities, \$4,000 has already been collected with major contributions of \$1,200 from Asian Americans for Community Involvement of Santa Clara County, \$500 from the JACL San Jose Chapter, \$200 from the Union of Pan Asian Communities of San Diego County, \$200 from the JACL Sequoia Chapter and \$100 from the Filipino Community of Sacramento.

APAAC hopes to open its Sacramento office on Jan. 4, 1982. The major function of the office will be to maintain an active, visible and representative voice for the Asian/Pacific people of California, and to monitor, analyze and disseminate information on issues of concern to Asian/Pacific communities. Mario Obledo, state Health and Welfare Agency secretary, has given early support to the project, which has a projected annual budget of \$94,000.

The five regional boards throughout the state have compiled mailing lists and are mobilizing fund-raising activities to meet their designated goals. San Diego is expected to raise \$12,300; Los Angeles, \$32,600; Central Valley \$10,900; Sacramento, \$10,480 and San Francisco, \$27,400.

An executive director and administrative assistant will head the Sacramento office. The Personnel Committee of the board developed job descriptions and a selection process for these positions, along with applications, will be available by Sept. 15 with a closing date of Oct. 23. An executive director will be selected by Nov. 16 and an administrative assistant by Dec. 6.

Other board committees outlined their responsibilities. The Fiscal Committee will develop fiscal policies and procedures for the regional and statewide bodies and will secure an independent accounting firm to implement and monitor the systems. Involved in long-range planning, the Membership/Publicity Committee will seek public and private funding sources for matching grants and possibly place individual and organizational life memberships in an endowment fund. The group also plans to publish a newsletter.

APAAC officers were selected last month, as were members of the five regional Board of Directors: Dr. Alan Seid of the Bay Area, president; Vernon Yoshioka of San Diego, vice president; Kay Campbell of

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UBC Asian Center opens after 14-yr. wait

VANCOUVER, B.C.—After 14 years of delays, excuses and rising construction costs, the Univ. of British Columbia Asian Center was finally opened in June. What was the Sanyo pavilion at Osaka's Expo-70, now rebuilt as the center, was a centennial gift from Japan to the University. The center contains a 220-seat auditorium, library, exhibition galleries, music studios and offices.

1st ACLU director Roger Baldwin dies

WASHINGTON—Roger Nash Baldwin, the last surviving founder and first director of the American Civil Liberties Union, died Aug. 26 at the age of 97 in a Ridgewood, N.J. hospital.

Baldwin entered Valley hospital near his Oakland, N.J. home Aug. 23 suffering from emphysema and heart disease, according to the Los Angeles Times.

A lifelong pacifist, he had remained active with other civil libertarians up until a week before his death.

ACLU Founder

In January, 1920, Baldwin and liberals such as Helen Keller, Norman Thomas, Felix Frankfurter and Clarence Darrow formed the first ACLU. Despite Baldwin's retirement in 1950 as the union's executive director, he chaired the national committee from 1950 to 1955 and served as its international affairs adviser until his death.

Baldwin saw the growth of the ACLU as it took on such controversial cases as: the Scopes "monkey trial" in Tennessee, where it fought for the right to teach evolution in public schools; the defense of Sacco and Vanzetti, the two anarchists accused of murdering two Massachusetts factory workers; the "Scottsboro boys" case, in which nine blacks were accused of raping two white women in the South in 1931; and the defense of the rights of American Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan to demonstrate. The Nazi defense cost the ACLU thousands of members, most of them Jewish.

During World War II, the ACLU membership had been divided on the issue of evacuating Japanese Americans from the West Coast. Baldwin, as director of the union's

national office, took a cautious position and said in American Civil Liberties News, March 1942, that E.O. 9066 was "undoubtedly legal in principle, but may readily result in illegal action."

In their book, "The Great Betrayal," authors Audrie Girdner and Anne Loftis offered an explanation:

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nation as to why the ACLU's national office did not have a firm stand, initially, against the Evacuation:

"...The fact that the Executive Order was issued by Roosevelt significantly altered the (ACLU national office) protest. Roosevelt was a figure of great personal ap-



Roger Baldwin (c. 1978)

Mineta expresses caution on redress

SAN FRANCISCO—Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-San Jose) said that Congress faces a "very, very difficult task" when the time comes for them to deal with the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

Speaking before an audience of about 200 at the JACL NCWNPDC redress benefit dinner Aug. 15, Mineta added that his role in the redress issue is one he views "with a great deal of fear and trepidation."

The San Jose congressman spoke on behalf of the 19 Japanese

American civic and judicial leaders being honored during the fund-raising dinner at the Jack Tar Hotel. Although he did not presume to speak for all of them, he thanked the JACL for the honor bestowed upon them.

Mineta also noted that the JACL must take the lead on the redress issue to insure that "the record is sound, in-depth and factual and one we can all point to with pride." However, he warned that the redress issue will be difficult for Japanese American legislators to deal with because of the "divided mind within the Nikkei com-

munity."

Toastmaster Steve Nakashima asked the audience to refrain from asking Mineta, or fellow honoree Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Sacramento), about their personal stands on monetary reparations. Both are seeking reelection next year.

NASA Astronaut Speaks

Capt. Ellison Onizuka, NASA's first Nikkei astronaut, was the guest speaker for the evening, and he presented a slide show of the space shuttle program's 20-year history. The next space shuttle will be launched Sept. 30, and Onizuka

himself is a candidate for a future shuttle mission.

Charles Kubokawa, NCWNPDC redress co-chair and a NASA employee, noted that he had once spent 30 days underwater near the Virgin Islands as an aquanaut. In a humorous gesture, he presented Onizuka with bottles of Kikkoman shoyu and Ozeki sake for the captain to take aboard the space shuttle. Kubokawa said he had taken the shoyu with him while spending the month under the sea.

Onizuka then fielded questions from the audience and advised Nikkei youths interested in the

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L.A. Times writer discusses racial slurs in the media

LOS ANGELES—Anti-Japanese racial slurs in the mass media was the topic of a presentation given by Los Angeles Times writer Nancy Yoshihara at the JACL PSWDC third quarterly meeting Aug. 23.

Yoshihara, who specializes in the field of advertising for the Times' Business section, told the JACLers at the Buena Park Holiday Inn that "as the mood of the country turns conservative, at a time when news reports often focus on issues concerning U.S.-Japan relations or Japanese Americans, some ugly references to things Japanese have surfaced here and there."

As an example, she mentioned the cartoon appearing in a midwestern paper during the recent baseball strike which showed a crate filled with slant-eyed, buck-toothed baseball players being unloaded from a Japanese ship. Two Caucasian men are observing this at the ship's dock and one of them says, "Strike or no strike, do we have to import baseball too?" referring to the recent U.S. televising of Japanese baseball games in the absence of local ones.

Yoshihara also noted the recent NBC "Saturday Night Live" sketch in which a comic attacked Japanese auto imports, using the term "Jap" frequently.

How do these come to be? Yoshihara offered the answer:

"The point of origin is largely a matter of perception. Is a glass half full or half empty? Often, what is one man's poison is another man's nourishment."

"An individual filters every statement or image through his or her set of values, standards and opinions. Statements become racial slurs depending on whether you are on the batting or receiving end of the line."

A black journalist friend of Yoshihara's exemplified this point, since the friend saw nothing wrong with the now defunct "Frito Bandito" (a racial slur to Hispanics) but was offended by television's stereotyping of black families which depict men as weak and women as domineering.

Yoshihara also cited a Playboy Magazine interview in which author James A. Michener noted that he had always used the word "Jap" nonchalantly, until his Japanese American wife gave him a verbal

thrashing for such usage and explained the offensiveness of the term to him.

At the time, Michener and his wife each had different perceptions of the word "Jap" and Yoshihara said that this type of difference "continually mirrors itself in the mass media, which, after all, is created, conceived and delivered by people bringing their own perceptions and interpretations into play."

She added, "Often what is racially offensive inadvertently surfaces as a result of ignorance or oversight."

Yoshihara said that there is a need to monitor such abuses in the media, while at the same time develop a continuous dialogue with media executives, producers, trade groups and standard bodies.

But it is difficult to persuade a company or organization to drop a deliberate racial slur, said Yoshihara, "when that objectionable item was designed to turn a buck."

However, some firms do respond, noted Yoshihara, pointing out that the advertising firm which marketed the Isuzu automobile consulted the JACL before airing a commercial which showed a Japanese salesman attempting to teach his Caucasian partner the right pronunciation of the car's name. A karate chop scene was originally planned, but was removed by the advertiser because it was judged in bad taste.

However, the commercial still had a closing line, spoken by the Japanese salesman, in which he tells his Caucasian partner, "That's okay, I could never say 'Chev-ro-yay.'"

Sacramento JACL to mark 50th anny.

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Sacramento JACL will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 14, with a gala dinner-dance at Woodlake Inn. Gerald Takehara is chairman.

Honored guests will be the charter members of the chapter, which was organized in October, 1931. As many as a dozen originators are being asked to contact the chapter, 2739 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, Ca 95818.

West Valley to burn clubhouse mortgage

SAN JOSE, Ca.—West Valley JACL will hold its clubhouse mortgage burning party on Sunday, Oct. 11, at the clubhouse, followed by dinner at London Rib.

"This event has been uppermost in the minds of various members to show our chapter's appreciation to all the donors and pledgees who helped retire the mortgage on our clubhouse," a chapter spokesperson said.

Jung v. Geokas race bias case still simmers

SAN FRANCISCO—A complaint filed in 1975 charging Dr. Michael Geokas, chief of medicine at Veterans Administration hospital in Martinez, with racial discrimination was recently (June 26) settled but there is still discontent about the matter.

U.S. Dist. Judge Spencer Williams, in the June 26 settlement, found that nine instances of discrimination had been committed by Geokas against Dr. Edmund Jung, 67, a Chinese American physician from Hanford who worked 30 years for the VA hospital. Jung took his case first before the Civil Service Commission, the VA and the federal court, each time receiving more favorable rulings.

Summary of Complaints Lodged by Dr. Jung

The pattern of discrimination, according to court records, began at a staff meeting shortly after Geokas began working at Martinez VA hospital in 1974. He had announced his intention to eliminate several Asian doctors, including Jung. It was followed with "ridicule, harassment and humiliation," Jung complained.

According to a close source, the settlement—resulting from an agreement between opposing parties with Judge Williams—found the hospital responsible for acts of discrimination committed by Geokas, such as (a) calling him "Chinaman" in public, (b) denying him employment opportunities by removing his name from the list of staff physicians on call and (c) refusing to forward his application for a faculty appointment at the hospital's medical school at UC Davis.

While Jung was assured that no further acts of discrimination would recur, "I don't think the problem is fully resolved," Jung noted as Geokas is still there and "he's still ruling the roost."

"Geokas still denies any guilt and has never apologized to me for his conduct," Jung added.

Henry Der, executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action, also said he was displeased that Geokas still occupies the same position of responsibility. Der is asking VA what kind of corrective action can be expected against Geokas. The CAA has been following the case closely since it began.

As Jung prepares for his retirement, he said he remains bitter about the treatment he received at the end of his career. "This isn't the way to thank a person who is dedicated to his profession," he said.

Watanabe retires from railroad post

SEATTLE—Taul Watanabe, the controversial Nisei public and private figure who was an influential adviser to former Washington Gov. Dixie Lee Ray, has retired formally as vice president of Burlington Northern Railroad.

He told *The Seattle Times* in an interview that he will back away from politics and get into what he always wanted—"an independent career as an international shipping and trading consultant." He said that although he will be drawing a pension from the railroad, he's not retiring.

Watanabe will be executive vice president of Bob Walsh & Associates, a firm which manages the careers and contracts of sports figures, where he will provide international consultation in sports-oriented and other businesses. Watanabe said that his work choice isn't new, since he has been in international commerce about 30 years.

A trade promoter here since he joined the Port of Seattle in 1969, Watanabe began getting attention as part of Gov. Ray's "Kitchen Cabinet."

Ray appointed him to the University of Washington's Board of Regents—and he later became its president. He also served on the state Personnel Board and the governor's finance advisory committee. He was a heavy contributor to the Ray political campaigns.

Watanabe was taken to court and fined \$1,200 for not revealing all his business interests, as required by the state Public Dis-

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Redress Reports

Individual Testimonies

TIME Magazine (Aug. 14), in covering the recent CWRIC hearings at Los Angeles, focused on testimony of two longtime JACLers. Mabel T. Ota spoke of personal tragedies due to lack of medical facilities. Dr. Mary S. Oda related the psychological impact of EO 9066 and incarceration at Manzanar. Both also were heard on KABC-radio on Carole Hemingway's talk show 8-9 p.m. Aug. 17. Here are the concluding portions of their statements.

● Mabel T. Ota (Concluding Installment)

When I saw her I noticed a large scab on the back of her head. She has a bald spot there to this day. Madeline is a developmentally disabled person. She is mentally retarded and has grand mal epilepsy.

When she was three years old she was admitted to the Hollywood Children's Hospital for one week of tests and observation. Dr. Lyttle, then head of the hospital, stated that it appeared she had suffered brain damage. He told me: (1) To have another child and (2) That Madeline's development would depend on the kind of education to which she was exposed.

My second daughter, Candice was born Feb. 27, 1947. A husband and wife physician team were my obstetrician-surgeon. Through their expert care and constant attendance during labor and delivery, my second daughter was born safely in a Los Angeles hospital.

Candice, school teacher, and now Mrs. Gary Funakoshi, has two sons, Brent 8½ and Keith, 7 years old. At the time of Brent's birth when Candice went into labor, the Dr. informed us that she was not dilating properly so he must perform an emergency Caesarean section. The birth was successful. Her second son was also born by Caesarean operation.

Many, many times I have wished that Madeline could have been born by Caesarean operation. She may then have been a normal whole person. Madeline has attended private schools for exceptional children and is now attending a private sheltered workshop. We have paid monthly fees for her education for over 30 years.

'Early' Death of Father

The second tragedy in our lives was the early death of my father, Suetzo Kawashima. My father had been a diabetic since his 30s but with insulin injections and careful and selective diet, he was living a normal life—working six days at the grocery store and spending the seventh at church or working in his yard. He always raised vegetables because they were essential to his diet.

At Poston, there were no special diets available to anyone. We all ate whatever was shipped into camp. Everyone ate the same meals prepared in the block kitchen and served in the mess hall. Many times our meals consisted solely of starches: bread, potatoes, rice, macaroni. Later, as the evacuees began to cultivate and grow their own vegetables, we did get better balanced meals.

After Madeline's birth, I had planned to join Fred in New York as soon as possible. However, the

doctor informed me that I must wait until Madeline was stronger—until she was at least 6 months old. So in November, 1943 Madeline and I left Poston and joined Fred in New York and settled in a fifth floor apartment on Claremont Ave.

Recalled from New York

Early in April, 1944 I received a letter from my mother in Poston asking me to return because my father had been admitted to the hospital. We sold our furniture, subleased the apartment, packed and returned to Poston. The doctor informed me that my father's diabetes was arrested but he was suffering from melancholia. He further stated that there were no facilities for treatment in Poston but he could arrange for father to be transferred to a Phoenix rest home where he could receive shock treatments which might effect a cure.

Although transportation, cost of medical treatments and hospitalization were to be at our own expense, mother and I decided we must give father the recommended medical treatments. Charles Iwashita (future brother-in-law) had a car in camp so he drove father and the rest of us to Phoenix. Father was admitted to Clark's Rest Home. My father said to me that it looked like an expensive place to stay. I reassured him that we would take care of all the costs and for him to recover as soon as possible.

Five and half weeks later, we received an urgent call from Dr. A.C. Kingsley stating that father did not have very long to live. We rushed to Phoenix and saw him about half an hour before his death on May 16, 1944.

Dr. Kingsley the following day informed me that the camp doctor had misdiagnosed father's illness. The camp doctor had only given urine analysis tests which showed sugar free. Subsequently, Dr. Kingsley administered a blood test and it showed that the diabetes had worsened. Father had gone into a diabetic coma and died. He did not have melancholia—so the shock treatments had not been necessary. His death certificate states that the immediate cause of death was due to diabetes. So father died at the age of 63 enduring unneeded shock treatments.

Both Fred and I feel that we have had successful careers: Fred in wholesale produce and I as an educator. Because of Madeline I returned to college, got an elementary teaching credential, became a teacher and then was the first Asian woman principal in California. We live comfortable, middle class lives in our retirement. However, we are always concerned—What is to become of Madeline when we are gone? She can never live independently.

After 40 years, misconception over Evacuation still lingers

SAN FRANCISCO—Misconceptions that swirl in & out on the issues facing the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians were the chief points of contention in testimony presented by Dr. Clifford Uyeda, past national JACL president and associate chair of the National JACL Committee for Redress here Aug. 11.

He scotched a prevalent myth that Japanese Americans by hard work have fully recovered from the losses suffered from their evacuation experience by noting many, especially the elderly, have never recovered and asserted one out of five elderly Japanese have income less than poverty level.

"Moreover, one's economic status has nothing to do with the dispensing of justice or the payment of redress when justice is not only denied but forcibly taken away...in the absence of any charges or indictment," Uyeda declared. "We are not asking for charity."

Referring to those who have generally made successful adjustments following the incarceration and who also regard the principle of monetary redress uncomfortably "because it seems to place a price tag on our freedom and our rights," Uyeda believed they are that way because "to them, demanding redress seems to diminish the grace and realism with which they and their parents made the best of the impossible situation" or fear "the patriotism and courage with which the Nisei fought for America when given the chance...might be depreciated."

Uyeda stressed that all Japanese Americans during WW2 made sacri-

● Dr. Mary S. Oda (Concluding Installment)

In camp every able-bodied person was expected to work. I got a job paying \$16 a month working in a hospital, doing history and physicals, drawing blood samples, following the doctors on rounds. While working in the hospital, I was witness to the death of an innocent bystander, a teenage boy who was one of the crowd shot at by the soldiers in the watchtower. He was the third victim; he died in spite of intravenous sodium sulfadiazine. Had it not been for the surgical skills of Dr. Goto, several others also would have died who were shot at. There were 10 injured.

I developed severe palpitations, my pulse racing at 110-120 a minute. It took many years for me to realize that this was a psychosomatic reaction to the submerged anger and frustration I felt at being forced to leave school, my home, and having my family divided. On the surface I was not aware of these feelings because there were 10,000 others in the same boat.

Emotional Toll Considerable

The emotional toll taken on my family was considerable. My younger sister suffered a nervous breakdown and was hospitalized for five months in a mental institution.

The physical toll was even greater. My oldest sister developed bronchial asthma in camp, a reaction to the terrible dust storms and winds. The asthma became intractable and she died at the age of 26.

My oldest brother, the dentist, had consumed a quart of milk daily most of his young life. In camp, adults were not allowed to have milk, only children under 5. He ate the picked vegetables and rice daily, the dried fruit preserved with sulfur and (thus) developed intestinal obstruction. Because by this time there were no competent surgeons left in camp, he was shipped to Los Angeles County General Hospital where he died after surgery. He had developed cancer of the stomach at age 30, three years after the evacuation.

My father, too, was sensitive to the winds and dust, developed constant nasal irritation and died of nose and throat cancer.

All three had entered the camps in good health and died within sev-

en months of each other, three years after the evacuation. Their deaths could be attributed to the stresses of the disruption in their lives, the extremely poor diet, exposure to the terrible winds and dust in camp.

Ten years later, I saw the identical diet given to retarded children in the State Hospital for the mentally retarded. The cost then was 13¢ per patient per day.

My father's loss of the fruits of 45 years of toil in this country, the psychological effects of forced imprisonment had taken their toll on all three. In spite of this, before he died he said he did not regret coming to this country because in no way could he have sent seven children through the university, five through medical and dental schools in his native Japan.

Life Expectancy Affected

Speaking of early, untimely deaths, I have observed in my medical practice an extremely high incidence of high blood pressure, heart disease, and cancer among the survivors of camps. Life expectancy seems to have been shortened from 10 to 15 years among us Japanese Americans. One-third of my small circle of friends and peers are dead. A high percentage of WW2 veterans are dead; many died in their late 40s and early 50s. Of medical schoolmates—all physicians who survived the camps—two out of 12 are dead and one has survived a stroke.

Camp life further fragmented our family life. We could no longer eat together, share meals or talk to each other. We each had our separate jobs, separate friends. We were resigned to life in camp and to make the best of it.

When I heard that students would be allowed to leave, I wrote to all 96 medical schools in the country except the five on the West Coast. I received replies from several which stated they could not consider my application because they had military installations on their campus. The implication of my return address, Manzanar, was that I was a potential spy or saboteur.

I was finally accepted into the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania which, being all female, did not have military installations on the campus. My mother cashed in her life insurance policy to pay for my tuition, room and board for one year, the sum of \$1,000.

The Loyalty Question

On the question pertaining to the loyalty oath, all my family wrote "yes/yes." There is a Japanese saying, "Umi-no-oya yori mo sodate no oya," meaning your adoptive parents are your real parents. America was the country of my parent's adoption and therefore was our family's country. All my three living brothers served in the Armed Forces. The oldest brother volunteered to serve immediately after Pearl Harbor but was rebuffed and later volunteered from camp but was turned down.

My husband was among the first 14 who volunteered from Manzanar as a special group destined to become linguists so vital for America's final victory.

One bigot on a TV show asked, if you were so badly treated, why did you volunteer to fight for this country? My answer is: Our situation was analogous to that of battered children. We were the battered children of this country who, in spite of unspeakable treatment

by their parents, who still love their motherland and fatherland and still strive to please them. Why? Because they know no other parents.

But the losses under discussion before the CWRIC "were the result of the actions of the American government" against American citizens and permanent residents of this country.

The Japanese American still suffers from a misconception in the public mind, Uyeda noted, after 40 years. There is public belief "(1) that we were guilty of disloyalty to our country because of the actions taken against us by the U.S. government, and (2) that evacuation was both necessary and justified, (abetting) a powerful belief upheld by the Supreme Court in the Korematsu case."

"To many Americans the fact that no meaningful damages have been paid by the U.S. government is taken as a proof that no real injustice was done. (Therefore) only a congressional action authorizing redress for the victims will ever erase this misconception from the public's mind and indelibly etch the incident into American history and conscience..."

Uyeda said he hoped that CWRIC's final report will be the "most thorough and comprehensive", answering many questions still unanswered after 40 years. The U.S. cannot insist on human rights abroad when it fails to acknowledge and correct the wrong committed against its own people—the Japanese Americans during WW2, he concluded.

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Post evacuation: The ones who suffered the most after the war was over were our parents. My father, when dying, said he was going back to North Hollywood to farm again. Had he lived, he couldn't possibly have started over again at age 68. With my father's and oldest brother's deaths, and the other members of my family being unable to support my mother, she went to work as a farm laborer. What money we received from the sale of the farm equipment, crops, prior to the evacuation was spent in camp on necessities over the three years. Her salary was \$12 a month working as a nurse's aide on the TB ward.

So, after living in this country for 34 years, raising seven children, my mother who taught school in Japan for seven years before coming to this country, was on the farm doing stoop labor. She carried the ashes of my father, brother and sister about for three years. When she received the government's token compensation for family losses, the \$1,800 paid for the gravestone under which the three are now buried.

Photos in Museum

The most difficult problem for me to overcome as a result of evacuation was the anger and bitterness which has gradually surfaced over the past 39 years. When the photographs of camp were shown some years ago at the Pasadena Art Museum, I burst into tears and could not stop the flow of tears. All the pent-up emotion held back for so many years was released. The numbness of evacuation was finally lifted.

Because of the humiliation and shame, I could never tell my four children of my true feelings about that event in 1942—I did not want my children to feel the burden of shame and feeling of rejection by their fellow Americans. I wanted them to feel that in spite of what was done to us, this was still the best place in the world to live.

The evacuation, coming as it did when I had become of legal age, was the most traumatic experience of my life. It made me realize first hand that democracy can be an illusion and constitutional rights a meaningless phrase.

Until the Commission was established, I had justifiable doubts about the integrity of government in this greatest country on this earth. I had lost faith 39 years ago, suffered hardship of an emotional and physical nature because of

3 CWRIC hearings in Alaska scheduled

WASHINGTON—Persons wishing to testify at the CWRIC public hearings in Alaska, Sept. 15 at the Federal Bldg., Anchorage, Sept. 17 at Dutch Harbor, Unalaska; and Sept. 19 at St. Paul, Pribilof Islands, are expected to register with the Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Assn., 1689 C St., Anchorage (907) 276-2700 ext. 230 by Sept. 10, it was announced here.

The Commission office here, 726 Jackson Pl NW, Suite 2020, Washington, DC 20506, will accept written testimony from anyone unable to present oral testimony until Sept. 30, it was added.

evacuation. I had lost my support, part of my family—father, brother and a sister.

Perhaps the worst part of it was the realization of the indifference of many fellow Americans toward the humiliation and shame of the experience we suffered, the utter lack of compassion and understanding. There are some bigoted individuals who liken our incarceration in the prison-like atmosphere of the camps to a fun-filled summer camp. They also say that we were there for our protection. If so, why were the guns pointed toward us rather than away from us?

For Monetary Redress

The Commission's study of the event will restore some lost faith. But the only way government can right this wrong is by monetary compensation. We served as hostages in this country when the tides of war were against us; we were imprisoned without trial. No amount of compensation can repay us for the shame and humiliation, the lost lives, the lost time. Without monetary payment in reparations, this investigation is without meaning. Only monetary compensation may serve as a deterrent in preventing a repetition of the same error in the future against another ethnic group.

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space program to start their preparatory education "as early as possible." A degree in any of the sciences such as math, chemistry, physics or biology is a must, he added.

The Nikkei astronaut, who will soon be promoted to the rank of major, praised the JACL for its work on the redress issue and expressed his pride in representing them in the space program. Kubokawa noted that Onizuka will join the Houston JACL chapter.

In addition to Congressmen Mineta and Matsui, other honorees at the dinner included:

Floyd Mori, director of the California Dept. of Economic and Business Development; UC Board of Regent Yori Wada; Oakland Superior Court Judge Ken Kawachi; Sacramento Superior Court Judge Mamoru Sakuma; San Jose Superior Court Judge Taketsugu Takei; San Jose Superior Court Judge Wayne Kanemoto; Stockton County Board Supervisor Richard Yoshikawa.

Union City Mayor Tom Kitayama; Marina Mayor Robert Ouye; Fremont Councilman Yoshio Fujiwara; Petaluma Councilman Eddie Nomura; Oakland Councilman Frank Ogawa; Marina Councilman George Takahashi; Placer County Constable Hike Yego; San Jose Superintendent of Schools Dr. K. Jesse Kobayashi; San Jose Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul S. Sakamoto; and Richard Tanaka, member of the San Jose Board of Education.

Toastmaster Nakashima also introduced Dr. Yosh Nakashima, NCWNPDC district governor, who offered his greetings; Ben Takeshita, district redress co-chair, who paid tribute to the civic and judicial leaders; and John Tateishi, JACL national redress coordinator, who announced that he will be attending the Seattle and Chicago CWRIC hearings this month.

Mabel Ota: first Asian Cal. woman principal

LOS ANGELES—Mabel Takako Ota, principal of Dayton Heights Elementary School, retired after 31 years of public service last May as a teacher, administrator, and principal in the Los Angeles City School System.

She was honored at a bon voyage dinner at Grandview Gardens in Chinatown sponsored by her peers in the Los Angeles City School District, the Asian American Educators Association, Dayton Heights community and PTA, and the Uptown Optimist Club.

Ota was the first Asian woman to be appointed as principal in the Los Angeles City School System and the State of

California as well coming to her present assignment at Dayton Heights Elementary School in 1969.

Her interest in teaching arose from a tragedy which occurred within her own family in 1946.

Ota's daughter Madeline had suffered from brain damage at birth and the doctors advised Mrs. Ota that her daughter's progress would depend on how much education she was exposed to and how quickly she could learn.

Thus, she took the undertaking to become a teacher and teach Madeline herself. She received her elementary school credentials from

CSULA, earned her masters degree from USC in science and education with elementary administrators credentials, and then graduated from Mount St. Mary's with a secondary teaching credential and general administrator's credential.

Her current activities include being the Chi Alpha Delta Alumni scholarship chairwoman, Wilshire Uptown JACL VP, Asian American Education Commission, and the Association of Elementary School Principals.

Ota is also active in activities with the Westside and Uptown Optimist Clubs. Her husband Fred Ota is a member of the Westside Optimist Club. #

Who Are We?

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The ubiquitous human question is, "Who am I?" For Asian Pacific Americans, the answer is especially confusing. They are American; they are Asian; in a sense, they are white and they are black. Some would call it the middle-shade minority dilemma: not quite light enough for full racial acceptance, not quite dark enough for full racial rejection.

The classic case of mixed signals: During World War II, American citizens of Japanese descent battled heroically in the U.S. military. But back home in the states, their wives and siblings—also American citizens of Japanese descent—floundered behind barbed wire fences and armed guard towers of government concentration camps. This kind of historically conditioned ambiguity over rejection and acceptance persists even today. For every Asian-American female news anchor you see on TV, there's an incident of Klan violence against Chinese in Monterey Park or against Vietnamese fishermen in Texas. It should not be surprising, then, that being a middleshade minority gives some Asians a feeling of being neither here nor there. No wonder there's such a great split between those who favor assimilating into white society as the best strategy for Asian success in America, and those who favor alliances with blacks and Hispanics.

Some Asians try to get around the dilemma by denying their ethnicity. Consequently, they're somewhat derisively (sic) known by the community as "bananas" or "twinkies" (yellow outside, white inside). Other Asians are comfortable with the complexities of both cultures. Still others have simply chosen to blissfully live outside the American mainstream, or they simply don't worry much about it, as the task of survival keeps them busy enough.

It would be pleasant to believe that Asians could thrive as they are in the big melting pot of America, but the polarized power structure of this society seems to force a choice. A harmonious pluralistic society is realistically possible only when everyone has equal access to power, which of course is not yet true in America. And so we see no near relief.

The identity crisis is more than philosophical ponderings over race relations. It's a major reason that Asian youth are turning to gangs and drugs in ever-growing numbers—our topic for [next week].

Fifth in a series of 11 editorials on the troubled Asian community in Los Angeles.

The entire set is now available in reprint form by writing to The Los Angeles Herald Examiner, Editorial Page, P.O. Box 2416, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles, CA 90051.

Voting Rights Act extension to 1992 urged

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights asked the Congress to strengthen the Voting Rights Act and extend all portions through 1992 in testimony June 16 before a House judiciary subcommittee. Commission chairman Arthur Flemming said, "Newer and more subtle forms of discrimination are being used to deny minorities full participation in the political process."

President Reagan, in the meantime, asked the Justice Dept. to undertake a comprehensive assessment of the Act. "The question before us in the months ahead will be whether the Act continues to be the most appropriate means of guaranteeing those rights," according to a June 15 letter to Attorney General William French Smith released by the White House.

WATANABE

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closure act.

He was also criticized for attending few meetings of the UW board and state Personnel Board.

Watanabe, ill with cancer, later quit the Personnel Board but in July he said that through the treatments given by doctors at UW, his cancer appears to be in remission.

He has resumed his work on the UW board, where his term runs to September 1982.

Of his new assignment, Watanabe said he will be giving assistance and promotional advertising for the Walsh firm.

He added that he is doing "absolutely nothing" in politics. As for former Gov. Ray, he said, "I keep in touch, we're good friends."

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New Otani Hotel to mark 4th year

LOS ANGELES—New Otani Hotel & Garden celebrates its fourth anniversary on Friday, Sept. 11, with a \$50 banquet, entertainment and dancing. Noted Japanese magician Haruo Shimada will be featured with three other magicians. Reservations: 629-1200 ext. 320.

Okinawan dance, music slated for San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—The Japan Society of Northern California will present Okinawan Court Dance Theater and Music at Herbst Theater on Oct. 8, 8 p.m. For info call (415) 986-4383.

Sac'to UMC to hold fall food bazaar

SACRAMENTO—The twelfth annual Japanese Food Bazaar of the Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church will be held on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 6929 Franklin Blvd., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For info call (916) 635-2815.

Join the JACL

Katazome exhibition set in Palm Beach County

PALM BEACH, FL—A special exhibition of katazome, or paste-resist stencil-dyeing, entitled "Color and Pattern: Stencil-Dyed Works by Gisha Nakano" will be on display at The Morikami Museum from Sept. 15 through Dec. 13, it was announced by the Palm Beach County Department of Parks and Recreation. For info call (305) 964-4420.

Deaths

Kenji Utsumi, 80, retired Oakland photographer, died Aug. 6. Surviving are a Lt. Col. Robert, Donald, Dr. Edward; sis Maki Ito (Chicago), Dr. Etsuji, William, 6 gc, 2 ggc.

Pacific Northwest symposium a step forward for Hibakusha

BY KAREN SERIGUCHI

Seattle

It is my privilege as PNW district secretary to work with the nine JACL chapters in Washington and Oregon and with the many active PNW committees. District Council members have been focusing most of their abundant energy toward preparations for the Northwest hearing of the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. All the surveys, workshops, mock hearings, and countless meetings will bear fruit on September 9, 10, and 11 at Seattle Central Community College.

At the same time, the District Council has carried out several other worthwhile projects. Al Abe of the Portland chapter, for example, organized a fund-raising campaign that recently netted more than \$1,800 to help offset the Spokane chapter's debt incurred in its suit to establish an Asian American Studies department at Washington State University.

Ken Nakano has laid groundwork for a circulating library of Japanese-language videotapes of musicals and dramatic programs that will travel among Issei groups in the Northwest. And even while working on redress, members of the job discrimination, political education, health, aging and retirement, recognition, and other committees continue to do work in those areas.

After a year's planning, the District sponsored with the Seattle chapter a day-long symposium entitled, "Japanese Canadian and Japanese American: A Comparative Perspective," held on May 2 at Seattle Central Community College. Kathryn Bannai and Frank Fujii cochaired the project, which brought together scholars and artists from Canada and the U.S. to discuss impacts of the internment.

Many saw yet another symposium, this one on the effects of radiation on atomic bomb survivors. Held in conjunction with a medical examination of Pacific Northwest survivors, the symposium is worth describing because it illustrates a JACL project that touched individuals (in this case, the hibakusha), legislative measures (HR 1022), and international concerns (nuclear proliferation).

Credit for organizing both the symposium and the medical examinations goes to Ken Nakano, national JACL atomic bomb survivors committee cochair. Working with Dennis Short, a PHS Hospital physician, Ken set an exhilarating pace for his small

Art scholarships patterned after Nat'l Merit's launched

WASHINGTON—Arts Recognition and Talent Search (ARTS), created by the Educational Testing Service last year, is "a national program for the identification, recognition and encouragement of young people who have demonstrated excellence in dance, music, theater, visual arts and writing."

Similar to the National Merit Scholarship Program for young scholars, ARTS is for seventeen- and eighteen-year-olds with outstanding artistic talent and the willingness to dedicate a great deal of time and effort to the development of their artistic abilities.

Qualified applicants are eligible for cash awards plus invitations to work with professional orchestras, dance and theater companies, and master teachers.

Strongly committed to affirmative

action and with a goal of full participation from all ethnic and cultural groups, ETS has developed the ARTS program in close cooperation with a special multi-ethnic group called the Working Committee for Affirmative Action.

Leah Gaskin-Fitchue, director of the program, states that the WCAA "charge was to find a way to deliver a message about the NAA/ARTS program to a diverse and often neglected audience of minority students, and get those groups involved!"

The JACL Washington Office sits on the advisory committee of the WCAA and urges anyone interested in further information to contact the office. The closing date for distribution of registration forms from the ARTS office in Princeton is Sept. 28, 1981.

committee. They put together the program, got flyers, posters, and press releases out with help from the University of Washington press office, ran a press conference, and obtained auditorium facilities, all within two weeks. The local ABS committee, chaired by Mary Fujita, helped take care of arrangements for the medical team.

Problems of the Hibakusha

In 1977 and 1979, the Hiroshima medical team visited American hibakusha living in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Their visit in May of this year was their first to the Northwest.

Even though no Northwest survivor seems to have cancer, like all hibakusha they live with the knowledge that they face greater chances of developing cancer than other people. According to Dr. Hiroomi Matsubara, medical team leader, the 500 to 700 American hibakusha also seem to suffer more "general neuroses and mild depressions" than Japanese survivors.

Such psychological problems result partly from a lack of adequate medical care: American doctors have had no experience with atomic bomb survivors, and survivors themselves are reluctant to inform doctors of their experience for fear of ostracism or forfeiting health insurance.

Thus, Dr. Jim Tsujimura, who flew up from Portland to join the medical team, was able to relieve one woman of several years' worry that her eye problems were radiation induced.

The symposium

The U.S.-Hiroshima medical team agreed to present their work for the first time in a four-hour symposium, held May 22 at the Univ. of Washington Health Sciences auditorium, during their visit to Seattle.

Aside from the documentary showing the human and physical devastation of Hiroshima, most of the symposium dealt with such highly technical topics as "Assessments of radiation effects on the immunity systems of atomic bomb survivors," and "Measuring absorbed radiation." Speakers were:

Lloyd Hara (moderator), Seattle JACL president; Dr. Hiroomi Matsubara, director, Hiroshima Prefectural Medical Association; Hiroaki Yamada, chief, Field Section, Radiation Effects Research Foundation; Dr. Chikako Ito, chief, Department of Medicine, Health Management Office, Hiroshima A-Bomb Casualty Council; Dr. Thomas L. Robertson, deputy director, U.S. Public Health Hospital, San Francisco; Dr. Michio Yamakido, associate professor, Hiroshima University School of Medicine; Dr. Takashi Makinoda, director, Geriatric Center and professor of medicine, VA Wadsworth Medical Center, Los Angeles; Dr. Tadatoshi Akiba, associate professor of mathematics, Tufts University, and Dr. Chikata Ohtake, a Seattle surgeon, translator.

What were the results of this project? For 24 atomic bomb survivors, their first medical examination by doctors trained in radiation-related illnesses. For the public, vivid images and a heightened awareness of the result of nuclear war. For U.S. doctors and medical workers, greater understanding of the medical consequences of exposure to radiation. For the ABS committee, a step forward in the campaign to obtain medical assistance for the hibakusha. Programs like this demonstrate JACL's worth and vigor as an organization to ourselves and to others. #

APAAC

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Central Valley, secretary; Ferdinand Galvez of Sacramento, treasurer.

At the meeting here in San Diego Chung Hoang Chuong was elected as a director-at-large. Two more at-large positions remain to be filled to ensure gender and ethnic balance on the board.

The board projects a full calendar of events for September and October, including a full-scale membership campaign, printing of the first newsletter, obtaining office space, receiving job applications, electing two at-large members of the board and formulating detailed work plans for 1982.

All interested persons are invited to attend the next State Board of Directors meeting on Nov. 20-21 at the Oakland Hilton Hotel, which is scheduled concurrently with the conference of the California Association for Asian Bilingual Education.

The next Los Angeles regional meeting of APAAC will be held Tuesday, Sept. 8 at Castelar School, 850 Yale St., 6:30 p.m. For more information on the L.A. meeting, call Irene Hirano (213) 295-6571. #

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Medfly

San Francisco

It seems that American diplomacy with Japan is through an issuance of threats. "Retaliatory legislation" is the phrase used.

"Restrict auto export to the U.S. or else Congress will pass retaliatory legislation," was the threat from the historical champion of free trade.

Governor Brown issued a similar "retaliatory legislation" threat against Japan when Japan banned California's produce because of the Mediterranean fruit fly infestation. The States of Texas, Florida and Georgia had earlier called for a national quarantine on all California produce that could host the Medflies. Korea and Taiwan had already embargoed California produce. But only Japan received this threat of retaliatory legislation.

The United States asked for and received voluntary restraints of car imports from Japan to help the U.S. economy. Japan asked for voluntary restraints on fruit and vegetable exports from California into Japan until the spreading Medfly problem is first controlled.

Washington issued an "agreement" between U.S. and Japan that import ban applies only to those fruit and vegetables which come from areas in California that are federally regulated for Medfly. Japan denied that an agreement was reached and continued the request for voluntary restraint.

The Medfly has now spread to the San Joaquin Valley where more than half of the fruits in California are grown.

What is behind the American posture of issuing "threats" in dealing with Japan? It began with Commodore Perry in Tokyo Bay. If United States and Japan is to work as partners to meet the challenges of the world of today and tomorrow, it would certainly help to treat each other as equals with understanding rather than threats as a tool for diplomacy. #

Haji vs. Go for Broke

By MARSHALL M. SUMIDA

San Francisco

"Losing face" is a familiar term among Nisei. It is a concept that must be experienced to understand it. Its impact and meaning will not be found in the dictionary.

"Losing face" or *Haji* is a word that has its roots in a world of emotions, beyond the world of human reasoning or logic. It is a word with both positive and negative connotations, depending on the context in which it is used. In addition to "losing face", it could mean: disgrace, loss of self-respect, shame—or more importantly, the defamation of one's honor. It could carry a meaning for things that were done (misfeasance or malfeasance), or failing to do that which one is obligated to do (nonfeasance).

But to the Nisei GI, it has a deeper meaning—beyond reason and worth fighting and dying for!

"GO FOR BROKE"

There were two battles we were fighting.

One on the battlefield, the other at home.

One was won with many unheralded deeds.

The other's yet to be won—or lost by default?

Naga iki sureba haji ōshi.

"A long life has many shames."

The Japanese poet weeps over the many sorrows and shames he has experienced and bewails the long days which he pessimistically predicts will cause him to weep even more.

To be accused of being a traitor in one's own country,
Proving beyond a reasonable doubt of one's loyalty;
My government is quibbling logical justification.

What more can I give but my life?

What "price" must one pay for his self-respect and honor?

It is *haji* not to have a clean slate and establish a record to be proud of. Our (Sansei) children must live without having to apologize for their parents.

Oi nureba
Hi mo nabinimo,
Namida kana.

—Issa

As I grow older,
Even the much longer days
Bring plentiful tears.

—Issa

Tears falls for my children to live in a world
without compassion or devotion ...
no self-respect ...

A logical world where "honor" is meaningless!
Where one will settle for a price,
Where there is no price, but your life!

—Anonymous Nisei GI Casualty of the 2nd Front

Letterbox

● The Silent Majority

Editor:

I've been reading all the reports of witnesses in the Redress Commission hearings. I had my say (at Los Angeles Aug. 6) but three minutes were not enough for all I wished to say. I have written in much more than I was able to say—but here is a concern I have in regard to these hearings.

I call it the "Silent Majority."

Yesterday (8/16), I was at a Japanese church and spoke to both the Issei and Nisei about my concern and not a single person from that congregation had witnessed. After I asked them to write to the Commission, a Nisei told us that he was only 16 when taken to camp. His family lost \$1.5 million at the present value of the dollar. He said he had no desire to ask for any of this money back but he promised to write in and suggest that the Government should help various communities in aiding the aging Nikkei.

If anybody needs redress it is the folks who had to vacate Terminal Island so suddenly. I was very close to that situation as I had followed the fishermen who were picked up Dec. 7th, up to Missoula and out to POW camps and visited the families. The day before the evacuation order was given, I happened to visit the Baptist church on Terminal Island and Virginia Swanson was all excited and said a naval official had just told her the people were to be given 48 hours to clear out. I made the mistake of my life. I knew Lt. Comm. Ringle when he was a language officer in the Embassy in Japan and had had two talks with him after Dec. 7th. I should have gone to him at once and I believe I could have convinced him to give those poor folks a better chance. Instead, I let the sheep be taken to the slaughter and phoned the Friends Service Committee, the Church Federation and the JACL. That afternoon, about thirty people met at the church to discuss plans to help with the evacuation. I was on hand both of these days. What an unnecessary tragedy it was.

I also think that folks who had moved voluntarily into the B Zone at great expense and then had to go to the detention camps should be given something.

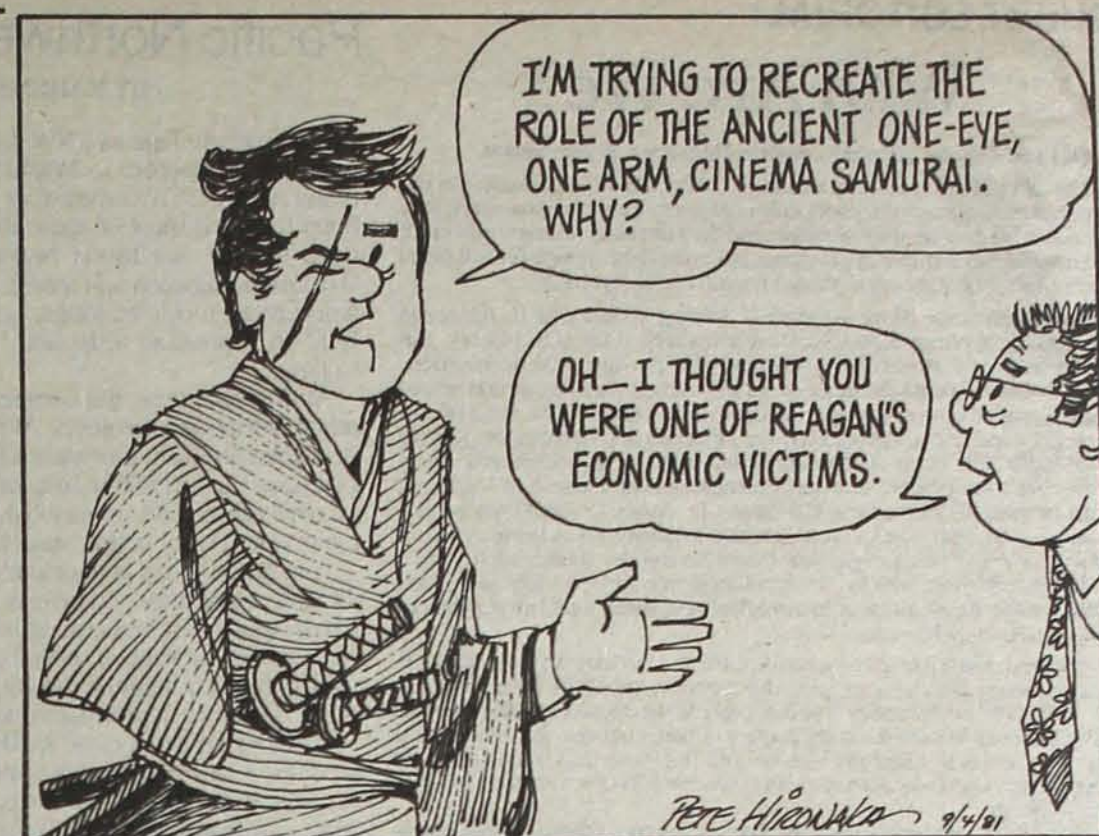
Dr. Yamaguchi and his doctor wife and another Nisei doctor had spent \$10,000 to move to Del Ray, rent a small hotel and fix it up as a hospital. They were mad when told they had to go to one of the camps. I was up there trying to help the people with my truck and got permission for them to leave at once for Salt Lake City.

It is my plan, rather than having individuals given a large sum of money, to have the Government match money raised by corporations planning to build low rent apartments, retirement places and medical facilities in various Nikkei communities. The Government could also help cultural and pioneer centers and use the money to further friendly visitation and relations between our two countries. How about it?

HERBERT V. NICHOLSON

Pasadena, Ca.

Ailing for some time, the Rev. Nicholson checked out from the hospital in the morning to deliver his testimony before the CWRIC



at Los Angeles. Since then he has been circulating to 100 Japanese churches a brief statement, "The Silent Majority on Redress", which is urging church members who do not want individual redress to tell the Government to contribute several million dollars in memory of the loyal Issei toward construction of housing, medical facilities and pioneer centers for the aging Nikkei. The brief message also refers to a statement in the Philadelphia Enquirer by Judge Bill Marutani, a CWRIC commissioner, who said: "To this day, the government has not even said, 'Look, all you guys are clean, we were wrong, and we're really sorry about it.'"—Editor.

● Hiroshima-Nagasaki

Editor:

The month of August marked the 36th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I had assumed the Pacific Citizen would cover the event. I was mistaken.

Commemorations were held throughout the world—Paris, Amsterdam, Madrid, the United States, in addition to those held in Japan. These meetings were reported by both the national and local press, but the Pacific Citizen was silent. This could have been an opportune time to publicize the situation of the atomic bomb survivors, the Hibakusha, and the work of the JACL around the issue. However, the chance was lost.

Recently, the book "Hiroshima and Nagasaki" (Basic Books, 1981) was published by a group of Japan's leading scientists, physicians and social scientists who reported on the physical, social and psychological effects of the A-bombs on Japan. It reveals the damage was much greater than had previously been reported. Studies by the United Nations and United States were reviewed to be lacking. It would be interesting if the PC could review the book from a Nikkei viewpoint.

BRUCE EEJIMA

Oakland, Ca.

Tell it to us,
briefly ...

Holiday Issue Kits

Chapters which have assisted us in the past soliciting greetings for the Holiday Issue are reminded that the Advertising Kits are being mailed out next week after Labor Day.

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MOSHI—MOSHI: by Jin Konomi

The Last Samrai



My thoughts on the samrai are always polarized between alienation and affinity. I take a very dim view of the samrai class, and history supports my judgment. On the other hand I have a deep respect for the precepts of *bushido*, and I think some characters of

folk history and tradition are admirable. Whenever I pick up a popular Japanese magazine, the first feature I turn to is a period fiction. The heroes of the current crop of "samrai stories" are not heroic so much as appealingly human. They are usually of low ranks, often mavericks or ronin. A critical view of the samrai establishment runs through many of these stories as a minor theme. But to the extent that these characters are products of the class and their actions are part of their being samrai, there is something to be said for the samrai ethos. My view is not totally negative.

This ambivalence is deeply rooted in my early life. It began as an inner conflict in my relationship with a samrai.

This samrai was my uncle. If ever there was a samrai still surviving so many decades after the formal abolition of the caste in 1871, he surely was one. With piercing eyes and erect carriage, he had the presence of some kabuki characters. And as he looked, so he was. From age 4 till I graduated from *chugaku* (high school) at 18, I spent the most formative years of my life as his ward.

If I have any samraish traits I must have absorbed them from him, as by osmosis. My incompetence, irresoluteness or scruples in certain situations, lack of practical wisdom adaptability, and social grace, I saw all daily before me in him. I grew up loving him and getting irked by him, respecting and feeling contemptuous of him, developing and harboring all the complex feeling (I suppose) a son develops toward his father. Only I could not voice them as a son might. In spite of our closeness he was not exactly the same as my father.

In my fifteenth year a crisis arose in the family. He had to have an operation for the removal of a large, grapefruit-sized tumor. The operation was going to be risky for the tumor lay right on top of the larynx and close by the carotid. We were all scared, and felt as though we were facing our doomsday. It was a personal crisis for me. I was sorry I'd been saying so many ungrateful things to myself about him. He was the main pillar of the family and losing him was the greatest calamity I could think of.

In spite of an impassioned pleading by the surgeon, uncle refused to be anesthetized. For over four hours he lay on the operating table, fully conscious as the surgeon cut into his throat and pried out the big tumor. Later the surgeon told aunt with awe in his voice that uncle never let out even a small groan. The relief at knowing that the operation was successful was so overwhelming that I was about ready to faint. I vowed that I would never think bad thoughts about uncle. Of course I did not keep the vow.

All through the years in America I have often looked back to my childhood and adolescence and each time I wondered about my uncle: why was he as he was, a samrai in the world of the twentieth century; most of all why he deliberately chose to be operated on without anesthesia. Then, only the other day, a sudden realization came. I had always taken my uncle's samraihood as a matter of course, but he was not samrai at all. At the time of the abolition of castes, he was only ten or twelve. He was a son of samrai, but was not one himself. The simplicity of the realized fact was almost shocking. But now I began to see the light, I thought.

A comparison to Don Quixote at once occurred to me. As the man of La Mancha was more a knight than the true-life knights of middle ages, so was my uncle more samrai than the generality of samrai in past generations. Assumed samraihood was more precious than samraihood one was born to. Even as a child I

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■ Rather leave the crime of the guilty unpunished than condemn the innocent.—Justinian Code.

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

Picture of Picnickers Changing

Denver, Colo.

Over the years the Denver Japanese community picnic has become something of a mid-summer tradition. The Japanese Association (made up mostly of a few hardy Issei and a handful of older Nisei), the JACL chapter, the churches, the judo club and a few other organizations sponsor it.

The attendance used to reflect the sponsorship, but this year the Issei were noticeable by their scarcity. Those who are still with us seem to prefer home to the rigors of trying to get comfortable on a picnic blanket. As a matter of fact, there seemed to be more non-Japanese faces present than the classic Oriental features, reflecting the increasing number of inter-racial marriages. The demographers tell us that more than half—and in some areas substantially more than half—of Sansei and Yonsei marriages cross racial lines.

What I saw at the picnic reminded me of an article in the Summer 1981 issue of Policy Review, published by The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank based in Washington, D.C. The article, titled "Racial Classification: Politics of the Future?" was written by L.H. Gann and Alvin Rabushka, both identified as senior fellows at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University.

The thrust of their article was that in trying to overcome and make amends for racial discrimination, the United States is now discriminating in favor of some racially defined groups that suffered from discrimination in the past. This has made it necessary to define and identify minorities. And this in turn is leading to some knotty and unanticipated problems. The authors ask:

"To ensure that only blacks, Hispanics, Asians, and Native Americans receive the benefit of court rulings, will it

become necessary for the courts or the legislature to define minority members by law? Will some mechanism have to be found to select groups no longer eligible for minority classification (say Japanese Americans, whose average family incomes now exceed the whites'), or to include new groups (immigrant Haitians, Cubans, Laotians, and Vietnamese)? Classification by race is not a new problem, and it is one that even the most explicitly racialized regimes have had trouble in solving.

"What fraction of black ancestry determines black eligibility? 100 percent? Three quarters. One-half? One-fourth? How important are phenotypical characteristics, such as type of hair, darkness of skin, eye color and so forth? If a dark-skinned Appalachian with curly hair claims to have discovered his blackness, should his claim be denied? If it is to be denied, it must be on some legal criterion or racial classification to guarantee equal protection under the law.

"The definition of 'Hispanics' is even more difficult. Should Mr. Gomez, a native of Madrid and graduate of Spanish university be classed as a Hispanic... Above all, what happens to persons of mixed ancestry? Suppose, for example that Andrew Maclean of Scottish descent, married Miss Maria Gomez, of Mexican origin. Are their children eligible under the one-half rule, even if they have blue eyes and speak no Spanish? How about Mr. John Alvarez, who has one Mexican grandfather? Should he be classified as a 'Hispanic,' even though he happens to be a member of the WASP establishment in a small city of Iowa? How is descent to be traced? Through the father's line, as in traditional societies? Or would such a practice conflict with the feminists' demand for equal rights?"

The authors go on in similar vein for some pages, exploring a real and difficult problem. And the Japanese Americans are part of it. In our efforts to right past wrongs, we are creating a new morass for ourselves. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

A Tear Jerker

Philadelphia

WHILE I HAD no idea what the movie was about because it bore the title, "Gaijin" (Foreigner), and since we have precious little opportunities to enjoy *katsudō shashins* in these parts, on a spur of the moment I steered myself and frau Vicki into the theater. (For those in these parts, as of this writing, this film is showing at the Ritz Three, 3rd and Walnut, the same theater which played "Kagemusha" as well as "8 Sandakan".) It was quite different from anything we had seen—a tear jerker.

IT WAS DIFFERENT in that it is an *eiga* produced in Brazil involving among others, Japanese and Brazilian producers, actors and actresses. The poignant theme is the immigration to Brazil of a contingent from Japan circa 1908 and the ensuing hardships, exploitation, struggle to survive in peonage on a coffee plantation. It is a story to which, I suspect, many Nisei can and will relate. That it is a gripping story was attested to by the intent silence of the audience. I understand the movie won an award. No doubt the movie is playing in various other cities and we commend your visit. Especially by those Nikkei who recently attended the Nisei conference in Mexico City.

AS I VIEWED the film, I longingly thought of the moving saga that similarly could be told of the Issei-Nisei experience in America—if only we could marshal the needed resources and had available the necessary experience and talent. If memory

serves me, there was a Nisei company that was active in seeking to gain a foothold in the movie industry, producing a few grade "B" movies, no doubt hoping to move up into bigger and better things. I believe the enterprise was called Nacirema—"American" spelled backwards.

AMONG THE NIKKEI, there exist experience and talent in acting to tell the American story of the early Japanese and their offspring. We need the production expertise and the all-essential capital, coupled to dedicated sensitivity. Produced and distributed properly, such a film presentation could reach more people and do more for understanding than all the publicity ventures to the present, combined. And, in the course of all this, hopefully the venture could yield a profitable return.

I'D OFTEN THOUGHT that it was regrettable that more Nikkei were not involved in the challenging, and potentially lucrative, fields of mass media—be it broadcasting, magazine and newspaper publishing—or movie making. What a leverage to help shape public mores, values and sentiment!

GETTING BACK TO "Gaijin", when you see the credits at the opening of the film, note the spelling of the Japanese names. Perhaps it was the Portuguese phonetic style. For example, the syllable *chi* will appear as *ti*, and *shi* will be *si* and so on. Every so often there will be misspelling in the subtitles, but this is minor. It is an enjoyable film. See it. Take your spouse. And a box of tissue. #

35 Years Ago

in The Pacific Citizen

SEPT. 7, 1946

Aug. 19—U.S. Army's Information & Education section, Pacific area, continues fight on anti-Nisei bias facing returning Nisei GIs to West Coast with stories of 442nd's record in Europe theater.

Aug. 30—Calif. Personnel Board holds up dismissal of disloyal charge against 88 former Nisei state employees because of back pay dispute.

Aug. 30—Progressive News, Japanese American bilingual daily in San Francisco, started; Michi Onuma, publisher; Howard Imazeki, editor.

Sept. 1—ILWU in Hawaii begins strike for higher wages against sugar industry; asking for minimum 65¢ per hour, 40-hr. week, etc.

Sept. 1—War-time interior housing projects for Canadian Japanese at Lemon Creek and Slocan to be closed in September, Labor Dept.'s Japanese division announces.

Sept. 3—California fails in attempt to take 320-acre Fresno farm belonging to William Shiba, who was represented by John Maeno, Los Angeles attorney; case dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence... Fumiko Mitsuuchi and Roy Sakioka of Los Angeles file law suit in challenge of alien land law, A.L. Wirin and J. Marion Wrights, counsels for plaintiffs.

"Nisei USA" columns (Aug. 31 and Sept. 7 PC) by Larry Tajiri review 4 pages in Adamic's book, "Dinner at the White House" (1946: Harper & Bros.) dealing with Evacuation; author hints decision to evacuate had been made by the time when the Adamics attended the dinner Jan. 13, 1942.

KONOMI

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could see he was a misfit in the new world. Feeling his own failure keenly he had to prove himself in the big crisis of his life. Going into surgery without anaesthesia was his way to assert his courage and fortitude, two of the most valued disciplines of samuraihood. The four hours of grueling ordeal on the operating table were his supreme hours of glory. #

MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi



Remembering Dad

My younger sister and I spent large portions of our dinner hour correcting my father's English, both syntax and pronunciation. We also spent much time teaching him proper table etiquette. A monumental effort was made to get him to say please and thank you, which he resisted more than our other campaigns. We thought that this old Issei was a strange creature to be dwelling in our American household.

We thought his attire was terribly unfashionable. He was in his 70s when I was still in high school, and I guess the space in his collar was the result of shrinkage that comes with aging. His collection of neckties failed to match anything else in his modest wardrobe. He had a strange fixation on tweed sportcoats, which he often wore with plaid Pendleton shirts. His trousers were always enormously baggy.

At a younger age, the family made the rounds of the Japanese theaters in Los Angeles. He would never miss a movie, especially a *chambara*. When his friends called, I would say that "Otōsan katsudō ni ikimashita." I know that *katsudō* is antiquated (Meiji era) language. Visitors from Japan found it amusing that a young Sansei used such obsolete language. In later years, with the advance of electronic technology, my father stayed home more and watch the Japanese language programs on television, listened to the Japanese language subscription radio and played Japanese cassettes. He often did these concurrently. My sister and I would turn up the volume on the TV set.

He would take the family to Kenjinkai picnics. My father never drank, but I knew that the Coca Cola bottles that the other Issei were toting around were laced with Canadian Club. There were various races that the kids participated in. Bachan-types hung around the prize table, negotiating for toys to take back to someone called "Uchi no mago". Good provider that my dad was, mother always had handfuls of *fukubiki* tickets at the end of the day, which were redeemed for plastic buckets, shoyu and a goza or two.

He had a real fondness for Japanese food, which he passed on to me. I love things like *natto*, *sekihan*, *tororo* and *shiokara*. A raw egg with shoyu on hot rice is gourmet as far as I am concerned. Admittedly, the affection for such a diet caused me considerable anxiety in school, when non-Japanese and even some Japanese were repulsed by my favorite bento. I guess *nori* (seaweed) is one of those things that people have the hardest time understanding. It's great stuff. I guess most of the world avoids eating anything black in color.

My dad, from Yamanashi, always claimed to be a farmer at heart. The front yard looked like a mess; a gardener he was not. In the backyard, he had fruit trees and a terraced vegetable garden. He grew Japanese eggplant, nappa, daikon, carrots and other vegetables. He even grew *Eda mame*, a kind of soy bean which was heads and tails my preference over popcorn, nuts or other snack food.

Pop always paid cash for everything. He didn't like or didn't understand credit. He voted for Eisenhower, Nixon and Goldwater. When the Surgeon General issued the caution on smoking, he quit with a full carton of Kents sitting on his nightstand. He drove his 1970 Plymouth Duster all over town. After a while, his nocturnal activities were limited to attending funerals, driving other Issei to and from the event.

In my younger days, I didn't care too much for this old man. I thought him to be rigid and old fashioned. In fact, his Japaneseness was often an embarrassment to me. If I couldn't have a regular old American father, he could at least have been Nisei. Pop never took me bowling or fishing. It took a long time for me to appreciate this Issei. I can still hear him saying, "Chanto shinasai!" #

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● 'Kokoro' Kalendar

Who's Who with Lou Tomita

Gardena, Ca.

Following the suggested guidelines from National Headquarters, the Gardena Valley host Chapter established an "ad hoc" Convention Board to prepare for the 1982 JACL National Biennial Convention. From April of 1980 this group of 20 members has met monthly and has been recruiting members to staff the committees that are set up.

The Convention date is the second week in August of 1982. It will begin on Sunday, Aug. 8 extending to and including Saturday, Aug. 14. Registration Monday, Aug. 9 and the "Sayonara Ball" is scheduled for Friday evening.

The Hyatt Airport Hotel in Los Angeles is the designated Convention site chosen by a special committee in 1980. With convenience to incoming delegates in mind, this hotel was selected not only because of its proximity to the airport, but also for its exceptional facilities essential for a large convention.

Recognizing the need of a list of priorities, Convention Chairman Lou Tomita and Convention Board designated chairpersons for committees that require special emphasis.

(1) The Convention Booklet Committee is chaired by Stuart Tsujimoto, twice Past Chapter President and presently Insurance Commissioner of the district. This project is progressing quite well and responses for aid in advance "seed money" for booklet ads are coming in from JACL chapters. Huge discounts have been offered to advertisers and Stuart advises that these savings are still in effect.

(2) The Convention support system is chaired by Chester Sugimoto, also Past President and officer of the District Board. Many corporations are being contacted by JACL to contribute attractive prizes to be dispensed during the Sayonara Ball on Friday.

(3) Karen Mizusaki is the Convention Executive Secretary. She has been working faithfully with the Board and is contributing her skills with letters to possible guest speakers as well as communiques with 1984's host chapter in Honolulu.

The 1000 Club activities are being put together by Ron Shiozaki, longtime JACLer and Past District Governor and former Chapter President. Ron has plans for Boosters and Delegates to have a fantastically great week with promises of hilarious merrymakings! At the meetings he has suggested various proposals that will certainly attract many boosters from all areas!

May Doi, Gardena's City Clerk, is chairing the Housing and Registration Committee. Working in conjunction with the Welcoming Committee, May promises to make every guest's stay here in the southland comfortable as it will be enjoyable.

The Fashion Show Committee is making plans to include all the ladies (and men too—, of course) for a memorable "Ladies Day" adventure! Mayko Tarumoto is working on this "must" project and from early reports, there are so many outstanding groups to select from this event could very well be the highlight of the Convention!

Chances are excellent to secure the services of Gardena city's transport buses for field trips and outings. Because there are so many fascinating places to see in the adjacent vicinity of the Hyatt Hotel that all guests are in for a wonderful vacation! All this and Nisei Week too! There will be no problems in transportation!

Thanks to the Liaison Committee comprised of the Pacific Southwest District Governor Dennis Kunisaki, Regional Director John Saito, Dr. Roy Nishikawa as well as former Associate Director, J.D. Hokoyama, the Convention Board through its Publicity Department will be notifying all JACL membership of more upcoming highlights well before convention time.

Publicity and Public Relations is Fern Haning's department. Fern is with the Gardena Valley News and she is serving on Stuart's Booklet Committee as the editor. She will be inserting more details regarding the Convention in all publications read by the Nikkei citizens.

We welcome anyone who wants to "lend a hand", the fun is just starting! Call or write Lou Tomita—(213) 329-0056; P.O. Box 2361, Gardena, CA. 90247.



SCHOLARS—The Marina JACL Chapter presented scholarship awards to three outstanding local students at a dinner honoring them and their families July 2. (l to r): Chapter president Bebe Reschke; Jon Wada, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wada; Sharon Honda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Honda; Mark Nishiya, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kunihiro Nishiya; and scholarship chair Ruby Malkin.

NCWNP recognizes outstanding grads

EMERYVILLE, Ca.—Six outstanding high school graduates were recognized by the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific JACL district council for their excellent scholastic achievements and community activities, it was announced here by Wilson Makabe, district scholarship chair, during the recent district meeting here hosted by Oakland JACL.

The awardees were: Ronald K. Adachi, C.K. McClatchy High, Sacramento, son of Mrs. April and the late James Adachi; Sharon Furiya, Tennyson High, Hayward; Kimberley A. Hatasaka, Gunn High, Palo Alto, daughter of Dr./Mrs. Harry Hatasaka; Kenneth M. Kubo, Kennedy High, Sacramento, son of Edwin and Alice Kubo; Linda H. Kurano, Gonzales High, Salinas, daughter of Toshihito and Makiko Kurano; and Janet M. Matsuno, Gonzales High, Salinas, daughter of Michael and Tomi Matsuno.

Graduates with a 3.6 GPA or better are nominated, two of the above attained 4.0, Makabe revealed. Recognition is in the form of an engraved plaque only.

L.A./O.C. widows group to meet Sept. 5

LOS ANGELES—The recently formed Nisei-Sansei widow/widowers group will meet at Akasaka Hanten in Weller's Court, Sept. 5, 7 p.m. Validated parking entry is from E. 2nd St., reminded Betty (714) 835-5330 and Shiz (213) 770-6000, both day lines for additional information.

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BALDWIN

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oped within the membership of the ACLU's Northern California branch over challenging the constitutionality of the Evacuation, as well.

Despite this initial controversy, Baldwin became a national JACL sponsor during the war and was among the few who provided personal counsel to the Japanese American evacuees while they were in camp and after the war.

At the war's end, Baldwin assisted Gen. Douglas MacArthur, then supreme commander of the Allied Occupation Forces in Japan. Baldwin took a survey of the civil rights and liberties of the people there, and made recommendations. He was a founder of the post-war Japan Civil Liberties Union.

Many liberal groups criticized

the passage of the Walter-McCarran Act of 1952 (which won citizenship for the Issei) because it was not broad enough in covering all immigrant groups. However, after President Truman's veto was overridden, Baldwin told past national JACL president Saburo Kido that the League, which fought for passage of the Act, could not have taken any other position, since the JACL was representing the Japanese.

Honored by JACL

Baldwin received the JACL New York Chapter League's award for Industrial Democracy in December 1960 for distinguished service to democracy and human rights.

At the 1964 JACL national convention in Detroit, he was awarded a certificate of recognition for his service to Japanese American evacuees during and after the war. This was his last appearance with

National JACL, at a convention which was the first for the League held east of the Mississippi River.

National Honor

On Jan. 14, 1981, a week before his 97th birthday, Baldwin was presented with the highest civilian honor in this country, the Medal of Freedom. The citation said that Baldwin was "a legend in the field of civil liberties" and that "he is a national resource, and an international one as well, an inspiration to those of us who have fought for human rights, a saint to those for whom he has gained them."



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Sequoia wins NC swim meet for 7th consecutive year

PALO ALTO, Ca.—Sequoia JACL continued to dominate the NC-WN-P JACL swim meets as it placed first for the seventh time at the seventh annual affair at Gunn High School here Aug. 2.

Tri-Valley JACL's team was second and Watsonville JACL was third. Other chapters participants were: Berkeley, Eden Township, Fremont, Fresno, Oakland, Sacramento, San Mateo, and West Valley. The Kitayama family of Watsonville had four participants, Diane, Kathy, Kristine and Joyce.

High point trophies were won by Yukio Honda of Eden Township and Daisuke Bannai of Sequoia (8 & under), Ellen Naito of Eden Township (girls, 9-18), Yusuke Bannai of Sequoia and Jose Lopez of Tri-Valley (boys, 9-18).

Referee Sam Uriu of Sacramento JACL and president of the Davis Swim Club Aquadarts hopes the next JACL swim meet might be held at Woodland with support from the local JACLers. In a post-meet comment, he praised the co-operation and participation of the JACL and swimmers:

"We in America tend to be too busy not thinking of our heritage. Getting into the mainstream seems to be our goal. Therefore it was refreshing to see people stop and enjoy their ethnic alliance. As long as there is a JACL swim meet and our boys remain qualified to swim, they will be involved. The pledge to be involved is my personal pledge as well."

Other meet officials included: John Kaku, director, starter; Miles Taga, head timer; Milton Ta-

nizawa, head judge; Dorothy Kishiyama, clerk of the course; Sadako Hatasaka, Fumi Murai, Hiroko Yoshida, desk; Ted Inouye (Fremont), awards; Aron Murai, announcer; Laura Oku, S Hatasaka, prog; Harry Hatasaka, pub.

Swim Meet Results
[Winners are listed by age and events, but run separately for boys (b) and girls (g). Entry into "A-AA" and "B" divisions is based on individual qualifying marks.]

15-18 AGE GROUP

200 IM: A—Myrna Taga (Sq) g2:32.66; Cliff Moriama (T) b2:16.49. B—Lisa Murai (VV) g2:44.90.

50 Free: A—Kim Hatasaka (Sq) g2:28.66; Gregg Kurisu (Frs) b2:33.36; B—Christine Akaba (Frm) g3:26.67; Robert Kashima (Sq) b2:51.14.

100 Free: A—Myrna Taga (Sq) g1:02.02; Gregg Kurisu (Frs) b1:07.90. B—Christine Akaba (Frm) g1:27.78; Robert Kashima (Sq) b1:02.31.

100 Fly: A—Cliff Moriama (T) b1:00.77. B—Myrna Taga (Sq) g1:10.72.

100 Back: A—Myrna Taga (Sq) g1:13.69. B—Kim Hatasaka (Sq) g1:19.06; Gregg Kurisu (Frs) b1:07.90.

100 Breast: A—Kim Hatasaka (Sq) g1:21.79; Cliff Moriama (T) b1:12.63. B—Lisa Murai (VV) g1:29.97.

13-14 AGE GROUP

200 IM: A—Ellen Naito (E) g2:23.58; Jose Lopez (T) b2:17.68. B—Mika Miyamoto (Sq) g2:51.03; Matt Uriu (Sac) b2:40.18.

50 Free: A—Ellen Naito (E) g2:28.79; Jose Lopez (T) b2:57.72; B—Mika Miyamoto (Sq) g3:02.28; Yo Nagai (T) b2:51.15.

100 Free: A—Jose Lopez (T) b2:56.51. B—Mika Miyamoto (Sq) g1:06.21; Matt Uriu (Sac) b1:02.85.

100 Breast: A—Diane Kitayama (W) g1:18.78; Jose Lopez (T) b1:11.86; B—Stephanie Saito (SM) g1:29; Yo Nagai (T) b1:23.18.

200 Breast: A—Diane Kitayama (W) g2:54.07; Jose Lopez (T) b2:36.54; B—Yo Nagai (T) b3:02.69.

100 Back: A—Ellen Naito (E) g1:16.39; B—Stephanie Saito (SM) g1:23.10; Matt Uriu (Sac) b1:15.66.

100 Fly: A—Darin Rice (Frm) b1:06.72. B—Diane Kitayama (W) g1:13.78.

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100 Breast: A—Carla Iwata (VV) g3:7.97; Brian Kiyomoto (Ber) b3:36. B—Meredith Kato (E) g4:56.4; Kent Iwamiya (Sac) b4:13.10.

100 IM: A—Akiko Honda (Oak) g1:14.66; Scott Uriu (Sac) b1:12.05. B—Carla Iwata (VV) g1:17.75; Kent Iwamiya (Sac) b1:24.19.

100 Breast: A—Carla Iwata (VV) g1:23.81; Brian Kiyomoto (Ber) b1:22.44. B—Patricia Lopez (T) g1:31.70; Kent Iwamiya (Sac) b1:34.78.

50 Back: A—Akiko Honda (Oak) g3:26.23; Brian Kiyomoto (Ber) b3:48.7. B—Kathy Kitayama (W) g3:7.10; Scott Uriu (Sac) b3:49.2.

50 Fly: A—Kathy Kitayama (W) g3:3.08; Scott Uriu (Sac) b3:12.9. B—Julie Inami (E) g3:6.80; Kent Iwamiya (Sac) b4:2.20.

10 & UNDER AGE GROUP

50 Free: A—Yusuke Bannai (Sq) b2:59.59. B—Megan Miyamoto (Sq) g3:5.05; Jeff Inami (Frs) b3:4.39.

50 Breast: A—Kristine Kitayama (W) g4:5.37; Yusuke Bannai (Sq) b4:12.5. B—Megan Miyamoto (Sq) g4:9.02; Paul Kawai (T) b4:4.60.

100 IM: A—Yusuke Bannai (Sq) b1:15.97. B—Megan Miyamoto (Sq) g1:30.40; Paul Kawai (T) b1:28.60.

50 Back: A—Yusuke Bannai (Sq) b3:5.84. B—Megan Miyamoto (Sq) g4:11. Jeff Inami (Frs) b4:4.75.

50 Fly: A—Yusuke Bannai (Sq) b3:24.14. B—Yukiko Honda (Oak) g3:7.36; Daisuke Bannai (Sq) b3:8.11.

8 & UNDER AGE GROUP

25 Free: A—Yukiko Honda (Oak) g1:5.43. B—Daisuke Bannai (Sq) b1:5.65. B—Mika Miyamoto (Ber) g2:0.86; Jay Sakamoto (Frm) b2:2.79.

25 Breast: A—Daisuke Bannai (Sq) b2:0.70. B—Mika Miyamoto (Ber) g2:9.23; Jay Sakamoto (Frm) b2:4.11.

25 Back: A—Yukiko Honda (Oak) g1:9.82; Daisuke Bannai (Sq) b1:8.85. B—Joyce Kitayama (W) g3:1.19; Jay Sakamoto (Frm) b2:9.26.

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GIRLS 9-18: Ellen Naito (E) 44, Myrna Taga (Sq) 40, Kim Hatasaka (Sq) 37; BOYS 9-18: Yusuke Bannai (Sq) and Jose Lopez (T) tie 50; Brian Kiyomoto (Ber) 41.

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PACIFIC CITIZEN READER SURVEY:

Long-Range National Planning Committee invites input for 1982 recommendations

TO: Pacific Citizen Reader

FROM: Long-Range Nat'l Planning Committee,
Lillian C. Kimura, Chairperson

The National JACL Long-Range Planning Committee is charged with the task of recommending a future course for the organization. In order for the committee to assess realistically the needs of Nikkei in the U.S., of

JACL members and of JACL as an organization, we are asking you to complete this questionnaire.

Your response as well as responses from a chapter survey and district workshops will be the data from which the committee will make recommendations to the National Council in August of 1982.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

I: Personal Information

Name (Optional) _____

1. ☐ Male ☐ Female

2. ETHNICITY

- ☐ Japanese
☐ Non-Japanese
☐ Mixed Parentage

3. GENERATION

- ☐ Issei
☐ Nisei
☐ Sansei
☐ Yonsei
☐ Kibei
☐ Post WW2 Immigrant

4. Age _____

5. In detention camp between 1942-45? ☐ Yes, ☐ No.
 If "Yes", which camp(s)? _____

10. Occupation? _____

11. Are you actively involved in the community? (i.e. PTA, civic, church, politics) ☐ Yes, ☐ No. If "Yes", list organizations _____

12. If you are a member of JACL, how involved do you consider yourself to be? (Please check all that apply)

- ☐ Actively involved in attending JACL activities.
☐ Actively involved in planning JACL activities.
☐ Usually serve in chairperson or leadership roles.
☐ A "card-carrying" member only.

13. On which of the following boards are you currently serving? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Local board ☐ District board ☐ National board

14. On which of the boards have you served in the past? (Check all that apply; indicate year)

- Local _____ District _____ Nat'l _____

II: Questionnaire

1. If you are a member of JACL, check:

Under Column A those factors which *first* led you to join.
 In Column B, rate what you consider to be the three most important factors with 1 being the most important.

- | | A | B |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Social (to meet other Japanese) | _____ | _____ |
| Advocacy and social action | _____ | _____ |
| Personal belief of need for JACL | _____ | _____ |
| Public relations | _____ | _____ |
| Peer pressure | _____ | _____ |
| Family pressures/considerations | _____ | _____ |
| Credit Union | _____ | _____ |
| Travel program | _____ | _____ |
| Medical insurance | _____ | _____ |
| Other | _____ | _____ |

2. How satisfied are you with the functioning of JACL?

- ☐ Very satisfied, ☐ Moderately satisfied, ☐ Not satisfied

3. In which of the following functions do you feel JACL now puts its major efforts?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watch dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Interracial understanding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Network | <input type="checkbox"/> International relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative advocacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Redress past wrongs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-defamation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Which would you like JACL's major functions to be?
 (List in order of importance)

4. In Column A, check which *current* JACL programs are most important to you.

In Column B, rank in order of important with 1 being the most important.

- | | A | B |
|--|-------|-------|
| Legislative | _____ | _____ |
| Understanding cultural heritage | _____ | _____ |
| Human/civil rights efforts | _____ | _____ |
| Redress | _____ | _____ |
| Public education | _____ | _____ |
| Socials | _____ | _____ |
| Service Programs | _____ | _____ |
| Youth | _____ | _____ |
| International relations | _____ | _____ |
| Retirement planning | _____ | _____ |
| Public relations | _____ | _____ |
| Membership services (credit union, travel, health insurance) | _____ | _____ |

5. Which program need should be addressed in the next few years? Please rate from 1 to 5 with 1 being the most needed.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affirmative action | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian networking | <input type="checkbox"/> Pan Asian issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal financial planning |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Pub policy/legis advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> Relations with Japan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum development | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International understanding | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership development | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership development | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Others | |

Please comment on the reasons for your identifying the specific programs as being most needed.

6. Should the National JACL provide program models for chapters? If so, which?

7. What suggestions would you make to improve JACL?

Please comment on:

Purpose and goals _____

Organizational structure _____

Membership requirements _____

Membership dues _____

Program _____

Finances _____

Location of headquarters and regional offices _____

Other _____

THANK YOU

Please return Survey to:

National JACL Long Range Planning Committee
 c/o Midwest Regional Office
 5415 No. Clark St.
 Chicago, Ill. 60640

Deadline Date: Oct. 15, 1981

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MIS 40th anny. reunion set Nov. 1 in S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO—The 40th anniversary reunion of the Military Intelligence Service Language School will be held over the Nov. 1 weekend at San Francisco. Highlight will be the dedication of the MIS exhibit at the Presidio of San Francisco Army Museum, according to Hank Gosh, president of the MIS Assn. of No. Calif.

Memorabilia, artifacts and photos are needed for the Army Museum exhibit. To insure proper return, all items should be marked with name address for safe return. Photographs should be marked in pencil (never ink or marking pencil). Please remit material by Sept. 20 to Gene Uratsu, Project Director, 336 Mt. Shasta Dr., San Rafael, CA 94903 (415) 479-7267.

Calendar

● SEPT. 5 (Saturday)

* Sacramento—Brockerick-W Sac'to Reunion.

* Reno—Co I-442nd reunion (3da: Sat-dnr), Ramada Inn.

* Monterey Park—Olivers Sports Awd dnr, Paul's Kitchen, 6:30pm.

● SEPT. 8 (Tuesday)

Fresno—Bd mtg, Cal First Bank Hosp Rm, 7:30pm.

● SEPT. 9-10-11 (Site changed)

* Seattle—CWRIC hearings, Central Comm College Aud, 1701 Bdwy, 9am.

● SEPT. 11 (Friday)

Cleveland—Bd mtg, Buddhist Church, 8pm.

Philadelphia—Bd mtg, Jack Ozawa res, 8pm.

Detroit—Garage sale (2da), Jean Izumi home, Bloomfield Hills.

● SEPT. 12 (Saturday)

Contra Costa—Barbecue dnr, El Cerrito Comm Ctr.

* Chicago—White elephant sale (2da), Buddhist Temple of Chgo, 12n-6pm.

● SEPT. 13 (Sunday)

Monterey Peninsula—Barbecue picnic, Toro Park, Salinas.

● SEPT. 17 (Thursday)

Detroit—Las Vegas Nite (3da).

● SEPT. 19 (Saturday)

* Los Angeles—JAR Chinese auction, J Retirement Home, 5:30pm.

* Florin—Pre-reunion benefit dance, Buddhist Church, 9pm.

* Garden Grove—Food Festiv, Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, 4-9pm

● SEPT. 20 (Sunday)

Salinas Valley—JACL picnic.

* Chicago—Nisei Post Issei Appr dnr, Midwest Buddhist Temple, 2:30pm.

● SEPT. 24 (Thursday)

Sacramento—Gen mtg, Nisei Hall, 7:30pm.

● SEPT. 26 (Saturday)

Philadelphia—Sr Cits mtg, Jack Ozawa, ch.

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● SEPT. 27 (Sunday)

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