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BY PETER TAMURA

CHICAGO—Among the very witnesses who testified before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians here on Sept. 22 and 23 was a panel of Japanese Americans, now living in Los Angeles, who were forced to leave their homes and property by the U.S. military and interned in American concentration camps.

C. Gardner Higashide, associate dean and professor of history at Southern Illinois University, testified that in 12 Latin American countries—Central America, the Caribbean and South America—many thousands of innocent men, women and children of Japanese descent.

Gardiner said that according to records from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, the FBI, some 1,000 Japanese Americans were taken from their homes and had their property—some $30,000 worth—seized, even though there were noJapanese Americans to the United States.

Many were interned in Crystal City, Texas, where death and disease took its toll upon them.

The U.S. government ignored the pleas of Japanese Americans and then manipulated the illegal entry of thousands of Latin American Japanese, charged Gardner, also noted that this action year in 1941, the internment and evacuation of Japanese Americans.

The professor noted that some 500 Japanese Americans were used as "trade bait"—even though they were innocent persons—to release American POWs being held by the Japanese Imperial Government in Guam.

Gardiner also said that U.S. Ambassador Henry Norweb had persuaded Peruvian officials to receive the Japanese there as a threat to the Western Hemisphere, even though, in reality, no such threat existed.

Japanese Americans Describe Their Ordeal

In a tearful recital, Etsu Kida, now living in Hawaii, told of how armed police took her father away while the family was living in Peru in 1941.

"It had become an airline and the colors of the family were changed. The government "gave us no money to travel home," Kida said.

The Kida family operated the prosperous Snow White Laundry and a restaurant on their own property in Anchorage when war was declared. They were allowed to keep their property and left the power company to cut their power, and even though an anchor man of being arrested for stabbing a man on their property and not paying the taxes due. His parents, aged 63 and 53, started from scratch, re-opening the laundry and restaurant.

The lifetime earnings of my parents were destroyed by internment," Kida concluded. "Death, and my brother's son and daughter were caused by poor medical facilities, unsanitary conditions and the trauma of internment.

The nightmare of these experiences will remain for the rest of our lives.

"We have never had a chance to regain lost property," said another of the Los Angeles panel members. "We were forced to leave our homes and property in Anchorage in 1941, and we have been living here ever since."
ALASKA

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control
Over five years had elapsed since I left the West Coast when World War II began. I had come in 1926 to the heartland of America where Asians were seldom seen. Most Nisei had to remain in the hostile racism on the West Coast.

With the beginning of World War II the spirit of chauvinism over the Pacific was not long in coming. It was a case of "the same Nisei leaders of the time, did what they thought was for the betterment of Japanese Americans at the time." But it would make the lives of fellow Japanese Americans and their parents even more difficult. If incarcervation was inevitable, what else was Nisei hoped to make the best of the impossible situation.

JACL, leadership, much like the German and Italian American's "claws" to the super-patriots. It was its defense and an accommodation against the suspicion they faced.

"Loyalty oaths" are quite similar whether taken by ordinary citizens or by the President of the United States during the swearing-in ceremony. What does matter is the circumstance under which the oath is requested. As free citizens there would be little reservation about taking different oaths when requested of innocent citizens already imprisoned without charges or indications of wrongdoing.

Mike Masaoka, as one of the Nisei leaders of the time, did what he thought was for the betterment of Japanese Americans at the time. Our culture was very closely knit and devoted to the social and political climate of today existed forty years ago.

"Loyalty oaths" were taken under a great deal of duress.

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An Opportunity to Name a Book

BY THE BOARD: by Ron Tajiri

NYCC Meeting
San Francisco

The National Youth Coordinating Council (NYCC), the group that advises National Headquarters over the Aug. 21-23 weekend to identify and recommend programming and membership related activities of other districts. It was formerly National Headquarters over the Aug. 21-23 weekend to identify and recommend programming and membership related activities of other districts. It was concerned with encouraging students to be more involved in NYCC and student activities. NYCC decided that with only a year remaining in the 1980-82 bimonthium, more emphasis be placed on general communication throughout the country by students.

1—Establish better relationships among youths, and between youths and seniors.
2—Disseminate information about youth more thoroughly and continuously.
3—Promote growth in areas of programming and membership within the NYCC.

It was established that close communication be common practice between the youth. It was felt that the national NYCC Director was appointed in order to have the responsibility of representing a national newsletter and a national youth directory. The national newsletter will be used to keep the youth membership informed as to the activities of other districts. It will be distributed to youth chapter presidents, district and national officers, and to the Pacific Citizen for publication. The directory will be funded through donations and distributed as a service to the general membership.

Whereas the problem of financing rest on the funding from the JACL, National Board's allocation for the youth, NYCC will research the possibility of alternative internal youth programs which may be of interest to the youth.

In order to provide an information system illustrating the purpose and activities of the youth program, it was established that a slide show be developed. Accompanied by a slide show, the activities of other districts will be highlighted. This slide show would be presented to JACL and Youth chapters.

The NYCC feels that, as a whole, the youth program has a lot of potential that has yet to be tapped. We are the future of JACL. The youth of today are the change of tomorrow. We can be the most (or least) wishful thinking. However, we feel that by starting from our basics, by improving communication then perhaps we can fill that potential.

The criticism of the CWRC process that it has been directionless has some validity from a public perspective. We know relatively little of the work of the Commission staff. I hope to bell the cat rather than be one of those who say “coocused concentration camps” and demanding a significant thing to be accomplished. Accompanied by a slide show, the activities of other districts will be highlighted. This slide show would be presented to JACL and Youth chapters.

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What is the wartime role of JACL, individual Nisei or Issei, while serving in the military, concerning the course of history, a lot gets said about who did what to whom. In the strained environment that existed, a lot of non-plus stuff probably happened. However, the slide show may show how to draw the primary focus upon the United States government's failure to provide equal protection to persons of Japanese ancestry.

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KQED 'Update' on redress airing Oct. 5 & 8

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Lodi dedicates Japanese community hall - a 20 yr. dream

LODI, CA. - The recent dedication of the new Lodi Japanese Community Hall marked the end of a 20-year dream by the Lodi Japanese community. As 350 guests and JACL members looked on, Lodi City Mayor Faye McCarty and JACL President Kub Dajujo cut the ribbon to officially open the new community hall.

The dedication ceremony, with San Yamanaka as master of ceremony, featured speeches by Dajujo, Mayor McCarty and NCWN/Pac District Vice-Governor William Nakatani. A special presentation was made to Anderson, president of Anderson Steel Building Co., who made a substantial donation of building materials. Also honored were Vic Meyer, civil engineer, and Dick Mayer, general contractor, who donated much time and effort to the project.

Recognition was also given to the Nisei Civic Society which originated the idea for the building many years ago. JACLers recognized were Tom Tsutsumi, finance chair; Fred Nagata and Kub Dajujo, project co-chair; Don Murata, project supervisor; and, Hiro Kawasegawa, treasurer, and Dr. Ken Tokada, dedication chair. Special thanks were also given to the many members who donated time and money.

Sakura Kai - EBJA auction to feature Asian artists

JULY, Vol. 4

Till the latest JAZZ (Vol. 4, #1, 1961) came the following report. In October, we had not associated the Arizona Daily Star Palentine Press reporter Ralf Lowe was a young Chinese American writer who grew up in nearby Pasadena, made in economics at Stanford and took creative writing courses as an elective. This interview with Lowe was eye-opening.

This and other interesting items featured in the quarterly magazine, which has tightened its format, shows many of the California American themes and topics. The story of the Yamato Colony in Florida, this issue (}$2, 3902 Westdale Blvd., Los Angeles, 90037) is included with other photos. -H.H.

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“Setting up a trust can reduce your estate taxes”

Trust Department Vice President Yoji Anzai says substantial tax savings are often available by creating a trust.

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Meet the trust people at California First Trust.

The 7,000 sq. ft. building is owned and operated by the Lodi JACL and will be available for use by the entire Japanese Community. The building contains an auditorium and stage, a large kitchen, and meeting rooms.

The dedication ceremony was followed by a buffet luncheon and entertainment provided by members of the Lodi Koto, Minyo, Shingin and Hanayagi dance groups.

Persons wishing to contribute to the project can send a donation to the Lodi JACL Building Fund, 210 W. Elm St., Lodi, Ca. 95240.
EVACUATION

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JAPAN: The Coming Economic Crisis

JAPAN: The Coming Social Crisis

A new study of Japan's economic crisis and social disintegration.

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The economic crisis in Japan is a result of the country's inability to adapt to the rapid changes in the global economy. The crisis has implications for both Japan and the world, as the country's economic system is under pressure to change.

JAPAN: The Coming Social Crisis

The social crisis in Japan is the result of a combination of factors, including the aging population and the decline in the birth rate.

Confined in the concentration camps, many young Nisei were brutalized and bewildered. Yet, many Nisei, even then, did not lose faith in America. Some volunteered and served in the military.

The book is written by men who spoke up against Japanese militarism long before the war. In the camp, he continued to call upon Nisei to fight for their freedom.

The amazing part of this historical fact is the heroism and optimism of the Nisei, who carried on the traditions of their parents.

This book must be read by all Japanese Americans and all others.

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LOI, CA.—Reedley JACL defended its Nisei Class A State Baseball Tournament championship in the final game of the season.

Reedley wins a baseball title

The three-day event included a Saturday night BBQ beef dinner in the new Loi JACL Japanese Community Hall.

The event was held in Gardena, with 500 spectators in attendance. EIGHT TEAMS WHO PARTICIPATED

Arroyo Grande Growers, Florin A.C., Gardena Pirates, Loi JACL, Los Angeles Piratas, Los Angeles Red Sox, Reedley JACL, and San Fernando Azules were the teams.

On the tournament were:

Red Tanaka, Mas Okubara, Taro Masuda, Yasuda, Harry Tanaka, Ed Aki Okamoto, program.

Parlier Buddhist

To mark 50th year

Parlier Buddhists Club's 50th anniversary celebration will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24, with a Chijo procession starting at 2 p.m. from the site of the first church structure on Fresno St near the present church. Banquet will follow at 8:30 p.m. at the Reedley Community Center, 100 N. Ave. E., it was announced. Masamichi Kimura and Rev. Roko Nashi- mura, co-chairing the event.

Bishop Seigen Yasukado of the Buddhist Churches of America will preside. Former resident ministers, Revs. Kibun Kimura, Akira Oono and Hiroshi Futata, will gather with members and friends in attendance. Call or write the church, P.O. Box 114, Parlier 93648-9404.

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