



Photo by Dr. Tokio Ishikawa

RENOVATION PLANNED—The Japanese Community Building in San Jose, which houses such groups as the San Jose JACL Chapter and the Yu-Ai Kai senior service, will soon undergo renovation as plans are currently being formulated by various community organizations.

San Jose Nikkei bldg. to undergo renovation

By PHIL MATSUMURA

SAN JOSE, Ca. — The Japanese Community Building will soon undergo renovation as plans are being made by a community-at-large committee composed of representatives of many organizations, leaders and churches.

Designated as a historic landmark by the City of San Jose, the 71-year-old Issei Memorial Building, which was so named as a fitting tribute to honor the pioneers, will continue to function as a home for many community services. It will provide administrative facilities for Nikkei organizations, with a large conference room and a library exhibiting historic memorabilia as part of the structure.

During its illustrious existence,

the structure has served as the very first Japanese hospital named after Dr. Taisuke Kuwabara, the first Japan-born physician to practice in San Jose.

In more recent years, it has been the home for the San Jose JACL chapter and the Yu-Ai Kai Community Senior Service and many other groups.

The anticipated cost of the renovation is approximately \$300,000. The Issei Memorial Building committee has established fund raising drives during the month of October and November to provide for the restoration project.

Drawings of the renovation plans can be seen at 565 North Fifth St. For info call (408) 295-1250 or 259-3656.

Nisei named to Commission of Salt Lake County

SALT LAKE CITY—M. Tom Shimizu, a construction engineer specializing in housing for the elderly, was selected to the Salt Lake County Commission and sworn in Oct. 5. The 48 year-old Nisei Republican replaces William E. Dunn, who left his post Sept. 30 to take a job in the private sector.

Shimizu, who had never held any previous political office, will be supervisor of the county's Human Services Department. In addition to his experience as a builder and manager of senior citizen housing, Shimizu served as a youth counselor for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints from 1959 to 1963 and as President for the Japan Kobe Mission in 1971. He also served as Field and Design Engineer for the Utah State Road Commission from 1963-1964 and as a Building and Safety Inspector for the city of El Segundo, Ca from 1967 to 1971.



Tom Shimizu

Born in Los Angeles, Shimizu's family moved to Utah in 1942. He now resides in Salt Lake City with his wife Junko and four children.

FY'81 Nat'l JACL finances ends in the black \$18,500

By HARRY HONDA

SAN FRANCISCO—Austerity reigned during the past six months in JACL spending habit, according to the financial statement presented by Headquarters to the National JACL Board in session over the Oct. 9-11 weekend, as it indicated an excess of \$18,549 — first plus-figure since FY1977. And to help build up JACL reserves for the coming FY'82 biennium, the \$919,670 budget adopted by the National Council at San Francisco in 1980

was trimmed 7% by the Board to \$851,000.

The holding pattern of JACL spending and appointment of Ron Wakabayashi as national director last February also coincided time-wise. The plus-figure showing at the bottom line of the JACL financial statement was due to Wakabayashi freezing unfilled personnel positions, such as youth director and program/legal director, and holding to severe restrictions on spending.

When Wakabayashi as-

sumed the directorship, the projection then appeared the organization would face a \$70,000 deficit by the end of the year. "Cashflow situation and tenuous outlook on income projection for FY1981-82 still leave JACL in an adverse position," he added.

National Treasurer Henry Sakai of Orange County, looking to other means to raise funds "since we can't keep going to back to membership", said the \$3.50 "mid-biennium" dues increase as mandated by

the 1980 National Council remains. Basic national dues, thus, rise from \$22.25 to \$25.75 single, \$46.50 family starting in January 1982. District per capita assessment and local chapter dues, if any, are in addition.

To those who can contribute a lump sum to "beat continuing rises in dues", Contra Costa JACLer Tom Arima, representing National 1000 Club chair Dr. Frank Sakamoto of Chicago, suggested members

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Bendetsen's view of evacuee property losses and WRA director Myer's at odds

By PETER IMAMURA
(Second in a Series)

Karl R. Bendetsen, former Assistant Chief of Staff of the Fourth Army and Western Defense Command, did not appear before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians during any of the hearings, but he did submit a written statement on July 9 which is expected to draw careful scrutiny by the CWRIC. Prospect of his appearance at a "wrap-up" session in Washington sometime in November has not been ruled out, the Pacific Citizen learned this past week.

There are many points in his statement that are indeed debatable—one in particular concerns his comments on the property losses suffered by Japanese Americans. In his 17-page brief (Aug. 14 PC), Bendetsen said:

"...Unscrupulous persons imposed on the Japanese residents in southern California. This led to reports that all had lost their properties. This was not so. A few of them were exploited. During the evacuation, extraordinary measures were taken to preserve their properties."

He further summarized his recollections of how Nikkei property was handled:

"... about their assets, their lands (Nisei could own land), their possessions, their bank accounts and other assets, their household goods, their growing crops—nothing was confiscated. Their household goods were inventoried and stored. Warehouse receipts were issued to the owners. Much of it was later shipped to them at



Circa 1971

Karl R. Bendetsen

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government expense, particularly in the cases of those families who relocated themselves in the interior, accepted employment and established new homes.

"Lands were farmed, crops harvested, accounts kept of sales at market and proceeds deposited to the respective accounts of the owners."

Dillon Myer's Account

In contrast to Bendetsen's statement, former WRA Director Dillon S. Myer painted a different picture in his book, *Uprooted Americans*, and said:

"The loss of hundreds of property leases and the disappearance of a number of equities in land and buildings which had been built up over the major portion of a lifetime were among the most regrettable and least justifiable of all the many costs of the wartime evacuation."

Myer noted that the WRA "inherited" many property problems due to several factors, and he listed them as such:

"1. The absence of any property safeguards whatever for several weeks after evacuation was a foregone conclusion.

"2. Delay by the West Coast military authorities in providing property protection, after an order from Assistant Secretary of War [John J.] McCloy had made such protection a definite responsibility of the Western Defense Command.

"3. Property protection measures were inadequate to counteract initial losses or halt those which mounted throughout the period of exile.

"4. Division of responsibility existed in the initial stages among the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, the Office of Alien Property Custodian, and the Farm Security Administration, each with differing policies and none of them strong enough to prevent initial hardship.

"5. Wartime hate, prejudice, and greed opposed the recogni-

tion of rights and privileges of the minority and created interference on the part of many West Coast law enforcement authorities to destruction and pilferage of evacuees' property."

Government Assistance Much Too Late

In other words, by the time the government stepped in to provide any protective measures for the evacuees' property, it was too late—many Japanese Americans had to either sell their wares to "unscrupulous persons" or make their own arrangements for storage (which, in some cases, resulted in losses due to fire, theft, vandalism or decay).

Myer pointed out that both the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and the Farm Security Administration "encouraged evacuees to make their own arrangements, wherever possible, for disposition of their property." He added that both "stressed rapid liquidation of assets, since there were no facilities for storage of movable property or disposition of automobiles during 'voluntary' evacuation."

Myer also said that in April of 1942, the military instructed the

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Supreme Court to decide on illegal alien 'rights'

WASHINGTON—The "first Monday in October (5th)", designated in the Constitution as the first day of a new Supreme Court term, for 1981 was historic with the seating of its first woman jurist, Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor of Arizona, President Reagan's first appointee to the high court.

Equally significant was the list of cases, which have piled up high this past summer, the justices agreed to decide between now and next July the constitutionality of some of these issues:

1—"Legislative veto": whether a single house or committee of Congress can overrule action by an executive agency—touted as a major tool by some who want to cut through bureaucratic redtape. The U.S. Solicitor General's office has argued legislative veto violates the constitutional separation of powers doctrine. Case centers around a Kenyan national who is fighting deportation, the Immigration and Naturalization Service acting in his favor while a House resolution overruled the I&NS.

2—Aliens: (a) a 1975 Texas law denying state funds for education of children who are illegal aliens was held by the lower courts to be violation of illegal aliens' rights to the equal protection of the laws; (b) a 1961 California law that says all "peace officers" in the state must be citizens, which was challenged by three aliens who were turned down for jobs as deputy probation officers in Los Angeles because they had no proof of citizenship. Some feel this ruling may determine eligibility of aliens for thousands of state jobs.

3—Universities: (a) Cornerstone, a student group on the Univ. of Missouri campus at Kansas City, was denied use of a campus building to "promote a knowledge of Jesus Christ among students", UM claiming the First Amendment ban against any state support of religion prevented their use of a public-funded facility. The appellate court, however, held the university was not only allowed to permit use of the building but was obligated to do so under the same First Amendment's guarantee of religious freedom; (b) in another First Amendment dispute, Princeton University, a private college, and state officials sought to prevent an individual not enrolled at Princeton from passing out political materials on campus.

4—Elections: (a) A rural Georgia county (Burke) discriminates against black voters by requiring all county commissioners to run for election on a county-wide basis. Although more than half of the voting-age residents are black, the county has not elected a black official since the Reconstruction Era; (b) Common Cause and Federal Election Commission are contesting the right of three independent committees to raise and spend millions of dollars in behalf of President Reagan in the 1980 elections, the lower court ruling independent committees had a First Amendment right to spend money as they say fit; (c) a 1974 Berkeley (Ca.) ordinance bars individuals from donating more than \$250 to committees working for or against local ballot measures, which is being opposed by realtors and property owners against a rent control measure.

Voting Rights bill passes in House

WASHINGTON—Looming as the major civil rights action in the current Congress, the House voted 389-24 on Oct. 5 to extend the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Efforts to eliminate the bilingual voting provisions failed, but a tougher battle is expected in the Senate, where it may be bottled up in committee till other key provisions of the law expire next August.

The 1965 act outlawed literacy tests and other schemes to discourage minorities from registering to vote. JACL had joined with 90 other member organizations of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, led by NAACP director Roy Wilkins, to push for passage.

Redress Reports

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Federal Reserve "to provide warehouse facilities in a manner which would not exhaust or burden facilities of that character already in existence" and to make every effort "to keep the number of warehouses at a minimum to limit guarding costs" (Quotations theirs). However, noted Myer, "since the evacuees had been encouraged earlier to make their own arrangements, fewer than 3,000 family heads took advantage of government storage, and they did so only as a last resort."

By January 1943, added Myer, the WRA did establish procedures under which evacuees could have privately-stored property moved at government expense to one of the WRA warehouses in key cities of the evacuated areas. Again, he noted, "Great numbers of evacuees took advantage of this safer storage, but not before costly losses had been sustained."

The Federal Reserve also took measures to forestall unscrupulous creditors from victimizing evacuees by issuing a special regulation which would freeze the evacuees' assets. But Myer noted that the bank relied chiefly on the power of "moral suasion" to prevent unfair transactions and again, "...losses had already been sustained; the time for effective application of freezing controls was past."

Farm Security Program Sought to Assure Harvest

The Farm Security Administration, set up in March 1942, was primarily concerned with keeping nearly 7,000 evacuee operated farms, involving roughly a quarter of a million acres, in active production, according to Myer. The FSA encouraged the evacuees to form corporations, which would operate a whole group of evacuees holdings under lease, and make loans of considerable size to such corporations. But again, as Myer points out, there were hardly any benefits to the evacuee:

"...Typical leases between evacuees and the corporations agreed that the evacuee owner should receive 50 percent of the net proceeds from the sale of crops after operating expenses had been deducted. In spite of such provisions in individual contracts with the owners, the FSA viewed the entire income of a corporation as subject to crop mortgage and, accordingly, demanded full repayment before any lessor's interests should be recognized. Thus some evacuees received nothing because of poor crops on someone else's land. Individually leased farms were

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CWRIC still open for statements

WASHINGTON—The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, 726 Jackson Pl. NW, Suite 2020, Washington, D.C. 20506, was continuing to acknowledge written testimony even though a Sept. 30 deadline has been announced.

A statement received by CWRIC Oct. 6 from Ruby Suzuki of Chicago indicated her brother, Col. Jim Kanaya

(whose recollection of the Battle of Ellwood, where a Japanese submarine surfaced to shell an oil field near Santa Barbara in February, 1942—Oct. 2 PC Letters), had volunteered from Portland in April, 1941, served in the 442nd where he earned a battlefield commission, won several decorations including the Silver Star, and recently retired from the Army. #

Women Unite! The Time is Now!

By M. YAMANAKA ISEKE

The liberation of tyranny, despotic use of power, inflicted upon the Japanese American community is the liberation of us all!

With this thought in mind, this is an appeal to the JAPANESE AMERICAN WOMEN to dig in and help raise the necessary funds to carry-on a long and difficult struggle to reverse the Supreme Court decision, i.e., *Korematsu v. United States*. The by-product of that reversal will be monetary restitution based on the American system of Judicial Justice for all.

Most of the Japanese American women will stand behind their men, but very few will enter the fray—the so-called firing line. We seem to shy away when the guns start firing. It is part of our upbringing not to make demands, or to raise our voices. I truly respect you for what you are and who you are.

Although I grew up in Hawaii and did not suffer the agony of being herded into the concentration camps I will forever be a part of you.

Somewhere along the way I made a 90-degree turn. I woke

up one morning mad as hell and told myself I am not going to take injustice anymore. Today, I choose to be on the firing line.

As you know, the legal path to REDRESS is long and arduous. It takes a great deal of MONEY to see it through.

There are approximately 30,000 members in JACL. Half of the members, or 15,000, are women. So I say to you dear friends, flex your muscles and let yourself be heard. You can be a powerful instrument with your contributions, especially, as a formidable group of women.

John Tateishi has placed his life on the firing line. He has given up his job as a college instructor, his time is no longer his own, he has been on the receiving end of the slings and arrows of the racists, the bigots, the ignorant, and plain old crazies. He does this all in the name of that justice, called JACL REDRESS.

Dear FRIENDS - can we do any less? All we are asked, is to raise the necessary funds so that men like John can fight for equal justice.

If, each woman gave up one new pair of shoes and one new

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Canadian Nikkei may seek redress from their gov't

SEATTLE — Japanese-Canadians may plan to press Parliament for some form of compensation to redress actions that forced thousands of families from the coast to inland prison camps during the Second World War.

Without fanfare, Japanese-Canadian organizations have been studying the question of redress since 1976. But they have been spurred on by the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, which held hearings Sept. 9, 10 and 11 here.

"We hope to get a consensus from the Japanese community within the next six months," said Gordon Kadota, president of the

National Association of Japanese-Canadians, and a keen follower of the U.S. hearings. "Then we will probably petition Parliament for some kind of compensation."

"Why are we doing it 40 years later? It took society 40 years to decide that the injustice was a reality. Our country has undergone a tremendous change to a multicultural society."

One speaker here said the interment of Japanese Americans violated all 10 amendments to the U.S. Bill of Rights. But Canada does not even have a Bill of Rights, noted Gordon Kadota.

Kadota listened intently and

took copious notes at the Seattle hearings, an indication perhaps that some old skeletons are going to rattle in Canada's musty political closets, locked and conveniently forgotten for years.

Canadians of Japanese ancestry have nursed their grievances privately for the most part, except for a passionate brief last year in favor of the federal government's proposed rights charter.

But, when pressed, their eyes grow hard as they recount how they were forced to live in tarpaper shacks where the frost was an inch thick on the inside walls in winter, or how they were herded

into animal stalls at Vancouver's exhibition grounds while they awaited "relocation."

More than 21,000 Japanese-Canadians were uprooted in this way. Their assets, including land, cars and homes were turned over to the veterans' association in 1943 and sold at fire-sale rates that returned as little as 10 cents on the dollar.

Other so-called wartime enemy aliens of German or Italian heritage were not stripped of their assets and relocated, a point Japanese-Canadians use to bolster their argument that they were victims of flagrant racism. #

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can become life members at current rates (\$500 regular; \$1,000 Century Life) which will go up in 1982 to \$1,000 and \$2,000 respectively in line with the JACL board action of May 30. Life member contributions are placed in the 1000 Club trust with interest going to general operating funds.

Ways & Means Report

Long-range fund-raising plans were explained by Mits Kawamoto of Omaha, JACL vice president for planning & development, in a well-received ways & means committee report. A number of staffers and officers, including committee chair Tom Shimasaki of Tulare County, provided input. While it suggests professional help to get the "act together", a JACL national foundation, special projects, appeals and a wide range of JACL programs are listed to show a prospective donor where a contribution might be placed. A full report is due by the next board meeting on the "pooled life income contract"—a deferred gift-giving plan.

Shimasaki, who spent the past year contacting prospective people to serve on his committee, noted the "climate is not too conducive to raising money for JACL". Which means greater effort must be directed to membership and donors familiar to local and national JACL. A brochure to explain objectives, purposes and programs of JACL was not completed for lack of funds, it was noted.

The committee report indicated JACL's restricted funds

totaled \$765,000 as follows:

(a) Endowment Fund, \$420,000; (b) Scholarship endowment, \$330,000; and (c) Student aid fund, \$15,000.

Student-Aid Push

student aid committee was re-activated to boost the amount in the fund. Dr. Clifford Uyeda, appointed acting chair, said with only interest available to provide student aid, three \$400 awards were made this year from the fund and National JACL provided another award of \$400. A total of 70 had applied this year—70 who are not the A-students but show great potential by their entry into college, he regretfully announced. The committee hopes to encourage additional awards being made in the name of firms or individuals.

Uyeda, also PC Board chair, said Sunday in light of a busy agenda calendar that a detailed report would follow in the mail. The revised JACL-PC budget calls for a 12-pager every other week from 1982 instead of every week.

1982 Membership Push

Board approved printing 30,000 JACL membership leaflets featuring a specially designed 1982 calendar. Material for the upcoming membership drive is also in process, San Diego JACLer Vernon Yoshioka, national vice president for membership & services, reported.

Assignments

Various board members were assigned to draft reports in time for the next board meeting. National President Jim Tsujimura:

1982 National JACL Budget

As Revised, National Board, Oct. 9-11, 1981

Here is an abbreviated draft of the FY 1982 JACL budget as revised (3rd col.), while the first file of figures is the projected FY 1981 actual, second file the FY'82 budget adopted by the National Council at San Francisco.

Item	FY'81 Actual	FY'82 Council	FY'82 Revised
Memb Income, Regular	520,247	712,910	564,000
1000 Club, Corporate	93,564	84,000	93,000
Other dues	17,871	2,300	4,000
Total Membership Income:	631,682	799,210	661,000
Donations	5,288	9,860	5,000
Investment Income	34,515	28,000	30,000
Miscellaneous	3,244	2,000	43,000
Pacific Citizen	10,961	80,600	112,000
Total Other Income:	152,658	120,460	190,000
TOTAL REVENUES	784,340	919,670	851,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	765,791	919,670	851,000
EXCESS (DEFICIT):	18,549		
Expenditures:			
General Operations	111,904	144,550	134,200
National Headquarters	176,954	204,800	190,000
Washington Office	64,435	65,360	67,000
Pacific Citizen	252,325	302,270	279,325
Regional Offices	127,724	136,780	140,900
Programs	32,449	65,910	39,575
Total Expenses:	765,791	919,670	851,000

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1—Called for ad hoc report to change Washington JACL representative from staff to personal service contract.

2—Called for recommendations on uniform dues.

3—Placed the newly-created Select Committee on Foreign Affairs within the International Relations Committee. (The select committee

Other Board Highlights:

San Francisco

Other actions occurring during the Oct. 9-11 National JACL Board meeting were with respect to:

1—NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE. Concurred with President's appointments of Nominations Committee members as nominated by respective district governors to present slate of national officers for election at the 1982 convention: Wes Doi, San Francisco (NC-WNPDC); Charles Nagao, Seabrook (EDC); Stanley Nagata, Tulare County (CCDC); Sat Nakahira, Milwaukee (MDC); Paul Shinkawa, Houston (MPDC); Mitsuo Sonoda, West Los Angeles (PSWDC); Ted Taniguchi, Seattle (PNWDC); Yoshiko Uno, Salt Lake City (IDC).

2—ENDOWMENT FUND. Voted 12 aye, 1 nay to concur "should the National Endowment Fund Committee determine that an emergency exists relative to the funding of the JACL National Committee on Redress for funds and submits a formal communications to that effect to the National Board". The question would be placed before all chapters for proper ratification, prefaced with this resolution: "While hearings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians have almost been completed, the (National JACL) Board finds that (1) the efforts of the (JACL) Redress Committee must continue at least to the time that the CWRIC files its reports, which may not be until the latter part of 1982; (2) present funding of the Redress Committee will be exhausted by January, 1982; (3) projected funding based upon the preparation and publication of a volume of Commission testimonies is \$20,000, and there are no firm commitments at this time for further funding for 1982; (4) projected expenses have been estimated at \$10,000 per month; (5) present financial projections indicate that sufficient funding would not be available to fund the Redress Committee to the time that the Commission files its report; Therefore, the Board finds that the Redress Committee has presented sufficient information and as such the Board directs the Redress Committee to approach the Endowment Fund Committee to request emergency funding from the National Endowment Fund."

A sum of \$50,000 was asked to continue the committee's work, the sum coming from the principal. The principal can only be touched if "an emergency—such as another event jeopardizing the lives and property of persons of Japanese ancestry" is decreed by the trustees of the fund.

3—TRUSTEE, ENDOWMENT FUND. Elected Marina JACLer George Kodama to a six-year term on the JACL Endowment Fund committee, succeeding Thomas Masuda of Chicago.

4—CONTRIBUTION, REDRESS FUND. Applauded receipt of a \$4,400 check from Richard Nakanishi, representing redress fund support from the San Mateo County community. (MDC Gov. John Tani indicated MDC was sending in \$30,000 from its district-wide campaign.)

5—PUBLICATION, CWRIC TESTIMONIES. Approved a Redress Committee project to publish a volume of CWRIC testimonies as a fund-raising activity. JACL-Japanese American Research Project is prepared to advance \$10,000.

6—INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE. Unanimously approved appointment of Chuck Kubokawa as JACL delegate to Dec. 1981 meeting in Lima in order to work out details of proposed Panamerican Nikkei federation and subject to ratification of the JACL Board; and offering to host the third biennial Panamerican Nikkei Convention in California in 1985. (Lima is hosting the second biennial conference in 1983. Enroute home from a trip to Japan, Sr. Enrique Yara, executive director of "La Union", the major Peruvian Nisei association, extended his greetings to the Board in Spanish, described the activities of La Union, and hoped those he had met in Mexico City and others would attend the 1983 convention in Peru. Fremont JACL member Willie Yoshida, a Bolivian-born Nisei, translated the remarks.)

7—BUDGET, IRC. Approved \$1,000 for International Relations Committee programs. (The 1982 budget has allocated \$39,575 for programs overall, with committees making requests through the National Director.)

8—LOANS, NATIONAL CONVENTION. Approved a \$5,000 guarantee underwriting expenses by Gardena Valley JACL for hosting the 1982 national convention; PSWDC has already advanced a \$5,000 loan.

9—NATIONAL CONVENTION. Selected a four-day convention schedule over a 3-day and 5-day format, beginning to a National Board meeting Monday afternoon, six four-hour business sessions, concurrent workshops, luncheons, mixer, luau and dinners Tuesday (Aug. 10, 1982) through Friday. (Nisei Week Coronation Ball and Ondo Parade are scheduled the following day and Sunday.)

10—STAFF PENSION PLAN. Approved advertising for bids on new JACL staff pension plan (JACL currently has 27 paid staff members at Headquarters, regional offices and Pacific Citizen.)

11—NEW LOGO CONTEST. Withdrew co-sponsorship since the Midwest District rejected sponsoring a new JACL logo contest, suggested at May 1981 board meeting.

12—REGIONAL OFFICE, PNWDC. Approved request by PNWDC Governor to fund PNW office secretary position from half-time to full-time. #

● Guest Editorial:

Our Asian community's brilliant future among us

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There is one important contribution government can make to providing our Asian-Pacific community with a brighter future. It should consider putting more sensible limits on current immigration quotas.

We are fully aware that this is a necessarily provocative suggestion, but we come to it only after considerable attention to the question of the future of the Asian community in Southern California. The increasingly difficult conditions of many of these new Asian-Pacific immigrants clearly indicate that our government services are overextended. More immigrants have been encouraged to settle here than we can realistically accommodate. Our view is that those immigrants who already live here deserve to have priority on the nation's limited economic resources.

Just one example of the growing problem: The federal Refugee Resettlement Program faces a multimillion-dollar shortfall this year. It has been unable to keep up with the demand for its services. Even if additional funding sources are scraped up, some cutback in services is likely to occur as early as this September (i.e. last month.) This is why we need to rethink our numbers level—our resources are diminishing but the sheer magnitude of the problem is not.

There are now bills in Congress that would set more realistic—and not heartless—immigration limits. While we will consider them in greater depth as the legislative process unfolds, we refer now only to their general aim. For can it be seriously argued that this nation has taken a serious, mature look at what rate Asians are being permitted entry, and what is happening to them after their arrival?

No one is served by the present policy, which in fact is a failure of policy, especially for our troubled Asian community itself. For instance, the Vietnamese among us do not receive the necessary cultural orientation and language classes, job training or mental health counseling that they need. Filipino and Korean professionals receive inadequate assistance in preparing for their important licensing exams. With government coffers getting smaller and smaller, the pressure to care for new immigrants is falling on the already overwhelmed ethnic communities themselves. And they simply don't have the resources to cope.

With more manageable immigration levels, America's private sector could make a contribution that would really help. This suggestion is not a naive one. There is already a heartening trend toward greater corporate responsibility. For instance, Bell Laboratories—AT&T's research and development arm—has in the past few years offered assertiveness training, communication and corporate awareness seminars to its Asian-American employees. And, going in the other direction, perhaps corporations and government agencies should have ethnic-understanding seminars for administrators and managers—just as employees have corporate awareness seminars. The mutual payoff would be great: Enlightened human relationships are the modern corporation's most valuable asset.

There are other things that America's private sector can do to help. More than active recruitment of Asian employees, on-the-job training is probably required in most professions. The Wall Street Journal recently reported, for example, that newspaper editors across the country are anxious to hire qualified minority reporters, but it concluded that editors will have to take more initiative in training promising talent to realize this goal.

There are no panaceas. But it is clear to us that our new Asian-Americans would stand a greater chance of a quality life if they were entering a more settled and less overwhelmed community—and one that received more help from the private sector. To favor limits on U.S. immigration is not to evidence an uncaring attitude about those who wish to escape their own countries. But neither the United States, nor Los Angeles in particular, should bear the main burden of having to cope with what must be regarded as an international problem—and that must have a multitude of solutions. What we need is not more immigration to the United States per se, but more international cooperation in resettling immigrants and refugees.

Assuring the optimal success of Asian-Pacifics and other minorities in this country will be no easy task. The responsibility rests not with one source, but many: the government, the private sector and the community itself. Life is not so simple as it was a century ago, when America's seemingly boundless resources made hard work and thrift the only criteria for fulfillment of the American Dream, and when an ever-expanding government was willing to step in and solve all problems. But this is still America, and there still is hope. Asian-Pacific Americans—and all Americans to whom real success and opportunity is still out of reach—must never lose sight of this. It is our greatest incentive.

This is the final installment 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.

Sansei wins news award

LOS ANGELES—Teresa Watanabe, editorial writer for the Los Angeles Herald Examiner, was awarded the Los Angeles Trial Lawyers News Media of the Year Award, it was announced Oct. 6 by the newspaper.

Watanabe, who joined the Examiner in January of this year from the Seattle Times, was honored for a number of editorials focusing on Southern California's criminal justice system. She will receive her award at the 33rd annual Installation Dinner Dance in February at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel.

Hirano to keynote Women's Day fete

GARDENA, Ca.—Irene Hirano, chairperson of the State Commission on the Status of Women, will be keynote speaker for the fifth annual Women's Day program on Saturday, Oct. 17, at Nakaoka Community Center, 1700 W. 162nd St.

Themed "The Emerging You", the seminar will feature workshops focusing on budgeting, money management, coping with stress, job search skills and assertive communication.

For info call Gardena Valley YWCA (213) 327-5356 or the City of Gardena 327-0220, ext. 265 or 341.

Rehabilitation center to hold auction/bazaar

LOS ANGELES—Asian Rehabilitation Services, Inc., a vocational facility for disabled people, will hold its Second Annual Auction Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 601 S. San Pedro St.

Actor Pat Morita will serve as auctioneer with entertainment

provided by the Na Pua Me Ke aloha Hawaiian Dance troupe and the Special Delivery music band. For more info call Patty Murakami (213) 623-2313 or Cindy Ogasawa 324-8363.

■ Love and fear exclude each other.—Macrobius.



Photo by Ed Ikuta

'THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER,' which concluded its sold-out run to SRO audiences Oct. 4, featured artists (l to r): Nobu McCarthy, Karen Ishizuka (playwright), Ernest Harada, Rodney Kageyama, Akemi Kikumura and Robert Nakamura (director).

● Theater Review:

'The Truth of the Matter'

The Nikkei who attended any of the regional commission hearings on the Evacuation (and witnessed the catharsis of some of the former internees) were probably deeply moved by what they saw and heard. And at the same time, they may have been trying to figure out, within themselves, what all of it meant—and what this experience says about their own identity.

"The Truth of the Matter," a play that investigates the effects of the internment experience, provides some of the answers. The production, which concluded its nearly sold-out run on Oct. 4, is both allegory and reality intertwined: the characters are, in a sense, "symbolic" and very familiar.

"Truth" focuses on three former camp internees: Mary (Akemi Kikumura), a Ph.D. who has supposedly "made it" in the "white man's world"—to a point where she has forgotten her own ethnicity; Joe (Rodney Kageyama), a defiant "bad Buddhahead" who still holds bitter memories of the camp and the post-war discrimination he endured; and Mrs. Tani (Nobu McCarthy), an elderly Nisei with the *shikata ga nai* attitude and a superficial sense of complacency.

Their "conscience" appears in the form of a spiritual Issei Gardener (Ernest Harada) who also represents their heritage as well. Through the Gardener's interaction with the three Nisei, the painful truth of their experiences in camp suddenly emerge, and they, in turn, must come to grips with the emotions that have been suppressed for so long.

Mary had rationalized that the camps were "for her own protection" and her internment and relocation were appropriate channels for her to integrate with the larger society. But she soon comes to realize that this "protection" was actually imprisonment—and that the hardships her parents went through forced them to pressure her into "making it" in the larger society. Her acceptability, however, was due largely to her own "non-threatening" and sexually "exotic" appearance to the white society.

Joe faces the harsh actuality that he really wasn't much of a "bad Buddhahead" at all—and was more often on the receiving end of the punches thrown by racists. He, too, at one time, fooled himself into believing he was "100% American"—meaning "white."

Mrs. Tani, perhaps the most tragic figure of all, suddenly realizes that her contentment is, in reality, blanketing a past filled with heartbreak, since she had lost her infant son in camp because of negligence by a racist doctor.

Community Health Fair set for West Covina

WEST COVINA, Ca.—The East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center will have its third annual Health Fair on Sunday, Oct. 18, 1 to 5 p.m. at 1203 West Puente Ave. Demonstrations, exhibits and health testing will be featured; for info call (213) 960-2566.

The Gardener, then, is neither their judge nor jury—but rather simply, their very own mirror.

The performances in "Truth" are powerful and indeed, moving: Harada's humor adds the needed levity to an otherwise heavy subject; Kikumura's transformation from a stuffy, condescending social scientist to a sincere Nisei daughter is truly a suspension of the senses and theater at its best. Kageyama's Joe projects a false, sense of security—and it is to this actor's credit that the character's "real self"—an insecure, all-talk-but-no-action young man emerges.

But perhaps the most touching and understated performance of all is delivered by McCarthy, whose professionalism, as always, shines through. Her portrayal of a courageous yet vulnerable Nisei mother hits so close to the heart that one could swear Mrs. Tani was once (or still is) a part of one's own life.

"The Truth of the Matter" was written by Karen Ishizuka and directed by Robert A. Nakamura. The play was sponsored by the JACL, the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations and CSU Los Angeles.

—P.I.



NBC-TV's Tom Brokaw, host of the network's Today Show, will keynote the Asian American Journalists Association scholarship benefit dinner Nov. 6 at the Hyatt Regency in Los Angeles. For info call David Kishiyama (213) 972-7737 or Cherry Gee 972-7122.

'Ronin' sword to be returned to Japan

LOS ANGELES—An American collector of Japanese swords will donate the treasured sword of one of the famous 47 "ronin" (masterless samurai) to Tokyo's Sengakuji temple.

Gerald Wilda, a telephone engineer, is donating the sword which formerly belonged to Chuzaemon Yoshida, a ronin who died at the age of 63. A special ceremony is expected to take place for the handing over of the sword, probably before the annual temple festival Dec. 14.

Wilda obtained the sword 15 years ago from a former GI who had reportedly acquired the weapon when he was based in Japan after the war.

Sansei talent to be featured at JACCC

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese American Cultural and Community Center will present "Sansei Donburi: Autumn Events at the Gallery Coffeehouse," a potpourri of events and activities promoting Sansei talent and interests developing in the Asian American community.

Amidst a coffeehouse atmosphere on the first floor of the JACCC, evenings of theater, jazz and folk music, readings and film are planned. The calendar of events include:

- Oct. 17: Taiko Jam
- Oct. 18: Cultural Arts Day (Ikebana, Kyudo, Sumi-e, Shodo demonstrations)
- Oct. 22: Artists Exchange (Slide presentations)
- Oct. 23: Classical Jazz (Music of Claude Bolling featuring Lisa Joe, Danny Yamamoto, Stan Hatanaka and Jeff Takiguchi)
- Oct. 24: Jazz Jam (Jam Sessions)
- Oct. 25: Acoustic Music Concert (Guitar duo of Warren Furutani and Harold Payne; shamisen by Lillian Nakano; shakuhachi by George Abe and congas by Art Ishii)
- Oct. 27: National Coalition for Redress/Reparations presents a video tape of the L.A. Hearings
- Oct. 29: Readings (Pacific Asian American Women Writers West)
- Oct. 30: Theatra Mmmm (Mime, Music, Movement and Marionette)
- Oct. 31: Halloween Night (Masquerade Dance)
- Nov. 5: Film Shorts (Independent film makers)
- Nov. 6: "Yasuko and the Young Samurai" by Karen Huie (Cross Cultural Theatre Company)
- Nov. 7, 8: "Breaking out!" Preview (Great Leap, Inc.)

For more info call Miles Kubo (213) 628-2725.

'Koreatown' to mark 2nd year

LOS ANGELES—Monterey County's presiding superior court judge Harkjoon Paik will be keynote speaker at the second anniversary dinner of "KOREATOWN", the nationally-recognized English language journal of the Korean American community, Saturday Oct. 24, 6 p.m. at the Greater L.A. Press Club.

The only-Korea born jurist in the state's 1,200-member judiciary will be joined by remarks from Tritia Toyota of KNBC-News, charter president of the newly-formed Asian American Journalist Assn.; Alfred Song of Monterey Park, first Asian elected to the California state legislature in the Assembly and Senate from 1963 until 1978; and U.S. Olympic gold medalist Sammy Lee (1948 London, 1952 Helsinki in diving) of Santa Ana.

Founded by Sacramento Union writer K.W. Lee, who took a sabbatical to establish the bi-weekly (with the PC providing initial production assistance here), the Los Angeles-based paper is currently produced in Sacramento. Tickets at \$15 per person may be obtained by calling (213) 384-9032.

Centenary UMC to observe 85th year

LOS ANGELES—Centenary United Methodist Church celebrates its 85th anniversary Oct. 18, culminating with a banquet at New Otani Hotel, 5:30 p.m. Resident Bishop Jack M. Tuell of the Pacific and Southwest Annual Conference will address the 10 a.m. worship and banquet, it was announced by George Yamaka and Tak Minei, co-chair.

Nisei widows seek name for own group

MARINA DEL REY, Ca.—A social group of working Nisei widows (and widowers), which has been meeting over the past year at various parts of the Southland, will meet for Sunday brunch, Oct. 25, 11:30 a.m. at Marina International Hotel here. Group has been seeking an appropriate name. For brunch reservations, call Shiz (213-821-3219) or Betty (714-636-8207).

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Issei Image

San Francisco

THE SETTING FOR Duane Kubo and Bob Nakamura's film, "Hito Hata", was of interest to me. I roamed the hotels of Little Tokyo in Los Angeles as a kid because my Jiichan lived there. The Issei that Mako played in the movie seemed very different than the ones I recalled.

My Jiichan had a room that faced out on East First Street, perfect for viewing the Nisei Week Parade. We would sit on the fire escape, while my mother would pass us sushi through the window. Actually, it was two rooms. His bedroom was in back.

Every Issei seemed to use the cardboard that a new dress shirt has inside to write down phone numbers. It is dingy and torn. The names are written in Japanese and the phone numbers in a special kind of Issei handwriting. Lines are drawn to separate the names. They are always crooked.

I WOULD VISIT Jiichan after school. Every so often, I would find some new medicine or special "health" food. One time, he had a fungus growing in a gallon jar that was supposed to be for good health. He had gotten it from another Issei in the building. In fact, every Issei in the building was trying it out. On another occasion, he showed me a black ointment. It looked like nori soaked in shoyu, like Tsukudani. Mentholatum it wasn't.

When Jiichan would come over to our house, I knew we wouldn't have stuff like chashu for dinner. In fact, that was the time to eat at a friend's house. Mom was likely to make genmai (brown rice), because Jiichan thought it was healthier.

Jiichans AND BACHANS have, I guess, a certain image. They gave us pocket money, presents, and generally spoiled us. They were old fashioned, hard working, and just super nice people. After Jiichan died, and after I was involved in helping clean out the rooms of other Issei who passed away in Little Tokyo, I started getting another picture. My parents and other Nisei began giving me their perspective, the Issei as real people. As real people, they did bad stuff, made bad decisions, and weren't the perfect pioneers that I had thought existed. Just in the process of cleaning out those rooms in Little Tokyo, I found things that pointed this out. I remember telling my father, "You should see what I found in this guy's room." Before I could finish, he said, "Damattensai!"

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Sept. 16—West Los Angeles Nisei (Fumiko Mitsuuchi) wins right to her escheated farm (Sawtelle and National Blvds.), to pay \$75,000 to State for clearing title to 71 acres originally purchased for \$88,500 in 1938 from two Issei (Frank Tanaka, Tomio Sakioka).

Oct. 12—Denver Post raps Canadian ban against Nisei visitors from U.S.; two recent incidents involved two Nisei GIs in uniform on furlough and a Nisei player unable to accompany his Seattle high school football team for game.

Oct. 12—Nisei students at UC Berkeley vote against reviving Japanese Student Club.

Oct. 14—Pres. Truman ends Office of Alien Property Custodian, which seized enemy alien property during WW2 valued at \$300 million.

Oct. 14—Setsuzo Ota (prewar wrestler who made headlines in 1926 marriage to thrice-married Los Angeles socialite Lucy Banning who died of flu while couple was honeymooning in Italy) returns to Hollywood to fight court's approval of its accounting of wife's \$463,000 estate; Gen. Phineas Banning's daughter had left bulk of estate to Ota, who was convicted in 1940 of participating in kidnapping of Little Tokyo gambler H. Yamatoda, spent 5 years in prison and then paroled.

Oct. 18—Noted Californians, CIO, churches, L.A. Daily News back JACL campaign against Calif. Prop. 15 to strengthen alien land law.

Oct. 19—First postwar JACL conference of Pacific Coast chapters planned for Dec. 1 at San Francisco to discuss resettlement issues.

Letterbox

Where were you?

Editor:

First it is the anti-redress witnesses that are blind, deaf and dumb mentally who cannot see the difference between a Japanese American and a Japanese National.

Now it is the anti-JACL witnesses. (PC, Sept. 18).

The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC) is a deadly serious undertaking—not to mention a painful ordeal for a great number of victims.

So I say "nonsense" to all the nit-pickers that are attacking the JACL leadership of 40 years ago.

Remember this, and remember this well. The leadership during those difficult times were made up of young men in their 20s—with-out any political or economic base.

Tell me, Frank Chin, James Omura, et al. what would you do if a gun was pointed at your head or your gut ordering you to move out?

Who is Chin? And why is he trying to tear JACL asunder?

As to part of the creed—"better Americans in a greater America", if we (all colors) strive for human decency, maybe, someday it will be a better America.

Mike Masaoka has given his heart and soul to JACL. He tried his very best. That is all we can ask of our fellowman. Friends, stand behind him. He needs nourishment, too.

Mike, dear friend, it's lonely at the top. Take Care.

M. YAMANAKA ISEKA
Palo Alto, Ca.

Relocating HQ

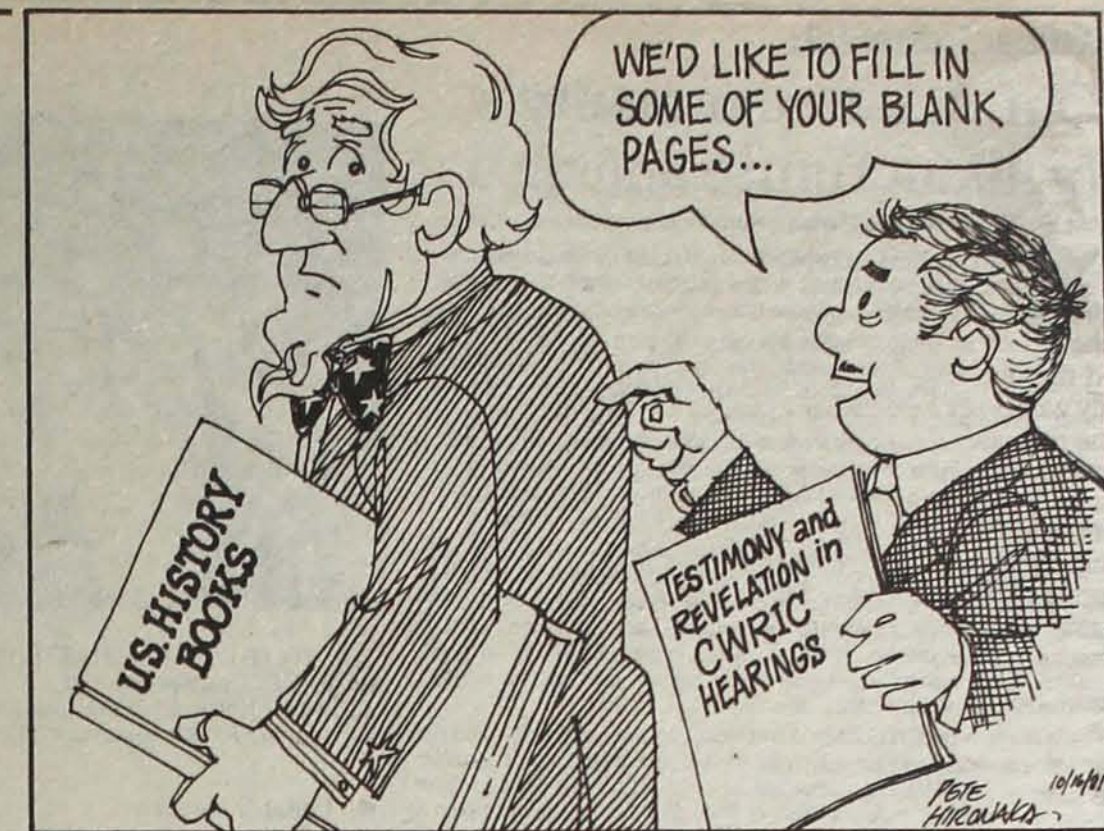
Editor:

Henry Tanaka's article, "A Proposal: Move Headquarters" (Sept. 25 PC) and the letter by Dr. Frank Sakamoto (Sept. 25 PC) supporting him are difficult to understand. Although Mike Masaoka's article (Sept. 25 PC) is referenced, in all due respect, his thoughts were written during the fall, 1980, and his opinion might have changed.

I suppose moving National Headquarters east to the nation's capital has its merits, but are they aware (or did they bother to research) that our Washington Representative discussed the lack of activity in his office and is preparing to suggest that we maintain our representation in Washington, D.C., on a retainer basis?

In my simplistic method of evaluating this situation, it seems obvious that if there isn't enough action for one person, there surely won't be enough for the rest of the Headquarters staff. This doesn't even address the question of removing Headquarters from the Pacific Coast which represents only 83% of JACL's total membership.

However, I do agree that Head-



quarters should be moved; not east to D.C., but south to Los Angeles. But that's a whole new can of worms, that for the moment, should be kept loosely sealed!

DENNIS M. KUNISAKI
PSWDC Governor
Los Angeles, Ca.

Hayakawa's Hogwash

Editor:

This is to comment on Sen. Hayakawa's remarks at the recent Commission hearings at Los Angeles (see Aug. 14 PC). As a college student, I've spent time reading books and interviewing people who were in the camps, including my father.

Hayakawa's remarks that evacuees "led trouble-free and relatively happy lives at all the relocation centers other than Tule Lake" and "for many older Japanese, the relocation turned out to be a three-year vacation" clearly prove ignorance of the facts even to a person like me.

When the Senator stated internment was the "protection" of Japanese Americans, I say: "If the government was really concerned about the safety of evacuees, the camp stays would have been voluntary, not mandatory." Also, since when do we lock up potential victims—leaving free the criminals? Our government is run on a justice system—that's why there are law enforcement agencies.

Lastly, Senator Hayakawa remarked that the redress groups are encouraging "a backlash against both Japanese Americans and Japan". This is a very dangerous attitude. He is saying, i.e., that we should not search out the truth

in order to keep an uneasy acceptance in our American society. If Black Americans had had that attitude in the 1950s, we might still be

under "separate but equal" today.
CHERYL MIYAZAKI
St. Olaf College
Northfield, Mn.

Hogwash from Hayakawa

Editorial: The Milwaukee Journal, Aug. 15, 1981

Senator Soaper, the creation of a humorist, said some remarkably witty things. By contrast, Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Calif.), a real-life member of "the world's greatest deliberative body," tends to say things that, while sometimes witty, too often betray a remarkable lack of compassion.

Consider Hayakawa's recent comments on the internment during World War II of Japanese

Americans. The senator, himself of Japanese ancestry, told a federal commission that the demand by Japanese Americans for reparations for their wartime ordeal makes his "flesh crawl with shame and embarrassment."

Hayakawa, who was a citizen of Canada before his naturalization, said that, although the internment of Japanese Americans violated civil rights, the breach had to be understood "against a background of . . . anti-Oriental agitation throughout California" and as part of "the normal insanities of wartime." Hayakawa conceded that the government's action resulted from "superstitious, racist fears," but insisted that the Japanese Americans had to be interned for their own protection, lest they become the victims of racism.

Of course, Hayakawa would not leave entirely without redress those who were so shabbily treated. He suggested that Congress should pass a resolution of apology.

Hayakawa may think that an adequate recompense for the humiliation, the suffering, the deprivation of property. His colleagues, we hope, will decide on a more tangible gesture.

Meanwhile, Hayakawa's flesh should crawl with shame and embarrassment—at his own words.

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FROM THE MIDWEST: Bill Yoshino*

Bookshelf

Religions in Japan

A clear and factual introduction, JAPANESE RELIGION: A Survey by the Agency for Cultural Affairs (Kodansha Int'l, New York, \$4.95 pp) translated by Yoshiya Abe and David Reid not only describes the religions of Japan (Shinto, Buddhism, Confucianism, New Religions, Christianity and Folk Religion) but it lends insight to Japanese religious mentality in general.

What will surprise Nikkei in America of Christian persuasion is the chapter on Folk Religion, which is practiced under the aura of cultural heritage here. Professor Hitoshi Miyake of Keio University who authored this particular chapter, notes Folk Religion incorporates elements of Shintoism, Buddhism, Taoism, yin-yang and other religions, has no organization or doctrine, seeks neither to propagate nor to convert but is passed down as a matter of custom among people "bound together by community or kinship ties".

The statistics make this a valuable source, noting the various religious sects by name bilingually and in Kanji. Counted are those by the Japanese government's Agency for Cultural Affairs of the Education Ministry.—H.H.

JACL is a volunteer organization. For the past year and especially in the last six months, the essence of that volunteerism was demonstrated by the Chicago chapter Committee for Redress in their preparation for the recently concluded commission hearings in Chicago.

The effectiveness of the Chicago redress committee effort was apparent in the smooth flow of the hearings. It would have been difficult to purchase the committee's brand of professionalism in preparatory work for the hearings in such areas as fundraising, witness identification, witness preparation and public relations.

The committee was chaired by Ron Yoshino. Throughout, the committee was composed of many strong-willed individuals, thus, it wasn't always easy to gain consensus on avenues of approach. Nevertheless, Ron's penchant for structure and adherence to detail became evident in all subcommittee functions.

Chiye Tomihiro presided over the identification of witnesses. Through mailings and endless phone calls, Chiye made every effort to create an awareness within the Chicago area that witnesses were needed for purposes of testimony before the commission. Chiye did not limit herself to the Chicago area in her search. She successfully obtained testimony from individuals in surrounding states as well, exclusive of the other midwest JACL chapters, who identified witnesses from their local areas.

Fundraising, which is always difficult, but nevertheless vital, was carried out by Shig Wakamatsu. Through Shig's effort and the help of Jim Isono, the redress fundraising campaign in Chicago was a remarkable success. This, I believe, is also a tribute to the community and their support of the redress issue.

A major task of the committee effort was in witness preparation for the hearings. Mike Ushijima chaired this subcommittee

Chicago/Redress

Chicago

with the able support of Kathy Nakamoto, Dave Tanaka, and Kurt Clark. The purpose of this committee was to inform the witnesses of what they could expect at the actual hearing, including the physical set-up and possible lines of questioning. Through the use of audio/video equipment, the witnesses were given the opportunity of going through a simulated hearing session. The committee was careful in not over-rehearsing those who went through these sessions. Guidance in testimony presentation was given, however, testimony content was at the complete discretion of each witness. This preparation was completed through a series of three workshops averaging approximately 5 hours each. Also, the services of filmmaker Henry Ushijima provided a professional touch to the videotaping sessions.

Lary Schectman and Pat Matsumoto handled all aspects of public relations surrounding the hearings. Through press releases and personal contacts, Lary and Pat created a high level of awareness within the media concerning the hearings and the issue itself. This development of the media led to numerous radio, television, and newspaper spots. In addition, Lary and Pat were responsible for producing an excellent press packet which was distributed at the hearing and at a press reception held on the eve of the hearings. The press reception was organized and handled by Carol Yoshino and Jane Kaihatsu. On every account, the reception was a success.

Others of the committee who played vital roles were John Tani, Betty Hasegawa, Mary Nishimoto, Janice Honda, Art Morimitsu, and Ross Harano. Ross alone was instrumental in gaining the support of community organizations for the hearings. Those who also gave generously of their time included Mitzi Schectman, Lillian Kimura, Janet Suzuki, Cathy Hironaka, Alice Esaki, Joyce Yoshino, and Ellen Hayashi, and the commission staff, Charles Smith, Bill Wise, and Key Kobayashi.

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

Re: Watanabe, Inoway, Clavell, Tsuru

Denver, Colo.



If you read the sports pages, and who doesn't these days, you'll encounter frequent references to football players who have undergone arthroscopic examination of injured knees. The arthroscope is a medical instrument inserted through a very small incision into the knee joint, usually with no more than local anesthetic, to let the doctor see the damage. The device is also used to make repairs and remove bits of torn cartilage.

It used to be that knee surgery would put football players out of action for months, often for the entire season, because it was necessary to open up the knee to survey the damage and make repairs. With the arthroscope, an athlete may be playing again a couple of weeks after treatment.

Comes now an article by Dinesh Patel, M.D., in Consultant Magazine, to tell us that football players can thank a couple of Japanese doctors for the medical instrument that is saving their careers. The article says:

"Though arthroscopy was investigated in Japan in 1918 by Dr. Kenji Takagi, it was Dr. Takagi's pupil, Dr. Masaki Watanabe, who gave the technique its modern debut in Japan in 1960. Dr. S. Ward Casscells of Wilmington, Delaware, and Dr. W. Jackson of Toronto, Canada, were instrumental in introducing arthroscopy to the Western Hemisphere in the early 1970s. The modern technique was made

possible because of the development of fiberoptic technology."

Consultant is the monthly journal of medical consultation published in Greenwich, Conn., and its editor is Stephen K. Murata.

A couple of months ago I relayed word in this space that R. Allen Claxton of Aurora, Colo., was trying to re-establish contact with the children of Jack Inoway who served as a cook in the U.S. Navy in World War I and owned a restaurant in Lima, Ohio. It seemed to be a remote possibility that anyone would know about them, but Claxton called the other day to report that he had heard from Carl Inoway, now an architect in Salt Lake City. Carl went through high school in Lima, then attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Utah. Another Inoway son, whose name I didn't get, was reported to be a doctor in California.

James Clavell, whose novel "Shogun" was a smashing television success some months ago (and was responsible for a business boom for Japanese restaurants and sword dealers) has just published an uncharacteristically brief book called "The Children's Story." It's about children, but it's for adults who have an interest in all children and their futures as freedom-loving adults.

The story was inspired by Clavell's then 6-year-old daughter, Michaela, who came home from school one day, rattled off the "plege'illegience" which she had learned

that day, and demanded a dime for having memorized it perfectly. But she had no idea what she was saying, nor did she have any inkling of the profound commitment implied in the pledge. Why? Because no one had ever explained it to her.

The story is about a chilling 25 minutes in a grade school classroom taken over by a new teacher in conquered America who, ever so easily, seduces the children away from faith in God, country and parents. It is, to say the least, provocative.

Clavell's "Noble House," a 1,206-page novel set in contemporary Hongkong, was published last April. His next project is reported to be a novel tentatively titled "Nippon," which will bring the Shogun story up to date.

About the Sept. 25 column on the book called "The Crane Wife": Jeanie Okawa of Torrance, Calif., suggests that my grandson Matt was familiar with the story because Parents' Magazine Press published a book on the same Japanese folk tale in 1968. It was called "The Crane Maiden." The English version is by Alvin Tresselt, Jeanie says, and it was adapted from the Japanese "Tsuru no Ongaeshi." That title means something like "The Crane That Paid Its Moral Debt," and much, obviously is lost in this translation. #

AACL in 1990?

By LILLIAN KIMURA
(Special to The Pacific Citizen)

As chairperson of the National JACL Long Range Planning Committee, I would like to thank those readers of PC who have responded to the survey. The returns have not been as great as hoped but there is time yet to send it in. The deadline has been extended to October 30, 1981. The purpose of the questionnaire appearing in PC was to hear from the "grass roots". You will find the survey on the back page of the Sept. 4 issue.

A quick analysis of the first 75 responses indicate that more males answered than females; about evenly distributed between Nisei and Sansei. Only two are not members of JACL; most are current "card-carrying members", but some have served on local chapter Boards; the preponderance of respondents are college educated. The average age of Nisei is 58.6 years and the Sansei 34.2. An error was made in the survey in that no provision was made for those who are single, divorced or widowed to so indicate, however, most are married and married to Japanese Americans.

In terms of the geographic distribution, there was one response from the Mountain Plains area, three from Intermountain, five from the Midwest and seven from the East, eight from the Pacific Northwest and the balance from California. Because I am not familiar with the California communities, I could not make a precise breakdown into the various district councils.

Continuing Need as Watchdog and Advocate Indicated

There was clear indication for the continued need of JACL to act as a watchdog on discrimination issues and for legislative advocacy. Involving youth in leadership and providing retirement planning were also seen as priorities. While many favored more cooperation and coalition with other Asian groups, some said it was important for Japanese Americans to still be and act together.

Participants at the EDC-MDC Convention in August were asked to test the questionnaire. These 34 responses will be included in the final tally. Other Districts are being asked to conduct workshops on JACL's future at their fall meetings. Chapter Boards have been asked to respond as a body to a set of questions distributed by the Committee.

Again, it is not too late to submit your opinions. The survey should be returned to the Midwest Regional Office, 5415 North Clark, Chicago, IL 60640.

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

A Quick Primer: Alaskan Natives

Philadelphia



PERHAPS NOT UNLIKE many others equally ignorant as I, whenever reference was made to "Alaskan natives", there would be conjured up in my mind Eskimos bundled in fur, clutching a spear and standing in front of a white mound known as an igloo. The perception was of a monolithic, blurred ethnicity involving a primitive subsistence and a backward culture, where courting involved the quaint custom of rubbing noses. (This habit of blurred, monolithic concept of others is also illustrated by Western portrayals of a Chinese woman adorned with an obi and/or wearing *getas*, and inevitably caricatured with slightly bent knees and a hint of a submissive bow.)

AMONG THE NATIVES of Alaska, there are no less than 20 languages* in six, general categories. Ethnically, there are three separate, linguistic stocks: Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos. Broadly speaking, these three groupings of people occupied, respectively, the southeastern portion of Alaska, the Aleutian chain, and the Arctic region to the Gulf of Alaska. When Alaska was discovered by Vitus Bering in 1741, there were reportedly some 60,000 to 80,000 inhabitants. Actually, some nine years earlier some Russian explorers had observed Eskimo settlement at the tip of the Seward Peninsula,—being the closest North American land mass to Russia,—but the Russian expedition had not gone ashore.

WHEN THE RUSSIANS moved into the Aleutians to ruthlessly exploit its then-plentiful supply of fur, it was estimated that the Aleut population numbered as high as 16,000 people, one estimate placing it as high as 25,000. Today, however, the Aleuts reportedly number 3,500. As the Aleuts describe their own condition: "We are an endangered species." The Russians enslaved many Aleuts, summarily moving them wherever furs were to be harvested. In the course of years of this pogrom, whole families would be killed outright. It was only with the arrival of the Russian Orthodox Church and the concerned intervention of

priests (to the court of the Czar) that the lot of the Aleuts improved. It is thus understandable that to this day, the Orthodox Church is so devoutly central to the spirit of the Aleut people. And so it is that today, many Aleuts bear names that sound very Russian.

WHEN THE UNITED STATES acquired the Alaskan territory in 1867 from Russia for \$7.2 million, Russian subjects were given the option of returning to Russia or becoming American citizens. But the Alaskan natives were condemned under U.S. rule to the fate of becoming "wards of the state" and, for example, it was not until 1966 that the Aleuts of the Pribilof Islands were granted equal rights under the Fur Seal Act of 1966.

IT WAS ALSO in this same year of 1966 that the Alaska Natives asserted a claim to more than 372 million acres of land, basing their claim upon original rights. Five years later, Congress enacted the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act which granted 40 million acres of land and nearly a billion dollars to the claimants. In passing, it is interesting to note that the residents of the village of Angoon received \$90,000 in 1973, in settlement on account of the destruction of their village in 1882, some 91 years previously.

THE ALEUT PEOPLE of the Pribilof Islands won an award in 1978 totalling \$11,239,604 from the Indian Claims Commission, after having filed its claim some 27 years earlier in 1951. This award, even though compromised by agreement to some \$8.5 million, has not yet been paid to date.

AMONG THE ALEUTS there are young leaders who have been educated in some of the best universities "in the Lower Forty-Eight" and who have returned to their communities in Alaska to continue the struggle for equity. I spoke with some of them. They are determined.

* The 20 languages are: Aleut, Sugpiaq, Central Upik, Siberian Yupik, Inupiaq, Tsimshian, Haida, Tlingit, Eyak, Ahtna, Tanaina, Ingalik, Holi-kachuk, Koyukon, Upper Kuskokwim, Tanana, Tanacross, Upper Tanana, Han and Kutchin.

BENDETSSEN

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subject to the same FSA policy of collection without regard to the emergency circumstances."

How Much Was Lost?

Technically, Bendetsen may be correct when he says that the government did not "confiscate" property belonging to the Nikkei, but heavy losses were still sustained as a result of government actions, or perhaps, inactions.

During the Los Angeles hearing on Aug. 4, attorney Frank Chuman had made several references to Myer's book during his testimony. Chuman told the PC in an interview Oct. 7 that Bendetsen's statements regarding property losses are out of context, since, as Myer noted in his book, much of the losses had already been sustained before the government began implementing "protective" measures.

Just how much was lost is unknown; during the regional hearings, different witnesses provided some figures. Chuman told the Commission that according to Carey McWilliams, author of *Prejudice*, the agricultural losses of Japanese Americans totaled about \$1.25 billion in 1942 terms.

Larry Boss, a graduate student at CSU Long Beach, said that the Nikkei community in the city of Long Beach alone sustained a loss of \$7,187,742 in 1942 only, based on city records.

"Since the Long Beach [Nikkei] community represented only .5% of the evacuated population, the loss for the entire population would have been \$1,437,548,400 for 1942 alone," noted Boss.

He added that since this figure does not include such variables as inflation and increases in sales for businesses and in property values, "it is feasible, indeed probable, that the evacuation cost the Japanese communities from six to eight billion dollars in losses immediately attributable to their forced removal."

Other Figures

At the Seattle hearings on Sept. 10, a panel of community organization representatives (consisting of Henry Miyatake, Charles Kato, Ken Nakano, Karen Seriguchi, Emi Somekawa and Thomas Scott, Ph.D) presented estimates of "tangible assets lost" by the entire West Coast Nikkei community as a result of the Evacuation.

The 1942 statistics, prepared from Dept. of Justice records, were:

Real property, \$400 million; wages and salary, \$260 million; business operations profit, \$155 million; bank deposits, business inventory and real property sequestered through the Enemy Trading Act of 1941, \$27 million—a total of \$842 million, or in 1981 dollars, about \$6 billion.

The Burden of Proof

Bendetsen's statement, then, will need some examination by the Commission. He may need to defend his views on property losses with much more detail (if there is any). Numerous Nikkei witnesses have presented testimony to the contrary; if the CWRIC is to reconstruct, accurately, what took place during those dark days of 1942, then they must place the burden of proof upon the shoulders of those who were responsible. #

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Terminal Island film project

To the many generous contributors to the JACL-Terminal Island Film Project, I felt that some kind of progress report was in order. The project was most fortunate to receive full funding. Through the joint effort of the Terminal Island Association and PSWDC-JACL, funds collected were matched at 85% by the California Council for the Humanities in Public Policy.

Project director Trevor Greenwood, who is also a full professor of cinematography at USC, is moving forward with the filming, interviews, acquisition of pre-war photos, etc. to complete the project. On Sunday, October 4, Trevor chartered the harbor sightseeing boat and took a group of about 70 people on an excursion trip around the channel and fish harbor.

The weather was ideal as the boat slipped out of its mooring and chugged towards Wilmington, the closed end of the channel. The Terminal Island people were identifying the landmarks, but so much of the landscape had changed in nearly 40 years. Some of the men were saying how they used to swim the width of the channel and how clean the water used to be. The boat turned around and circled certain areas because Trevor had placed some camera crew members aboard the "Princess Louise" to take movies of the excursion boat. The boat headed seaward and kept close to the shoreline, by the federal prison, and into fish harbor. It was when we got into fish harbor that people started to

sigh and say things such as, *natsukashii ne?*, *subarashii ne?* and other reminiscent statements.

Trevor had set up on the stern a board with pre-war photos. I heard one lady say "Mama, Mama! come over here", and a grey haired, slightly bent lady came over to the board and the daughter said, "that's you mama! where did they get that picture?" The photo was a picture of two young, robust, pretty ladies apparently getting off of work at the cannery. Another middle aged Nisei lady was pointing to a group picture that was taken in the late '30s and explaining to a Sansei youth who the people in the picture were. Charlie Hamasaki and Yukio Tatsumi were being filmed and they were describing their life and activities on the island. Charlie is a born entertainer. Recently at the CWRIC hearings in Los Angeles, Charlie's presentation at the hearings had the commissioners and the audience laughing in the aisles. Most of the people on the boat were former Terminal Islanders because Trevor wanted to interview these people for the film.

Bill Nakasaki, past president of the association, said hopefully the film will be completed by the end of the year. I told Bill that our office has the names and addresses of all those who donated through the JACL office and Bill said he has the same for those who donated through the association.

Hopefully, we will be able to send a special invitation, in the near future, to all of those who donated to the film project, to a premiere showing of the Terminal Island film.

Japan Expo '81 set for Nov. 19-22

LOS ANGELES—Japan Expo '81 will combine a cultural and trade show with 400 booths Nov. 19-22 at L.A. Convention Center. Last year, over 50,000 attended the first show and this year's will be even bigger with more to see and do, assured the sponsors.

Thousands of free tickets are being donated to Nikkei groups. Non-profit organizations have also been invited to secure space to raise funds or disseminate information. For information: contact Warren Furutani (213) 469-5166.

Latin American JACL schedules bingo party

LOS ANGELES—The JACL Latin American chapter will host a bingo party to raise chapter funds on Saturday, Oct. 24, 6-10 p.m., at Nishi Hongwanji Temple's meeting room downstairs.

Marina JACL to sponsor scholarship benefit

LOS ANGELES—Marina JACL will host its scholarship benefit theater party on Saturday, Nov. 7, 8 p.m. at East West Players where "Station J", the first of the season presentations on the Japanese American wartime experience, is being staged. Champagne and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are \$15 per person. Info: Annabelle Lee (213) 932-0644.

USD Asian law assn. seek candidates

SAN DIEGO—The Asian American Law Students Association of the University of San Diego is recruiting candidates for admission to the School of Law. For information contact: Asian American Law Students Association, c/o University of San Diego School of Law, Alcala Park, San Diego, CA 92110, or call (714) 291-6480, ext. 4342.

Personnel Assn to hold 1st conference

SAN FRANCISCO—The Asian Pacific Personnel Association is hosting its first annual conference at Fireman Fund, 3333 California St., Oct. 24. Keynote speaker will be Alexis Balmy, sr. vice president and head of personnel division, Crocker National Bank. Workshops on employment, affirmative action and labor relations are also scheduled; for info call Sandra Nakaji (415) 477-7423 or Linda Lee 497-4771.

Alameda JACL holds Issei appreciation dinner

ALAMEDA, Ca.—The annual Alameda JACL Issei appreciation dinner was held Oct. 3 at Buena Vista United Methodist Church. Bento prepared by Yamato Sukiyaki Restaurant was served.

Seattle JACL gears for 60th anniversary fete Jan. 17, 1982

By EIRA NAGAOKA

SEATTLE—One of the few JACL chapters which predate the National organization, Seattle JACL will celebrate its 60th anniversary in conjunction with its installation dinner scheduled for Jan. 17, 1982.

This milestone will also serve as an opportune time to document the history of the Seattle JACL since a number of current members have been JACLers since its inception in 1921 and undoubtedly have much to contribute. Preliminary gathering of material is being done through Jiro Aoki, 3007 - 23rd Ave. S, Seattle 98144 (723-6061) and Pat Terao, 3725 - 39th Ave. S, Seattle 98144 (725-8479).

The 60th anniversary committee is soliciting all past chapter presidents and members to assist in the compiling of the chapter history and gathering of memorabilia: clippings, mementos, awards, etc., concerning the chapter and its members.

S.F. seniors receive \$500 from Police Assn.

SAN FRANCISCO—The Hamilton Senior Center here received a \$500 check from the Police Officers Association of San Francisco on Sept. 30. Officer David Tambara presented the check to Mrs. Tomiko Nakata, treasurer of the center during the Issei group's weekly meeting.

Renew JACL Membership

Sansei teaching art at Old Dominion U.

NORFOLK, Va.—Jean Kondo Weigl, who hails from San Francisco with a Masters of Fine Arts degree from the Univ. of Utah, is now teaching here at Old Dominion University in its newly instituted MFA graduate studio art program. Till recently she had been teaching design and drawing at the Univ. of Arkansas.

Her husband Bruce, a poet and creative writing professor, preceded her for a position in the English department. She is the daughter of the JACL regional director George Kondo.

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Nominated to serve for the next two years are:

Kathleen Hironaka, Art Honda, Mike Honda, Dr. Kenneth Y. Kai, Karl Kinaga, Helen Mineta, Yoshi Morimoto, James Ono, Eiichi Sakaiye, Grant Shimizu, Nori Yamasaki, and Nadine Yamamoto.

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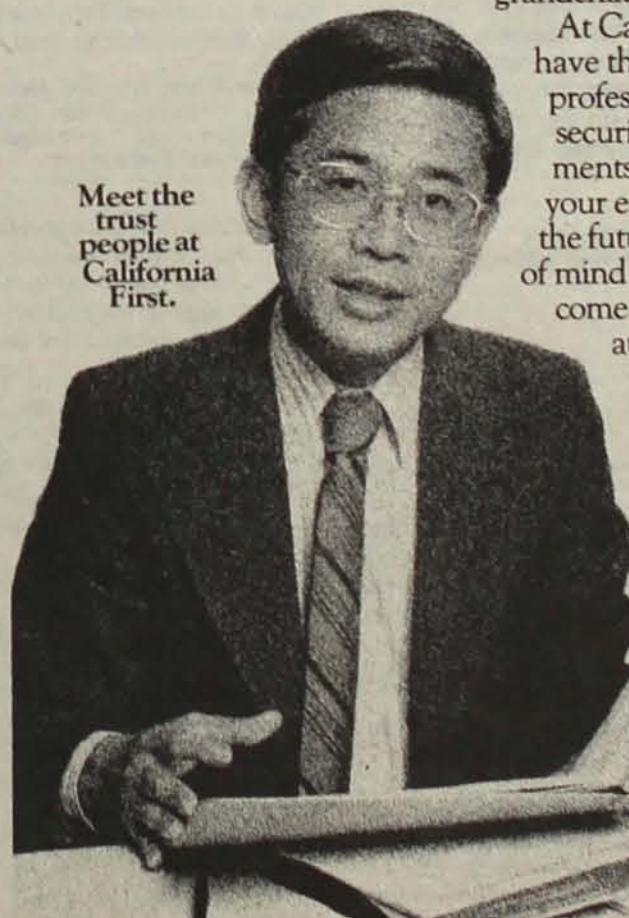
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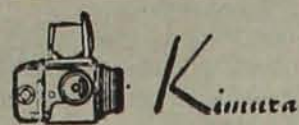
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• Military

Philadelphia JACler Arthur T. Lou was elected Pennsylvania state camp president of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, an organization dating from the civil war. For his efforts in raising funds for the Tennessee Monument Commission, citing the presence of Tennesseans at the Battle of Gettysburg, Lou was also commissioned an honorary major general in the Confederate High Command. His wife Flora was commissioned honorary colonel. Tennessee is the last of 29 states which had troops at Gettysburg to be remembered with a monument.

U.S. Navy Intelligence Specialist John M. Ishikawa was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal recently for his service with the Fleet Ocean Surveillance Information Facility, Western Pacific, Kamiseya, Japan, from Oct. 1979 to Mar. 1981. Ishikawa was also cited for his analysis of Soviet surface, air and submarine operations in the Indian Ocean during the Iranian crisis. He is the son of San Jose JAClers Mr. and Mrs. Moffet Ishikawa.

• Organization

Ruby Chow, King County (Wa.) Councilwoman, was named a member of the National Association of Counties Task Force on Refugees, Aliens and Migrants by NACo President Richard J. Conder. The task force seeks to increase the federal government's awareness of the problems encountered by county and state governments due to the influx of refugees.

• Religion

Rev. Russell Hamada has been assigned by the Buddhist Churches of America to Los Angeles Hongwanji Betsuin. The San Francisco-born Sansei minister graduated from San Francisco State University, attended the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, and studied two years at the Hongwanji Ministerial Training Center in Kyoto. He returned home in August of this year. His wife is Karen.

• Entertainment

Costume designer Willa Kim of New York received an Emmy in September for her work in the Tony Award-winning musical, 'Sophisticated Ladies', appearing on Broadway's Lunt-Fontanne Theater. In a hefty interview with John Duka of the New York Times and his capsule history of costuming for the stage, she noted costumes are "still custom made for each performer", that accuracy is stressed on period pieces today, and made to withstand the rigors of the theater—constant changing, strong lights and said that today more women are in design than men when she began in the 1960s. (She is the sister of retired Col. Young O. Kim of the 100th Infantry, now of Rancho Palos Verdes, Ca.)

Seattle Keiro supports South Bay Keiro fund drive

GARDENA, Ca.—In a show of support, the Seattle Keiro Nursing Home pledged \$1,000 to the South Bay Keiro Fund Raising effort. Their contribution helped push the total over \$923,000 midway through September. "With a little luck, we will reach our \$1,000,000 goal by the end of this month," said Helen Kawagoe, chairperson.

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● International Relations Committee Report:

A Tour Leader's Lament

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It has been two months since returning to the good ole' U.S.A. from Mexico. A trip which all who participated will never forget. In order to provide enough time for all those who wanted a chance to write about their experiences in Mexico a head start, I refrained from writing this report till now.

Leading the JACL delegation into Mexico City was an unique experience for I had to become the overseer for all the contingencies and activities which took place during most of the trip. Thanks to the help of George Kondo and our official travel agent Sue Sasagawa I was able to survive. And thanks to all those who really pitched in during the trip to make everything that much easier for the rest of us.

When one heads a trip to a foreign land, the person must be prepared for the ultimate like: individuals forgetting things or not calling the proper person to handle the problems associated with housekeeping chores of the hotel. Aside from these contingencies the leader almost had a normal trip. To make any trip successful everyone must cooperate and do their share until the very last minute otherwise the unfortunate individual and the leader is left holding the bag! From a complete trip standpoint, let me provide you with some specific examples a leader faces:

✓ Upon arrival to the airport to depart—

No airline ticket because of a cancellation of identical family named persons.

Several forgetting passport or birth certificates.

Not filling out the tourist card correctly.

Carrying out fruit from the U.S. (during medfly season).

Not tagging bags properly with additional, personal nametags.

✓ Upon reaching Mexico City Airport—

Not claiming own bag.

✓ Upon reaching the hotel and during the week—

Not claiming—checking to see that personal luggage has arrived at hotel.

Calling leader at 2:30 in the morning reporting a shortage of towels in room.

Not checking in at conference registration desk.

Calling at 3 a.m. asking for the agenda for the following day.

Complaining about inadequate facilities at the other hotel.*

(*Which the tour leader had nothing to do with from the start.)

Complaining about inadequate warning about the home visitation, what gift one should bring to the host family.

Cancellation of tours which one was signed up for.

Calling to find out what number to call to request room service.

Call in for missing baggage.

Asking about any special tours and what functions the participants should attend.

People straying from the tour group.

Not reporting back to the bus on time.

Travelers not listening to the directions provided by the tour guide.

Travelers not bringing proper medication as suggested previously.

✓ Departure from the city—

Packing visitor's departure card into baggage.

Packing birth certificate and passport into baggage.

Picking up more than one boarding card per person for departure (I almost had to remain in Mexico City because we were short one card, someone picked up two cards. One for another person who had her own).

Two persons never paid their departure tax, and I ended up paying for them.

Leaving purchased article in tax-free store.

Walking around in the aircraft when "fasten seatbelt" sign is on.

(When one is trying to be helpful recipient irritated without cause).

✓ Reaching destination airport—

Claiming bags, six claim checks were not matched with bags taken out of the airport. Couple of persons left without co-operating and matching their claim checks, therefore, when one of the bags was lost we ended up with six claim checks for one lost bag. The adjuster for the lost bag would not honor the six claim checks for the one bag. Luckily the missing bag arrived on the following flight 1½ hours later. One family was left holding the bag. The leader remained for an extra hour to do whatever he could.

A package of tax-free store item was left on the curbside, forgot to load on the car when leaving the airport. Package was lost.

Aside from all the listed activities the trip was worthwhile.

Scenes from Mexico City . . .



Photo by Patricia Honda

PC editor Harry Honda meets the Peruvian delegation, all officers of the 10-year-old "La Union"—a Japanese community group in Lima which publishes a Spanish-language newspaper, conducts a Japanese language school and welfare programs. They are (from left): Jorge Shirakawa, Enrique Yara S., Jose Yoshida, v.p.; and Augusto Ikemiyashiro, pres. This group would host the next Panamerican Nikkei Convention in 1983 in Lima if the United States is unable.

Calendar Non-JACL Event

● OCT. 17 (Saturday)
Riverside—Sendai Festiv, Canyon Crest Shopping Ctr.
Las Vegas—Chapter luau, Paradise Pk., 11am-3pm.

Monterey Peninsula—Rummage sale, JACL Hall.
San Francisco—Pine United Meth C 95th anny dnr, Jack Tar Hotel, 7pm.
El Cerrito—EBA/Sakurai-Kai art auction, EC Comm Ctr, 7007 Mooser Ln, 6pm.

● OCT. 18 (Sunday)
Cincinnati—Bd mtg, Benny Okura's, 1:30pm.

San Gabriel Valley—3d annual Health Fair, ESGVJCC, 1-5pm.

● OCT. 21 (Wednesday)
San Mateo—Gen mtg, Sturge Presbyterian church, 8pm.

● OCT. 22 (Thursday)
Sacramento—Gen mtg, Nisei Hall, 7:30pm.

● OCT. 23 (Friday)
Hoosier—International Festival (3 da), Indianapolis Conv Ctr.

● OCT. 24 (Saturday)
Latin American—Bingo party, Nishi Hongwanji, Little Tokyo, 6-10pm.

Parlier—50th Anny Buddhist Church service at church, dnr 6:30pm, Reedley Comm Ctr.

Fresno—Asn-Pac Women's Conf, CSUF Wright Theater, 8am-3pm.

El Cerrito—Sakurai-Kai benefit, Maple Hall, San Pablo.

Union City—Steak 'a' Lau, SAC Buddhist Church, 5pm-1am.

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great to be exact! I felt very sorry for those who had to cancel out in the final day or so. They missed a good trip. Testimonies from those who took the trip will attest to the fact the trip was very enjoyable, and they left more than their heart in Mexico City, and made new lifetime friends.

As the leader of the delegation from the U.S. I have experienced everything imaginable and will probably be ready for another trip in two years, as a well seasoned leader and person for all contingencies.

Everyone, save your dollars for the next event. We will make sure that it will take place in a convenient time of the year when the youth and seasonal workers of the farming community will be able to join in.

In closing, I would like to ask those who took pictures which included Beth or me in the pictures to please make an extra copy for me. I shall be happy to reimburse those doing so for the pictures. The reason: The new camera belonging to my wife did not have film in it for most of our trip. I thought it was funny to have a new type film which enabled one to shoot over 72 shots on one roll . . . Asi es la vida!

(First in a series of three articles on CO PA NI ME '81)

Chuck Kubokawa was recipient of the NC-WNPDC's "Arigato Award" at the recent district council session. The award is regarded as the district's "JACLer of the Year" for leadership and service are main factors in determining the winner.—Ed.

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